



Dear Whanau,

In last weeks letter I talked about the importance of our School Values and ensuring that our present learners and future leaders understand how to follow them in their very hectic daily lives. This week, I would like families to focus on installing a growth mindset into their children. A person with a growth mindset believe that their abilities can grow over time. For example, Michael Jordan, the famous basketball player, is well known for his successes. However, he's also famous for stating, *'I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed. I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying.'*

A person with a growth mindset will always say, "I don't understand YET." This means that if they keep on trying and challenging themselves then one day they will achieve it. Like our values this is a very crucial attitude and philosophy to develop.

Some sad news for Highfield, but very exciting news for Jenni Straub and her future career, is that she has won a new position at Temuka Primary, as Syndicate Leader and SENCO. I have only known Jenni for a short time. However, I am going to miss her honest professionalism, her great work ethic and enthusiasm for teaching. She will be missed by the staff, students and parents, but we must celebrate in her success and support her future endeavours. We wish her all the best. Jenni will be leaving Highfield at the end of Term 3. We are in the process of appointing a teacher, who will be in room 1 from the beginning of Term 4.

Highfield continues to be a thriving and exciting community. This week Year 7 and 8 boys walked to the scenic reserve and took part in an ARA organised orienteering programme. The boys faced many different challenges during the afternoon, but were able to work collaboratively and fairly to achieve the end goal. I would like to thank the boys for their participation and effort. Room 11 had the opportunity to learn the skills and play the game of ki o rahi with Mr Newton from WAVE. Our senior leaders led our whole school hui on Monday and included a superb skit that was centred around our Highfield Learner Value of Honesty. This was well received by students and teachers. Our Middle and Junior School are learning how to eat healthily. I have been able to watch classes write speeches, gumboot throwing, sharing short stories and being respectful in the playground.

Chess Club begins this week. Thursdays in Room 10 - Yr 5- 8 . WE WOULD LOVE donations of old or part chess sets. Old boards would be great also. Thanks Anna Miller.

Presently we are looking for a general handy person who could come and assist with keeping our school property in excellent condition. This will be a flexible position with a few hours per week. If you know of anybody could you please ask them to contact the Principal.

This week it is the turn of Piwakawaka to write a short day in the life – please see next page.

## **Room 6 Maths - Gumboots Away!**

**Last week Room 6 took part in a gumboot throwing competition.**

**We each got three throws. The aim was to see who could throw further.**

**Koredal measured our throws with an extra long tape measure.**

**After we found Taniela was the best at throwing the gumboot in our class we analysed the data. We then made three statements about our data like eg. My first throw was the smallest, I improved each time I threw the gumboot, my total amount of meters thrown was.**

**The highlight was when Mr Wilcox and Mrs Haynes joined in too. It was a lot of fun and capped off a fantastic Maths week in Room 6.**



# School Notices



Highfield School Fair

SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOV 2019

at Highfield School, Rimu Street

11am-3pm

## PEER MEDIATORS

Addison and Tayla are our school Peer Mediators for Term 3. They will be walking around the playground every lunch time to help with any minor issues that may arise. If they cannot solve the problem themselves, they will help find the right people to solve it for them. Look out for them in their hi-viz vests.

🌼 Mufti Day 🌼  
raising money for  
the Cancer Society

🌼 30th of August 🌼

Come dressed in mufti and bring  
any spare coins for a coin trail.



**Please Note:**  
It is School Policy that children do not leave the school grounds at any time including leaving to buy their lunch.





# Student Successes Week 5:

5	Caleb Keown Kera Donaldson	9	11 Grade Footy rep
	Anika Bale Alfie Jackson Tadhg Harrington Hayley Mattingly Brooklyn Arps	10	12th Grade girls SC football Hockey Development SC Hockey Development SC 12th Grade Boys SC football 11th Boys SC football SC Girls Collier Development Hockey St Johns <b>Gold</b> First Step Pairs Caregivers
	Rhyley Gardyne Oliver Robinson Daytona Smith Taylah Hurrell Ashton Hurrell	11	South Canterbury Soccer South Canterbury Soccer South Canterbury Soccer South Canterbury Soccer South Canterbury Soccer
	Emily Heke Holly Thomas		South Canterbury Basketball South Canterbury Basketball
	Carmina Cabrera-Martin Carmen McIntyre		South Canterbury Rep Hockey South Canterbury Rep Hockey
	Alexander Honiss		South Canterbury Hatch Boy Hockey

What a busy school!  
Ngā mih  
Mr Wilcox

Alex and Imalia sharing and taking turns with an activity



## **A Day in Piwakawaka**

Our day starts with a before school challenge which our parents or teachers help us with. When the bell goes we start with a song, dance and a karikia. The leader of the day calls the roll; we talk about being the best Highfield Learner we can be and then we are good to go.

The learning is centred around all the things we are interested in and we get to choose what we want to do. Sometimes we draw, write, paint, play in the home corner or fight dragons in the hedge area. We love the sand pit and mud kitchen where we play master chef prepare a wedding feast or build drains, dams, roads or help in the garden. Judy and Heather help us to learn all the skills we need to learn to read and write and we practice these things in fun ways like with playdough or shaving cream. Judy and Heather take turns to teach small groups guided reading, writing, maths, handwriting and letter knowledge. All the while we are being creative, solving problems, being imaginative and practising all the new things that Judy and Heather teach us. We love story telling, sometimes Judy helps us write our stories other times we act them out with puppets or toys.

We take turns to prepare for kai time, setting the table, cutting up fruit and vegetables to share. We wait until everyone is ready, the leader leads the karikia and then we eat. Judy and Heather sit and talk to us at kai time and we talk about the planet and how to look after it as well as sharing our thoughts and ideas about anything at all.

The afternoons are full of class games like rob the nest or team relays or obstacle courses. We love it when Judy takes an art lesson because she is an artist and teaches us to be artists as well. Sometimes we explore the school and playgrounds and get to have a turn on the new swings. We go to the library once a week and choose books to read at home. By the end of the day we are getting rather tired and enjoy stories or singing until it is time to go home.

We love having visitors so you are welcome to pop in and join in some learning with us anytime.

