



23 October 2019

Kia Ora Whanau,

Term 4 is always busy and last week was no exception. On Wednesday the whole school were involved in World Cup Rippa Rugby. This was fantastically organised by Mrs Cooper and South Canterbury Rugby and it was great to see a number of parents supporting the event. Each game was played with the correct spirit and determination. All students participated and the general feel from the students was 'awesome'. Having help from Timaru Boys and Heartland Players to run each game was a fantastic idea and the students responded really well to their guidance. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the games and witnessed lots of future talent on the pitches. It was evident on the day the power sport plays in building team work, resilience and communication.

As the weather begins to warm up it is really important that all students wear hats outside to help protect them from the sun. I would also suggest applying sunscreen before they leave the house in the morning.

A huge well done to Mrs Stewart for finding the nerve and bravery to throw herself willingly out of an aircraft. The whole school had the fortune to watch her video during hui on Monday. She raised \$2500 for the Graham Diggle Foundation; a superb achievement.

On November 21st Highfield School will host a "celebration of learning". This will start at 12.30pm with shared kai. Presently, we are putting together a timetable, but we would like you to keep this day free so you can come and join the School in celebrating 2019.

School start date for 2020 has been confirmed – we start back Monday 03rd February 2020.

Term 1 = 03 Feb to 09 April - *Term 2* = 28 April to 03 July - *Term 3* = 20 July to 25 September - *Term 4* = 12 October to 15 December.

Teacher Only Days 2020 = 29 May and 23 October.

This term we have started using our new whole school behaviour plan. Your feedback on how you think this is working would be appreciated.

Miss Stewart Jumps out of a plane...

Words can't describe how amazing the experience of jumping out of a plane is. Saturday 19th of October marked the final day for 'Drop for Youth'! I raised \$2,500 for the Graeme Dingle Foundation and I couldn't have done that without my whanau, school, friends, students and community. I also was awarded with the Top Individual Fundraiser. Thank you so much to everyone who supported me on this journey. Ngā mihi nui, Siobhan Stewart.

Rippa - Highfield School World Cup

The smiles said it all!! Every child touched a rugby ball during the day 🏉

Big thanks to Caro from the Rugby Union, Reegan and Dan Heartland Rugby players who helped out with refereeing along with the following TBHS boys.

Ben Williamson, Baxter Mason, Ty Bishop, Joe Fatai, William Eason, Jack Baker, George Powell, James Patterson. Those boys did a fantastic job and were real role models for our students. It was a great day out. Many thanks to all the whanau who came along for support.

Congratulations to the winning teams - Yr 3 / 4 - Australia, Yr 5 / 6 - Samoa and Yr 7 / 8 - Japan

The link to more photos of the day

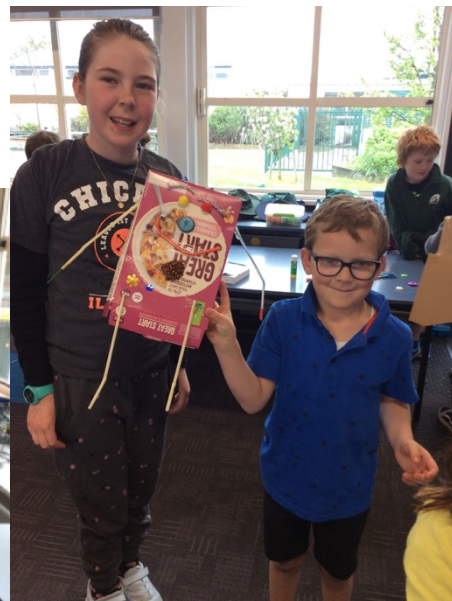
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ROOM 5

On Friday Room 5 went to their buddy class Room 2 and helped them and Room 1 make robots. It was fantastic to see the collaboration and creativity happening - even when they were disturbed by a fire alarm.



ROOM 10

Room 10 has been discussing their holiday adventures. We have all had the most amazing break away.

We needed to advertise where one should go on holiday and WHY?

Our infographics included illustrations and facts about our favourite places. Timaru, Oamaru, Auckland.... where would you go and why?



Always Use the Crossings

Children will copy your example, good or bad. Always use the safe crossing areas, respecting the road wardens.



Wai-iti Tennis Hot Shots Community Play

Tennis Hot Shots Community Play is a Learning Through Play programme that is promoted by Tennis NZ as an introduction and fun way to get into tennis. It is ideal for 5 to 12 year olds for children learn skills, cooperation, and fair play. Wai-iti Tennis club invites you to our five weeks of Community Play throughout November for \$5 a time or \$20 for all five weeks. Westend Park 9:00am-9:45am, Saturday. Ph. Matt on 027 684 4071 for more information

What families/whānau need to know about school/kura donations

- 1 If your child attends a decile 1 to 7 school or kura, the school board of trustees **needs to decide whether it should opt in or not** to the Government's new school donations scheme.
- 2 The Government will pay your school or kura \$150 per student per year if the school board agrees to opt in to the scheme **AND** to not ask you for any donations (gifts/koha), except for overnight camps.
- 3 You can ask to attend the board meeting where they will discuss whether to opt in or not.

