

#### **Water Skills photo**



A special gift to the school from a talented artist – Penelope Hutt. Thank you Penelope.



#### **Heart Kids Mufti Day**



Welcome to this weeks newsletter.

HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

We are finishing the term with a bang. Matariki was a great way to light up our learning and celebrate the end of the term. What an amazing evening and one to put in the memory bank. Thank you to our Sport/Culture Team, all the staff, the students, and the parental support that made it a night to remember.

We are pleased to announce that Christine McGeever will be teaching in Room 8 for the rest of the year. Christine is an experienced teacher and is an asset to our school.

We wish Lizzie Kirkby all the best for her future career.

We also congratulate Natasha Griffin for completing her studies.

If you have pre-schoolers or know of pre-schoolers who will be coming to Highfield School this year could you please let us know and fill in an enrolment from. This helps us manage our role within the zoning requirements.

As this will be my last newsletter as principal I want to sincerely thank everyone for the support you have given me over the last 18 months. Leading the school from the principal's chair was certainly not on my agenda when I was here as 0.3 Curriculum Leader. But as Shayne became more and more unwell, I seemed to slip into that role. Those first few months were challenging and not something I would recommend! My focus since then has been to pick the school up, move forward and leave it in the best possible state for Stuart to continue. The support along the way has been amazing from a range of sources including the Ministry of Education, local schools and colleagues, the Board of Trustees, our school community, students and staff. It has been greatly appreciated.

I believe the school is well poised to fly and have every confidence in Stuart, the students, the staff, the community and the BoT and staff to make that happen.

A formal powhiri to welcome Stuart and his family to Highfield School will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45.

Stuart also extends an invitation to whanau to meet with him, share a cuppa and get to know each other on **Tuesday July 23** and **Thursday July 25**<sup>th</sup> from **8:30** to **9:20** and **2:50** - **3:50** each of those days.

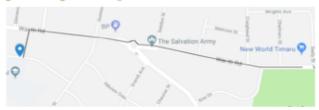
Happy holidays. e noho rā, kia kaha Rema



## FOOTPATH FRIDAY



Walk to school next Friday the 5th of July from New World. Meet from 8am and be ready to go at 8.10. Bring your wooly hat and gloves!



It is great to see some of our pupils being the best they can be and making local sports teams.

Congratulations to

U12 girls football - Kera Donaldson

Hockey - Hatch Development

Alex Honiss

Hockey - Collier Girls

Carmen McIntyre

Hockey - Collier Girls Development

Carmina Cabrera-Martin

#### SPECIAL OFFER - SCHOOL POLOS!

Limited number of School Polos available for sale NOW!

#### \$25 each or 2 for \$40

Sizes XS – XL (4 – 12) and a few XXXXLs First in First served!

### **Lost Property**

Lost property will be put out Wednesday & Thursday. Any left at the end of term will be donated to the Home & School. Saveloy Tuesday's
These will be available
for lunch all of Term 3
every TUESDAY.
\$2 each
Orders will be taken
before school on
Tuesday's



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#### Kids with Courage

"Kids with Courage" is a 7 week programme which gives children tools to assist them with healthy relationships, social skills and ways to deal with their feelings. In Term 3 "Kids with Courage" (a Careforce Lifekeys programme) will be offered to 8-11 year olds at Life Church, 134 Morgans Road.

Details: Kids with Courage – Fri 09th August to Fri 20th September / Sessions: 5.15pm-8pm (a light tea provided)
Parent/Caregiver information night on Monday 29th July – 7.30pm at Life Church

Cost: \$40 – Tea, manual included (discretionary subsidy available) / Enquires/Applications: Life Church – 686 1618, Yvonne – 027 484 8002, Maree – 027 386 3705, or Murray - 021 101 2275

#### **Variation to Zone - Special programmes**

Highfield School, Timaru operates Te Whare Maru, a special programme for up to 14 learners verified for the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme. This is the only specialised facility for ORS funded students in South Canterbury. The students experience individualised programmes within a mainstream school, supported through the specialist space. There are many opportunities for learners to be included in the school, playground and in mainstream classes. All learners have student buddies, attend many school events and are valued members of the Highfield School community.

To be eligible for enrolment into Te Whare Maru a student must be verified for ORS.

Each year the Board will identify the number of spaces available in the programme for the following year. If there are places available, the Board will publish this information by way of a notice in a daily or community newspaper and on the school website. The notice will indicate how applications are to be made and will specify a date by which applications must be received.

If there are more applicants than places, the Board will offer places by way of a ballot. If there are more applicants in a priority group than there are places available, places must be allocated in priority order until a category is reached where the number of spaces available in that category is insufficient to accommodate the number of eligible students. Selection within that priority group must be by ballot conducted in accordance with instructions issued by the Secretary under Section 11G (1) of the Education Act 1989.

Places will be allocated to students in the following order:

- Those who live within the home zone, or are already enrolled at the school
- Those who have previously attended a special school or specialised programme
- Siblings of current students
- all other applicants

Where there are more applicants than spaces, the ballot will be used to establish a waiting list for vacancies that may arise during the year.

Applicants who live out-of-zone and do not secure a place in the special programme will enter the selection process for places at the school on the same basis as other out-of-zone students (unless the parents advise they do not wish to apply for places outside of the special programme).

Please note that enrolment into the special programme from outside the school zone does not entitle the student to Special Education School Transport Assistance if this is not the closest school to the regular place of residence.

# Matariki Photos











