



Children have their fantastic art work displayed at Riversdale Arts Festival

Principal Report

It's great to be back for term 3. I always enjoy this term as it is a much quieter term than the others and we can get a lot done. We are also moving from the horrible winter into the fresh spring with all the hope of a wonderful hot summer.

Thank you to the few parents who have sent back their police vetting forms. If we are unable to put together a register of vetted volunteers then we will be very restricted to the trips and camps that we will be able to undertake as a school. If you have lost your forms just contact Wendy and she will get some new ones out to you.

Reports to parents went out at the end of last term so if you would like to discuss the progress of your child feel free to make an appointment with the teacher concerned and we can fill you in with more details. The data from these reports shows that our students are performing extremely well in reading with almost all of our students meeting the national standards. They are also performing well in writing and maths with an increase in the number of students meeting the national standards.

Both classes are working together on the same inquiry unit this term. We have titled it "Food Glorious Food" and will be concentrating on the science behind chemical reactions in food and the digestive system, as well as the social science aspect of the contribution that food makes to our cultural celebrations. We will be doing a bit of cooking as part of this unit and hope to have a hangi sometime this term which we are all looking forward to.

I hope you all get to visit the Riversdale Arts Festival before it closes as we saw from our visit on Tuesday that there are some spectacular pieces on display. We were also very pleased with our school display as our portraits were outstanding and we were very proud of them.

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

Events Calendar

Tuesday 1 August
Year 7 & 8 Combined Schools

Wednesday 2 August
B.O.T. Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 2 August
Gore High School Open Night 5-8pm

Lucky Book Club

Lucky Book Club orders are due back to school by Wednesday 9 August.

You may like to order through Loop, which is also linked to our school. Details are on the last page.

Junior Room Report

Welcome back everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed the sun and the snow over the holidays and stayed rugged up.

This week we were given the opportunity to go to the Riversdale Arts Festival and look at all the displays. Our portraits stood out amongst the school entries and were great to see. We also liked looking at the sculptures made from drift wood and some made from old tools and metal.

We have also started talking about our new topic called "Food, Glorious Food". Students brought in a fruit or vegetable and learnt about describing words and how to best describe their chosen fruit or vegetable. We will be learning about the digestive system in science as well as learning about the different reactions that food chemicals make. We are also hoping to do regular baking and cooking this term so students may be asked to bring an/some ingredients to help support and fund this.

Thank you to all of those parents and families that came to support the students at the end of term assembly last term. We had some amazing food and the students loved sharing their learning with all of you.

Enjoy your weekend,

Miss den Boon



Congratulations Abbey on getting selected for the Southland Soccer Team. What a tremendous effort, we are all very proud of you, well done!

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