



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 1 Week 7

Newsletter

Friday, 16 March 2018

Principal Report

Kia ora,

I am pleased to share that our ERO visit went well. It will take a few months for our final report to be presented to us, and I am looking forward to sharing their findings with you all. The ERO visit offered us an opportunity as a school to consider how we can innovate and look toward a successful future. Thank you to everyone who supported the school as we prepared for the visit – it is always a very busy time!

I have been out of the classroom for most of this week – highlights included supporting the Eastern Athletics Day at Newman Park, and attending a beginning principal hui to liaise with my local colleagues. We are awaiting confirmed results to see whether any of our students will be representing us in the Southland Athletics... I think we may have some good news, so watch this space!

Going forward, now that the beginning of the year rush has ended, I am excited about being able to be in the classroom for three days every week. This will provide consistency for our students as they work toward their goals. I would like to have individual goal setting conferences in Week 10, after Easter weekend, in order to construct some specific and measurable goals for Term 2. I will confirm dates and times closer to Week 10.

I have attached a consent form to this newsletter for students Year 6 and older to attend our Curio Bay Enviroschools hui on Wednesday next week. If you could return this on Monday or Tuesday it would be much appreciated.

I have some congratulations to give for last week.

Congratulations to...

Heremaia, for sharing his knowledge of tikanga and science. Well done!

Sativah, for asking great questions, and thinking carefully about science. Well done!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Samuel Smith

Events Calendar

Tuesday 20 March Technology	Wednesday 21 March Enviro – Curio Bay
Friday 30 March Good Friday <u>School Closed</u>	Monday 2 April Easter Monday <u>School Closed</u>
Tuesday 3 April Southland Anniversary <u>School Closed</u>	Saturday 7 April Southland Athletics

Making Pancakes with Mrs Martin



Community Events

GORE MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

DREAMWORKS

SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire
Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Musicals).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

SBS ST JAMES THEATRE GORE

5th-8th April 2018

LEUKAEMIA AND BLOOD CANCER NZ FUNDRAISER WAIKAI

Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge

Come and join us for these events

11.00 am	12.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.00 pm	5.00 pm	8.00 pm
Massive Workout Join Kex for a workout \$10 pp Boys in Level 2 gear participating!	Street Market Raffle Tickets Boat Sale & Stalls Chocolate Yoghurt Hot Food Car wash	Raffle Drawn & Head Shave Find out the raffles winners Charity head shave Auction	Dog Derby Spectators \$2 pp \$6 a family More information to come	Live Music Come and enjoy some live music! Meal tray raffles	Sit Back & Relax! Special mystery cocktails at the pub!

FOR THE KIDS...

- old fire truck rides \$2
- police car, tractor, truck rides \$2
- face painting \$2
- bouncy castle \$2

If you can't make the day... but you'd still like to help a great cause, you can help online to make a donation. Just go to www.firefightersukid.org.nz and press DONATE. For a team search for 'Waikato'. Thank you for your contribution!

Four local volunteer fire brigade members are participating in the Sky Tower Stair Challenge 2018. Help them raise more money for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ

17 MARCH SATURDAY
ST PATRICK'S DAY 2018

Main Street Waikato
EVENTS STARTING FROM 11AM

Book Sale and Stalls \$20pp
To book your stall phone Tihany Prozederski on 027 3222853

With Jenny Buchanan

From Mataura Community Gardens... to your plate!

Learn how to cook delicious and healthy meals using produce straight from the Mataura Community Gardens.

- Prepare and take home a meal.
- Take home easy recipes for future use.
- Learn about making your money go further at the supermarket.

TUESDAYS
26, 27 MARCH
& 19 APRIL

10.30am - 12.30pm

\$20 for the four sessions

Mataura Presbyterian Church Hall Kitchen
45 Foss Street, MATAURA

For more information, or to enrol in this class, please phone 9800 211 117 or email enrol@scs.org.nz

Southern REAP

KIDSFIT

Holiday Programme is coming to Gore!

KidsFit is offering days of games, drills and sports this April School Holidays

Week 1: Monday 16 April & Tuesday 17 April
Week 2: Monday 23 April & Monday 24 April

9am - 3pm
Hamilton Park, Gore
\$35 per child, per day

Limited to 16 children per day
Enrol now at www.kidsfit.co.nz/holiday

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/kidsfitnz

The 10th Annual Riverton Heritage Harvest Festival

24th & 25th March 2018

Competitions

For Children

- Make a creature out of fruits & vegetables
- Make a garland of harvest flowers

For Everyone

- Bring in the best of your harvest to display
- Show off your preserving prowess, bring in chutneys, relishes, jams, jellies, and pickles to display

The Champion of the Harvest

- Fill a basket or a plate with something you've grown and something you have preserved or cooked. Winner is crowned "Champion of the Harvest" and receives the Harvest trophy & a rimu chopping board!

To Enter: Bring along to the Aparima College hall after 3pm on Friday and fill in the entry form. Please pick up your entry again on Sunday afternoon.

10am-4.30pm Saturday & Sunday
Aparima College Hall, Leader St Riverton

Harvest Feast

Saturday 24th March 7pm - POT LUCK MEAL & good music
Please bring a plate of food to share, and something you like to drink. \$5pp to cover hall hire and nibbles-Flecks Hall Palmerston Street Riverton

The Harvest Café

Open for heritage style morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea.
Healthy, local, good food. In the festival hall
Open 10am-4.30pm

For more information go to www.sces.org.nz
or email office@scs.org.nz