



OTAMA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 2 Week 8

Newsletter

Friday, 23 June 2017



Events Calendar

Tuesday 27 June
Technology

Wednesday 28 June
Gore High School Open Night
B.O.T. Meeting 6.30pm

Friday 30 June
School Reports sent home

Thursday 6 July
Speech Competition and Oral
Reading Competition

Friday 7 July
Shared Lunch

Junior Room Report

Finally we have past the winter solstice and can start looking forward to the warmer months and not having to arrive at school in the dark.

With the end of the term nearing, students are becoming a bit restless and the cracks are starting to show. A good amount of sleep is really important at this stage of the term.

This week we have enjoyed getting back into our normal routine and students have been quickly working through their set tasks. On Tuesday the junior students had the opportunity to buddy write with the seniors. They came up with some interesting stories around treating everyone equally.

We have started working on our reading for the Oral Reading Competition. Students should have chosen the book or chapter they plan to read and be practicing reading these aloud at home. When students are practising at home, watch for expression, pronunciation and a clear, loud voice. Please make sure this book is also coming to school each day so practice can happen here as well.

Looking forward to next week, we have Morgan Mitchell coming in to teach us some Rippa Rugby skills, we will be working on creating portraits for the Riversdale Arts Competition and reports will be sent out at the end of the week too.

Enjoy the weekend and stay warm.

Miss den Boon

A big thank you goes out to the Whyte family for providing the school with the much needed wood to keep school fires burning! And especially to Christopher Whyte for his help unloading and stacking it as well. Plus he manfully retrieved three wheel barrow loads of wood from the bottom of the field, pushing it all the way up to the wood shed! What great school values he's exhibiting.

Senior Room Report

This week Mrs Martin has been working in the school as a relief teacher. On Wednesday she told the school some amusing stories from her past. The stories were full of interesting details and colourful descriptions to capture the children's interest. She then asked the children to write down their own amusing stories.

On Thursday the seniors were asked to recraft their stories, to embellish them by using more descriptive language and adding in more detail so as to hold their readers interest. The children did a great job and published some great pieces of work. Below is Nicole McBain's story.

As part of a school wide art focus on portraits the seniors have been producing their own portraits depicting some interesting characters. Using mixed media; paint ,chalk and pencil, they have produced some fine works of art. Do check these out as they should be up on display by next week.

The bad day

Once there was a twelve year old girl. She had dark brown hair with chestnut streaks through it and a kind smile that lights up a room. She was walking home from school when a black Holden zoomed past splashing her with lots of brown, gooey mud.

She was completely covered, the mud had saturated her. But she kept walking eager to get home. Suddenly two huge bullies from her school came surging towards her. They yelled, "you contaminated, filthy, germy girl!" Then they pushed her, like she was nothing, into a pile of stones, that lay beside the road. They must have been put there in preparation for the road to get new seal.

The bullies laughing and cackling as they walked away.

Of course the stones stuck like superglue to the mud. The girl picked herself up and carried on walking home. As she strolled past the preschool all the kids thought she was a monster. A monster who might take over their world. They were apprehensive and scrambled away, screaming and bawling their eyes out.

When she finally got home her parents asked, "bad day at school honey? " She replied, "nope just a very, very odd walk home."



BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY SELECTION

Following the advertisement in the 19 May 2017 school newsletter to fill our casual vacancy for a parent representative, there were no requests to hold a by election therefore the board has gone ahead to select Sarah Soper to fill this vacancy.

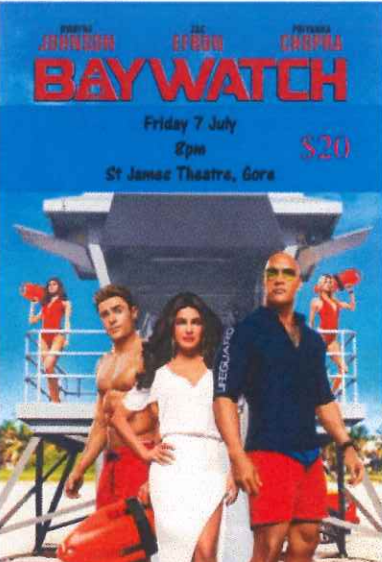
Also congratulations to Sanne den Boon who has taken over Alison Duff as staff representative.

PTA

As you know the PTA are fundraising to replace the playground. Buying ready-made equipment is extremely expensive so they are planning to build equipment such as forts and towers from scratch. They would like to get some feedback from families as to what would be good to include in the design of the playground. They would like each family to have a discussion around this and create a plan of the design you would like.

Glenham Fundraiser

FRIENDS OF GLENHAM presents:



BAYWATCH

Friday 7 July
8pm **\$20**
St James Theatre, Gore

Drinks & Nibbles provided
Contact Glenham School at: office@glenham.school.nz
Or phone/text Lisa 021 021 13003 for tickets

This winter...



**July Holiday Camps:
Board Games**

Dress to the theme and dive in... to the world of BOARD GAMES brought to life at Camp Columbia!

Camp 1

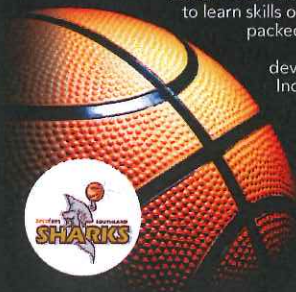
When: Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th July
Who: Ages 9-9 years
Price: Early Bird - \$90 Regular - \$105

Camp 2

When: Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd July
Who: Ages 10-13 years
Price: Early Bird - \$90 Regular - \$105

Contact Camp Columbia for more info & go to our website for registration:
Website: www.campcolumbia.org.nz
Phone: 03 2053702 - Camp Coordinator: Stephanie Beck
Email: holidaycamps@campcolumbia.org.nz

ESBA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME




Coach Peter is running two 2 day holiday programmes for children to learn skills on how to play basketball. This is going to be a jam packed fun 2 days for your girls and boys. Perfect if your children have an interest in any sport and want to develop ball skills (and you want a wee holiday break) Individual abilities will be catered for where possible

We may even have some SHARKS pop in

Registration Forms are on our website www.esba.org.nz or please contact Kylie 027 600 ESBA / secretary@esba.org.nz

Limited numbers available, so get in quick!

Years 3-6 17th, 18th July 9am - 3pm
7-10 19th, 20st July 9am - 3p19
\$20 for 2 days, which includes a T-shirt



**Family Fun Day
In Gore**

Come along to Gore Kids Hub,
12 Wayland Street

Monday 17th July, 12pm to 2pm





Meet other families

Lunch provide—

Jason will be cooking on the bbq

Please let me know if you have any special dietary needs.

For more details please call Wendy 022 020 106 or 03 21 82420



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