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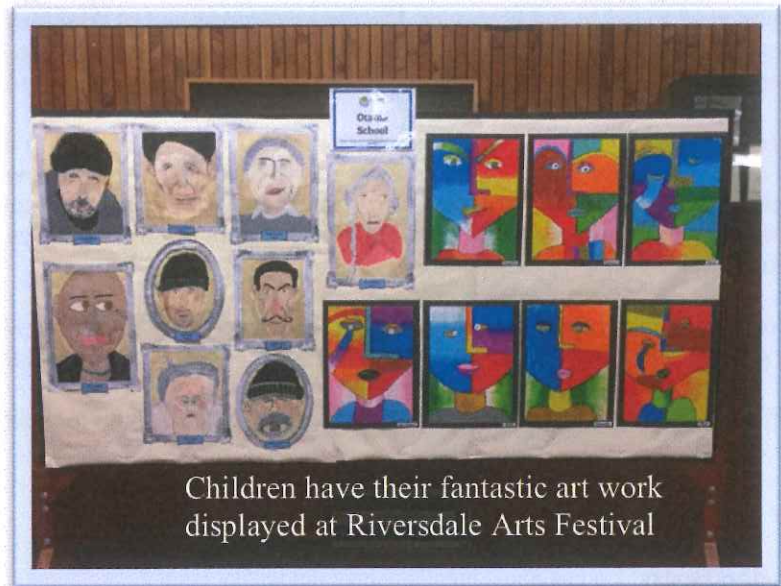
Little Footprints - Big Steps

Term 3 Week 2

Newsletter

Friday, 4 August 2017

Christine O'Connor, (president of Riversdale Arts), commented on the tremendous effort and detail the children put into their art work. She said people who came to look at the Arts Festival commented on the fabulous art work as well, so well done to all students!



Children have their fantastic art work displayed at Riversdale Arts Festival

Principal Report

It's been another very chilly day today and the icy conditions this morning made the bus run too dangerous for it to go ahead. We do understand that this can be an inconvenience for parents but we do not make the decision lightly and the safety of our students and staff travelling to school is paramount.

I have had a few more police vetting forms trickle in so thank you to those parents, but we still have quite a few to come in. These can take up to six weeks to process so it would be great if we could get them all away as soon as possible.

The PTA have been able to raise a considerable amount of money to go towards a new playground and the BoT have agreed in principle to contribute some funds towards this project. With this in mind we have been looking at some options for playground equipment and so this may be something that we will see happening sooner rather than later.

The year 7's and 8's are travelling over to Te Tipua for their country schools programme this term and Knapdale School have kindly offered their bus to take the students which makes it much easier for our parents. The students are involved in a number of activities this term such as creating art works and learning French. It is a very important part of what we are able to offer the older students and its success means that it will continue to be offered in the future.

Mrs Yvonne Catherwood

Events Calendar

Tuesday 8 August
Year 7 & 8 Combined Schools

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

Kia Ora Everyone,

I can hardly believe we have already come to the end of week 2 for the term. The time just flies. This week we have had a week of hard work and knuckling down.

We managed to get to the library on Monday as we ran out of time last week and we have been again today. So all students should have a library book to read at home. From now on we will go to the library on Fridays, so please help remind the students to return their books so they can get new ones out.

As well as working on our Food topic, we are discussing and learning about friendships and kindness. There have been a few incidents where some of us are forgetting to use our kind words. To help with this, we have started a compliment and friendship box. Students get to anonymously name someone that has been nice and showing kindness out in the playground. A name is then drawn out from the box and they can earn points to get into the treasure box.

On Wednesday the students got a nice surprise when they found out Mrs McKee would be teaching them for the day. They got to start some beautiful winter artwork and go out for some hockey skills. Thank you Mrs McKee!

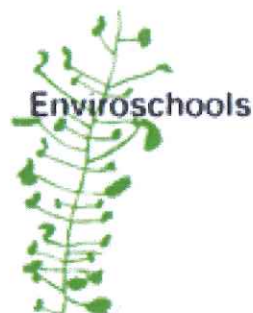
Finally, congratulations goes out to Amanda, Molly and Waiaria for going up a reading level this week. They have all been working so hard. Well done!

Enjoy your weekend and stay warm,

Miss den Boon



A very big thank you to Mr Catherwood for going out of his way to get compost for the vegetable gardens and glass house. He supplied pellets and built the worm farm surround. Taking time out of his busy schedule is much appreciated and the children really enjoyed helping!



It would be very much appreciated if you have any empty two litre milk containers available, if you could send them with your children or drop them off to school for their worm juice project, (non crushed and with lids).

Thank you Mrs McKee and Miss den Boon



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