

# HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

Leading to the future

12 September 2019

#### Kia ora Whanau

Wow, this term is flying by. Nearly the end of week 8! Sadly, we will soon lose Mrs Straub and Miss Mulconroy. However, I am excited to announce that two fantastic beginning teachers will be joining our school team from Term 4. Mrs White will be teaching in Room 1 and Miss Leonard will be teaching in Room 2. Both teachers have recently finished their studies and will begin their teaching journey at Highfield. They will receive lots of support from school and we will ensure that transition for students and whanau will be as smooth as possible. Please find their short blurbs below:

#### Kia ora,

I am very excited to be starting my teaching career at Highfield School next term and know I will be well supported in this role. I am no stranger to Highfield as I have been working as a Teacher Aide here for the past 3 years and feel privileged that the teachers and board have supported me while I studied to become a teacher. I have also been a teacher aide at various schools for nearly 10 years as well as serving on school boards of trustees, I feel the experience and skills I have again over the years have contributed to the passion I have for teaching and delivering quality education.

My passions within teaching and learning are around creating lessons that are creative and engaging for all learners as well as literacy in particular reading. With having 4 boys of my own I understand the struggles some students face when it comes to reading, however, I feel it is my job to try and ignite a spark for a passion of reading in all my learners. I look forward to seeing you around school next term.

Jill White

#### Kia ora koutou

My name is Renee Leonard, I am delighted to be joining your school community next term. I am a bubbly beginning teacher who has a passion for the arts. I love exploring and experiencing new things. I am very family-oriented and love to spend my weekends hanging out with my Nieces and Nephews. I also love to travel and learn about the world, so please feel free to start a conversation with me about any interesting facts you might know. I look forward to getting to know more about your school and can't wait to meet you all No reira tena koutou, tena koutou, katoa.



### PB4L

One area that we have been working on as a whole school is developing our PB4L system.

'PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning School-Wide framework, otherwise known as PB4L School-Wide, is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. The framework can be tailored to your school's own environment and cultural needs.

It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices you have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices.

PB4L School-Wide is based on the Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework developed at the University of Oregon in the 1990s. PBIS is now in thousands of schools across the US and there are over 800 School-Wide schools in New Zealand.'

Below is an outline of what PB4L is and how schools look to integrate it. Through collaboration with student leaders, staff and the board the school have created two flow diagrams. The first flow chart is centred around positive behaviour and will give teachers and students a systematic approach to promote positive behaviour at Highfield. The second chart looks at minor behaviours in our classroom and allows staff and students to approach consequences in a consistent manner. Please could everyone familiarise themselves with these diagrams, as it is important that we all support the school through this changing process. We will be using this approach from Term 4. A copy of these flow diagrams will be attached to Skool Loop.

### Strategic Plan 2020

The school are currently reviewing the strategic plan for 2020 and we value your thoughts and feedback. Therefore, we have created a google form that contains 9 questions regarding present and future planning. The google form will be on Skool Loop so please take some time to complete this.

## Teacher Only Day...

The school will have a Teacher Only Day on **Tuesday 29th October**, this follows Labour Day. This means that there will be no school on this day. Teachers will be using this day for professional development.

### Haere Mai, Haere Mai Calling all Under 5 Year Olds

We are calling for any enrolments of children under five. Now is a great time, and it is never too early to get your enrolments in and secure your place at Highfield School.

You are welcome to come in and visit our Piwakawaka classroom anytime. Judy and Heather will talk to you about our New Entrant programme and transition to school.

Enrolment forms can be picked up from Nicola in the office.

# **Sports Assembly**

This Friday at 2pm we will have our annual sports assembly to celebrate our pupils who have represented Highfield and also those who have excelled and take our school motto of being the best they can be in their chosen sport and become South Canterbury representatives. All Whanau are most welcome to join us.

# Rippa World Cup

On Thursday 26th September we will be holding a Rippa World Cup event. It will be a mufti day with children wearing a top in their **house** colour.

There will also be a sausage sizzle lunch with orders taken as a fundraiser for our Kapa Hapa group. Orders will be taken prior. It would be

fantastic to have our whanau involved both as spectators but also as Team Managers. Please let Mrs Cooper know if you can help.

#### **Programme**

Year 3 / 4 Competition 9.15 – 10.15am

Year 1 / 2 Skills - 10.40 - 11.00am

Year 5 / 6 Competition - 11.15am - 12.15pm

Year 7 / 8 Competition – 1.15 – 2.15pm

#### **Celtic Softball Club Registration Days**

Wednesday 25th September 4pm-5.30pm Sunday 29th September 11-12.30

Celtic Clubrooms Cnr of Craige Ave and Browne St



You may have seen the signs or read the article in yesterday's Timaru Herald so will know what it is all about. This week our School Traffic team are helping promote safety around our pedestrian crossings. We are hoping that our community will start using them safely. Thank you to Oliver, Rhyley and our Road Warden team who are assisting.

#### Kapa Haka

Kapahaka Performance in the hall this **Thursday the 12th of September 5.30pm** for Whanau of Highfield School. All are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal for Te Waka Kotahi (Highfield Kapahaka group).

## Plava Pestival

Project Zebra

Flava Festival is Friday the 20th of September. Te Waka Kotahi (The

Highfield Kapahaka group) are the second performance in the competitive section which

will start at 10.30am.

