



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 3 Week 4

Newsletter

Thursday, 23 August 2018

Principal Report

Kia ora,

I hope everyone is well – there have been a few sick students this week, so please feel free to keep your children at home and just let us know if there'll be any absences.

This week, I took four students to St Peter's College for the Cluster Final of the Southland Interschools Speech Contest. **Heremaia Donaldson, Kewene Donaldson, Christopher McBain** and **Nicole McBain** were chosen to represent Otama School in their respective age categories. There was tough competition from Longford Intermediate, St Peter's College, and Te Tipua School, and some very engaging speeches.

Congratulations to **Christopher McBain**, who came first place in his category with a thought-provoking reflection on Minnie Dean, the first and only woman to be hanged in New Zealand. Christopher progresses to the Central and Eastern Area Final in early September. The Grand Final will be held at Otama Hall on September 14.

All students at Otama School presented their speeches with passion, showing their research and thinking skills. Choosing a topic is often the hardest part of putting together a speech; speeches need to show a depth of thinking and a solid understanding of the topic at hand. I am pleased that Otama School students are confident and clear speakers.

We have all been responding in different ways as we put together an EnviroSchools portfolio: interviews, photo-essays, letter-writing, surveys, poetry, stories, animation, videos, articles, self-reflections. Every student has already made a contribution to the portfolio, and we're looking forward to sharing the finished project. Molly has been writing a lot of poems lately, so please enjoy her work – this is a special sneak preview!

Congratulations to:

Christopher McBain, for taking feedback and working hard to turn an already fantastic speech into an outstanding speech. Well done!

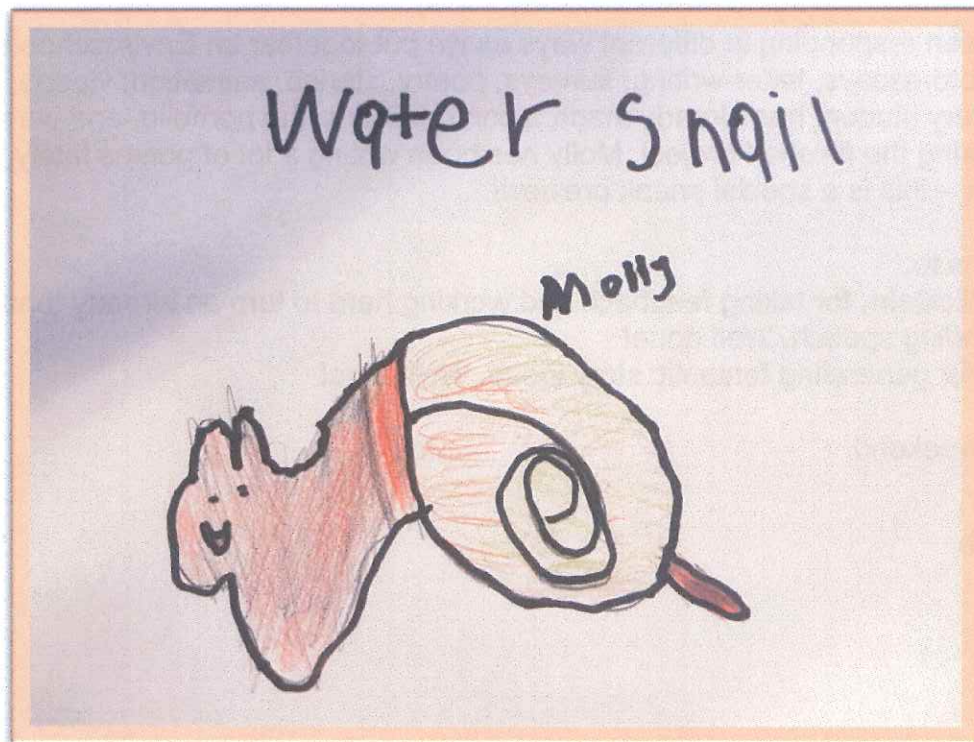
Molly Salter, for generating fantastic story ideas. Well done!

Have a great weekend.

Samuel Smith

A selection of poems
By Molly Salter

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| <p>Cow, cow, cow I painted a cow pink. I milked the cow. It was pink strawberry milk!</p> |
| <p>Bunny, bunny, bunny! Floppy ears Floppy ears Fluffy, fluffy, fluffy Sparkly Sparkly Sparkly eyes</p> |
| <p>Duck, duck, duck Yellow and fluffy Yellow and fluffy Yellow and fluffy Swim Swim Swim</p> |
| <p>Rivers I don't know where you go Water snails slither and slide Where do you come from? Water spiders skate and skate and skate and skate and skate and skate and skate and skate.</p> |



Events Calendar

Tuesday 28 August
Year 7 & 8 Technology

Thursday 6 September
BOT Meeting 7pm

Please contact us, if you know of a three or four bedroom house to rent, for a family who are moving to the area.

Phone 208 1829 thank you.

Touch

I have attached information for touch this season. If your child/children are interested, please let me know and I may be able to get them in with another school, thank you.

Gore Primary & Intermediate Module - Information

Gore Primary School Venue: Newman Park, Gore Games will be played between 3.30 pm and 6pm on Wednesdays

****Times may change subject to team entries****

Grades: Mixed only in Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 5/6, Year 7 and Year 8

Fees: \$20 per player

Format: 7 weeks of competition, plus a catch up day if required

First Games: Wednesday 17th October 2018

Catch up day: 5th December 2018 (Catch up day, if required)

Entries Close: Friday 28th September 2018

Community Events



Sweet 16
POOL PARTY
Friday 31 August
7.00pm - 9.00pm | \$6 per person
Inflatables, kids spa time,
spot prizes and competitions

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GET IN TO WOMEN'S FOOTBALL
Soccer Sisters – Gore Wanderers, Southland

If you are wanting extra time on the ball, to improve your confidence as a football player and learn new skills then Soccer Sisters is for you. It is an awesome way to interact with girls from other clubs and schools around Southland and a great opportunity for those that have never tried football before to come and give it a go.

Where: Gore Wanderers, 4pm-5pm
When: Wednesday 29th of August
Who: Girls aged between 7-12 – No prior football experience necessary
Cost: FREE

FOOTBALL SOUTH
NEW ZEALAND FOOTBALL GIRLS & WOMEN

To register a player to Soccer Sisters, please click [HERE](#) or for any questions or queries, please email Tessa Nicol at tessa.wdo@footballsouth.co.nz

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