School/kura donations schemes

- 1 If your school/kura opts in to the donations scheme:
 - The board of trustees cannot ask you to make a donation **unless** it is for an overnight **school/kura camp** - and then you can **choose** if you **want** to pay none, some or all of the donation. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp if it is part of the school's core learning programme (curriculum).
 - You cannot be asked to make either a general or specific donation e.g. a donation for a day trip to a museum or a field trip to a hiking track.
- 2 If your school/kura doesn't opt in to the donations scheme:
 - They will not receive additional funding, so they can ask you to make a donation.
 - You can be asked to make either a general or specific donation (e.g. a donation for a day trip to a museum or a field trip to a hiking track). Donations are voluntary, and so you can **choose** if you **want** to pay none, some or all of the donation. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp or field trip if it is part of the core learning programme (curriculum).



Information for all parents/caregivers/whānau whether your school/kura is in the donations scheme or not

- Your school or kura cannot charge you for anything involved in the core learning programme (curriculum), including "subject fees."
- Your school or kura can ask you to pay for goods they provide that are optional (for example pens, lunches) but it is up to you whether you buy them from the school/kura or elsewhere.
- If the school or kura has a uniform, you need to provide your child with one but you can choose to buy it from the school/kura or, if available, to buy a new or second hand uniform elsewhere.
- You should not be pressured to buy goods or services from a school or kura **but if you agree to buy a good or service, you must pay for it.**
- If your child is involved in weekend sports teams or after hours cultural activities (extra-curricular activities), these are optional. If you choose for your child to participate, you may be asked to cover the costs of these activities.
- You can make a voluntary donation to your school or kura at any time and if you choose to do this, GST is not payable on the donation and you can claim a tax credit.

State integrated schools/kura attendance dues

- State integrated schools, and kura that are state integrated, have the same core learning programme as other schools and kura (the New Zealand Curriculum) but also their own special character (usually a philosophical or religious belief).
- You must pay attendance dues to the proprietor of a state integrated school or kura to cover the cost of property-related matters - they are compulsory.
- Attendance dues cannot be increased without the approval of the Minister of Education.



Donations are voluntary, no matter who asks for them.

You never have to make a donation to your school or kura but you can give any size donation any time if you want to. If your school or kura decides to opt in to the donations scheme, it cannot ask you for any donations except for overnight camps.

If you have questions regarding payments contact your board of trustees or your local Ministry office. You can also email any questions to school.donations@education.govt.nz

It is only 11 days to the school fair so the Home and School are into their final preparations for this fun event.

White Elephant/ Books

Donations of good quality second-hand items for our

white elephant stall can be dropped off to the school hall on Wednesday 30th in the afternoon, Thursday 31st or Friday 1st. Let us turn your unused and ignored items into someone else's treasure and raise money for our school in the process. No electronics or large furniture items will be accepted.

Baking / Sweets

Any contributions to the baking or sweet stalls would be appreciated. This can be dropped off on Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd between 2 - 3pm and before the fair starts on Sunday Morning (no later than 10.30am so it can be priced)

Come along and join us for a fantastic family day out.

Lots of entertainment, games, food and stalls to keep the whole family happy.

TEAM RATA

Team Rata have had a busy week with a visit from St Johns and a trip to the museum. St John's talked to us about different emergency situations and what we should do if we need to call 111. We practiced making emergency phone calls and answering the questions we would be asked,



such as tell the operator our address and telephone number. We also learnt how to put someone into the recovery position if we found them unconscious.



TERM DIARY 2019	
TERM 4	
25 October	Team Rata Athletics
28 October	Labour Day Holiday – School Closed
29 October	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
03 NOVEMBER	HIGHFIELD SCHOOL FAIR 11am-3pm
05 November	Athletic Sports – Yr 3-8 – Aorangi Park
07 November	Postponement Athletic Sports – Yr 3-8
21 November	Open Day – Celebration of Learning
27-29 November	Yr 7 & 8 EOTC – Gunns Bush
03 December	Interschool Athletics
06 December	Team Kauri Big Day Out
10 December	Year 8 Lunch
12 December	Final Assembly
13 December	Reports sent home
16 December	Last day of Term 4
TERM 1 2020	
03 February 2020	First day Term 1