### **FOOTPATH FRIDAY**

Let's get ACTIVE on Friday and footpath it to school.

Please meet at New World at 8am so we are ready to walk to school at 8.10am. It's Miss Mulconroy's last one with us so make sure you come along

Wanted....

Half Dozen size egg cartons . Please drop them into Room 6 if you have any we could use.



# Student Successes Week 8:



Miles Hutt - Most dedicated Player - Timaru City Football

Austin Gabites, Y7: Toroa (R12) - a member of the South Canterbury Black Team (Grade 12 Soccer) who beat South Canterbury Green Team (Grade 13 Soccer) 4 - 1, played at Sir Basil Arthur Park, Sunday 8 September

Jade Murray-Player of the year for 6th grade soccer

Amelia Hall-White and black tip belt to blue belt for karate



Well done Alexis Sorenson for getting Most Valuable Player for Timaru Old Boys Netball

Well done Jett Hurrell for getting Top Goal Scorer and for getting Player Of The Year for Pleasant Team



(14 goals in total) Point Soccer

Well done Liam Mckirdy Dey for getting Junior Player Of The Year - U7 Storm Harlequins

Alfie and Daniel Jackson, part of West End team 12th grade league champions.

#### Student Success in Room 11

Ashton and Taylah Hurrell went to Queenstown during the weekend to represent South Canterbury Football. They won both games.

Ashton and Taylah's club team, Pleasant Point won the overall comp and took out best team of the year. Well done boys!

Oliver Fltzgerald's team, West End Conventry won the 12th Grade soccer competition while Rhyley Gardyne, Daytona Smith, and Ollie Robinson's team, West End Manchester came 2nd place.

Speech Writing – Maddison Holwell

Swimming Competition in Rangiora.

On the 6th and 7th of September I competed in the Swimming Championships held at Rangiora.

I competed in the 100 meter breaststroke, 200 meter freestyle, 50 meter butterfly, 100 meter backstroke, 200 meter individual medley and 50 meter breaststroke. A medley is a combination of 1 length of butterfly, 1 length of backstroke, 1 length of breaststroke and 1 length of freestyle all swam consecutively. They can be swum as in lengths of 100, 200 or 400 meters. While swimming the six events I achieved 5 personal bests by beating my entry time.

Thinking I was going to be the only one from Timaru going was scary but then found out it wasn't just me and 12 other swimmers from Timaru would be joining me.

I enjoyed my time in Rangiora. I tried my best and did well and hope to swim even better at the Rolleston meet. By the time the Friday session finished it was at least 9.00 at night. Saturday was the same so it was late but I still did my best getting five ribbons.

Maddison Holwell - Room 8



#### **National Health & PE Day**

Last Thursday afternoon, we joined many other schools around the country celebrating National Health and PE day by having a community jump jam session on the court. A huge thank you to the girls who were our terrific instructors and the whanau that came to join us.



jobs, this includes putting our lunch boxes into our cupboard, reading packets into the tub and seats out to each table. Then it's time to play until the bell goes, sometimes on a Tuesday and Friday we go to breakfast club. When the bell goes we gather on the mat and do our 'Around the World' greetings while Miss G does the role. After this we do some Te Reo and share how we are feeling in our circle time with 'Kei te pēhea koe'. Sometimes we will have a chat about some of the different feelings we may be experiencing.

After this we get straight into our maths. At the moment we are learning our times tables and telling the time. After maths we play a game of biddy, biddy, bop! Currently our favourite game which we learnt at Kiwi Can. This takes us up to playtime and read and feed during which we watch some of the Our Planet series. After this we have our reading programme where we work with the teacher, individually and in groups. Once lunch is over we do some story writing and at the moment we are working on biographies. Then the creativity happens with either art, inquiry or science in the afternoons. In Art we have been looking at different artists and making our own version of their work.

Room 3 is full of kind, caring and fun children who always give their best efforts in all of their learning.

# SCPSSA Gymnastics Festival

Well done to the four teams who represented Highfield at the Gymnastics Festival last Friday. It was amazing watching all your hard work and resilience at practices help you succeed on the day. Great results for the Yr 5/6 B team who placed 2nd and the Yr 7/8 C team who also placed 2nd in their grade. Teams were Yr 5/6 B Kera Donaldson, Anika Harris, Nalarnia Kim, Skyla Kim, Michael Cantwell, Gemma Stewart and Taylor-Marie Buckland. Yr 5/6 C Natalie Koster, Autumn Hurst, Sascha Kissell-Smith, Kali Hika, Aneira Smith and Skylah Aitken. Yr 7/8 B Carmina Cabrera-Martin, Maia Colvill, Ashton Hurrell, Carmen McIntyre, Emily Heke, Damien Shaw, Levi Fish. Yr 7/8 C Jaxon Daly, Oliver Fitzgerald, Josiah Edwards, Ollie Robinson, Tremaine Gemmell and Mason Rutland. Thanks to the parents who came to support us.



# Give Softball A Go Day will now be held on Saturday 14 September starting at 1.00pm

The following is the timeline for the day:

10.00am-noon Skills Clinic with ELE Papanui Men for all junior players including rep players for U13, U15 & U18 teams

1.00pm-2.30pm Give Softball A Go - for all new players mainly Tee-Ball & Junior Softball



#### TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

Highfield School will NOT be having any teams this year due to lack of numbers but the Give it a go day is on this Saturday 14th Sept and local clubs will be there to register you on the day!