



## Principal Report

Kia ora,

We have just about completed our assessment for the term, and I am very impressed with the effort our students have put into their learning. I am still analysing the work, and will be able to go into more detail about your children's results next week. In the meanwhile, enjoy Ella's story which was written as part of this week's assessment!

We have been invited to join with Funshine Early Learning Centre when they visit Dolamore Park next term. I am very keen to continue our relationship, so will be accepting the offer - I'm not sure on exact dates yet, but will keep you informed. It will be great to share our environmental knowledge with our younger friends.

School photos are booked for the afternoon of November 2. Plenty of time to prepare our outfits!

The Grand Final of the Speech Contest was a great success, thanks to the support of our community. Thanks especially to Wendy, Kathy, Rowena, and Alyssa for volunteering their time to support the evening. Thanks also to the Otama Hall Society for the generous use of their facilities and their support. Finally, thanks to our students Nicole and Christopher McBain, for helping greet our visitors and for helping tidy the hall afterwards (along with Molly as well).

I am pleased to share that the Community Trust of Southland has provided us with almost \$6,000 of funds toward our new playground. The playground is getting a lot of use, and the weather has been very helpful too!

Congratulations to...

**Waiaria**, for going above and beyond when completing tasks, ensuring she is happy with her work before sharing it with others.

**Ella**, for continuing to model an excellent work ethic - you are inspiring others in the classroom!  
Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith

### Events Calendar

**Thursday 25 October**  
**BOT Meeting 6.00pm**

**Friday 2 November**  
**School Photos (afternoon)**

## I heard a whisper but no one was there...

As the sun rose in the Indian desert, a brave traveller emerged from the cloud of dust trailing behind his horses. The traveller was on a trip to get some peacock feathers from an illegal seller. Some time later he came across a village made of bricks of stone. There was no one at the village so he just assumed that it was deserted. The sun was setting. He parked his horses and settled down for the night.

Suddenly he felt warm. He woke up, his eyes were sleepy but he could make out a figure of a bird in front of the moon. He heard a whisper say "leave this place" softly. He looked back up at where the bird was. He just caught a glance of it swooping and gliding away.

As the sun peeped out from the horizon, the traveller was exploring the town. He found himself in the town square. While he dragged his body to the fountain, he filled his canteen. He heard the whisper again but this time it was much closer. "Leave this place now!" The traveller was now curious.

After trying for two hours going in the direction the voice came from, he went back to his horses and thought of a plan. The night fell and he was ready. He was going to catch whatever was there.

He was out in the town. Back in the town square he saw a light, so he followed. He turned the corner and staring right at him... was a rainbow phoenix. Its feathers were as shiny as diamonds, with colours so bright and dashing someone could go blind looking at its beauty.

Behind it was three little eggs in a box with the top left open. Down by his feet was five rainbow feathers. The traveller took them. He heard for the last time "now leave".

**By Ella Baynes**



# Community Events

## MINIBALL HOLIDAY TRAINING PROGRAMME for YEAR 3-6's

"Come along and learn from two of the best Mitchell Newton our hometown talent & Breaker Derone Raukawa a Breaker & Tall Black"

Players will learn skills, play games, gain information on health while having fun.

Individual ability and age groups will be catered for, wherever possible.

Please email [secretary@esba.org.nz](mailto:secretary@esba.org.nz) for an entry form.

Only 20 spaces each session!!

Session 1:

Date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Time: 9am-3pm

Venue: Archer Basketball Stadium

Cost: \$70 per child (includes a T-Shirt)

Session 2:

Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Time: 9am-3pm

Venue: Archer Basketball Stadium

Cost: \$70 per child (includes a T-Shirt)

## EASTERN SOUTHLAND SOFTBALL ASSN.

Welcome to the 2018 2019 Primary School Season. Pre-Christmas Entries.

All Games played at the Gore Show Grounds.

Games commence Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and run through for 6 weeks 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Junior games played at 4pm and Senior games at 5pm.

Junior Teams ages 5 to 7 year olds. Play 3 full innings Senior Teams. 8 to 10 year olds Play 4 full innings. Approx. 9-10 players per team. All equipment supplied.

Entries in by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

Grades will depend on ages, abilities and number of teams. We can make up composite teams from smaller schools or individual children.

We would plan another Town - Eastern T Ball game 7<sup>th</sup> December. Played in Gore.

Fees. 3 children playing per family \$30.00  
Fees. 2 Children playing per family \$25.00  
Fees. 1 Child per family playing. \$15.00.

Please email teams to me, Through Messenger, Email. [heatherhetaraka@gmail.com](mailto:heatherhetaraka@gmail.com). Text 0272334748. Thank you. Heather Hetaraka. Coordinator. ESSA.

## Learn to Ride Term 4

We are now taking registrations for the Term 4 Learn to Ride Track block for 2018.

This offers beginner children, aged 10 and up, an introduction to track cycling. Minimum height restriction 130cm.

Starts Wednesday 17 and Friday 19 October, from 4-5pm, and runs until the end of school term. Select either a Wednesday or Friday but not both.

\$85 fee includes, track hire, bike hire, coach and water bottle.

Phone 03 219 9325 or email [office@cyclingsouth.org.nz](mailto:office@cyclingsouth.org.nz) to register now.

LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOL presents  
**THE GUARDS**  
Swim to survive  
Term 1 | Term 4  
Extend your child's swim to survive skills. Learning to swim confidently is key to your child's safety in, on and around water.  
The Guards' exciting programme features:  
the following areas of water safety and survival:  
**Surf safety | River safety | Boat safety | Pool safety | Safe rescue | Land based training**

**GO PLAY** OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN  
STAYCAMP FUN: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday between 1 and 14 October (over 2 weeks) 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
LEARN TO RIDE: Tuesday 1 October - 9.00am - 3.00pm  
ADVANCE/PRO/ADULT TRAINING: 8, 10 and 11 October 9.00am - 10.30am & 3.00pm - 4.30pm  
SKI & SLED CLINICS: Tuesday 9 October \$12 per 30 minute session - registration essential  
LEAPING FROGS SWIM SCHOOL: Week One: 1 October - 5 October \$45 per child (includes). Week Two: 8 October - 12 October \$45 per child (includes).  
GORE MULTISPORTS COMPLEX  
89 Robertson Street, Gore | 03 203 9128 | multisports@goredc.govt.nz

St Mary's School  
**Springtime NIGHT FAIR**  
4-7pm, Saturday 22 September  
St Mary's School, Gore  
Free Entry - Everyone Welcome  
Join us for an evening of Food & Fun  
Great Family Night Out  
Delicious Food & drink stalls - nothing over \$6  
Fair Games & Activities - nothing over \$3  
Glow Zone, Photo Booth, Make Me Up, Baking, Raffles & Prizes  
Most activities indoors but do dress warm. Festivities will continue rain or shine.  
For further information call Jacqui on 027 363 6633  
Find us on Facebook SpringtimeNightFair

**LABOUR WEEKEND CAMP**  
19th - 22nd October 2018  
[www.pukeraucamps.co.nz](http://www.pukeraucamps.co.nz)