



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kia ora. Our schoolwide topic this term has been biculturalism and what makes the New Zealand culture unique. All of the classes have been involved in various aspects of Maori culture such as flax weaving, rakau, mihi etc. Yesterday we hosted the Kapa Haka group from Southland Girls High. They worked with Year 3 and 4 students and taught them some Maori games, performed waiata etc. It was a very special time and our children enjoyed it greatly. A special thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have helped with our classroom learning, assisted with the Museum trip and provided kai yesterday.

Toys at school

A number of children are bringing toys (e.g. remote controlled cars, walkie-talkies etc.) to school. We really don't want to have toys at school as the risk of them being damaged is too great. This includes fidget spinners; it's been a great season but they are now disrupting children from their learning so please make sure children keep them at home. The same goes for cards (e.g. Pokemon cards); there is enough to do in teachers' busy days without having to sort out the inevitable disputes about trading etc.

Reports and three way conferences

The schedule for student reports is reasonably straightforward for Y4-6 students; they have a "goal setting" conference in Term 1, a written report and conference at midyear and a final written report in December, which includes national standard judgements.

The Y1-3 schedule is a little more complex. It is based on 20 week (half year) intervals. Reporting (i.e. learning journals and conferences) is held when the child has been at school 20 weeks and at 20 week intervals after that.

The 20 week intervals are approximate because it is efficient to schedule conferences for a group of similar aged children at the same time.

National standard judgements are made at the end of 1 year at school, at the end of 2 years and at the end of 3 years.

We do expect all parents/caregivers to attend the conferences to build the learning partnership between home and school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the children (Liam, Bolu, Shaelyn, Jayden, Ella, Joel, Felix and Alex) who competed in the Southspell competition this week.

They certainly worked nicely together in their teams and represented the school well.

Values Assembly

Certificates for the top 1-6 place getters at the Phoenix Zone cross country (held recently at Bluff) will be presented at our Values assembly on the last Friday afternoon of the term.



News flash

The Lions rugby practice was delayed nearly two hours today after a player reported finding an unknown white powdery substance on the practice field.

The coach immediately suspended practice while police and forensic investigators were called to investigate. After a complete analysis, investigating forensic experts determined that the white substance unknown to players was the try line.

(Hope this holds true for the game tomorrow!).



Regards, *Robin Harris, Principal*

REMINDERS

- **Daily**—Heat-ups - see website.
- **Monday**—Pita Pit Orders (remember these are now ordered online at "LUNCHONLINE" www.orders.lunchonline.co.nz/home)
- **Wednesday**—Subway Orders (Order by 9:00am at the Office)
- **Friday** - PTA Sausage Sizzle—\$2.00 each
- **23 June**—Futsal Registrations close
- **23 June**—Room 3 Assembly
- **23 June**—Southland Primary Schools X-Country
- **3 July**—Maori Language Week
- **5 July**—Year 4-6 Reports home
- **5 July**—Out of Zone enrolment applications close
- **7 July**—Ski Registrations close
- **7 July**—Term 2 Ends
- **24 July**—Start of Term 3
- **28 July**—Ski Trip to Remarkables Park
- **31 Jul**—Futsal starts
- **1 Aug**—Governance Meeting
- **28 Aug to 1 Sep**—Book Fair
- **5 Sep**—Whole School photos
- **8 Aug**—Whack n Run starts
- **29 Sep**—Term 3 Ends

Keep visiting the website for regular school updates and messages being loaded to Facebook.

Celebrating Matariki 2017—Rooms 3, 4 and 8— Yesterday students from Southland Girls High came to Salford and taught the middle syndicate waiata actions and Maori games to celebrate Matariki.



PTA NOTEBOOK

The first Community Cuppa for 2017 was held on Thursday 15th June and it was a great success. Several parents and pre-schoolers took over the school staffroom and enjoyed making new friends, eating cake and sharing stories. It's hoped this will become a monthly event, with the next to be held early in the third term.

Four new and very sturdy, large steel framed picnic tables were recently purchased and assembled. Thanks to Sandra, Darren and Sreeraj for organising, assembling and delivering these. They have been placed in the Senior block.

A lunchtime ukulele group is being offered for 10 enthusiastic children by Natalie Kerr. The PTA has agreed to fund the purchase of these ukuleles.

The PTA has also agreed to fund the purchase of three Chromebook charging stations. This is to charge, store and secure the schools Chromebooks in several classrooms.

The Committee is still looking for a President to fill Adele's shoes. If you're interested please approach Adele to discuss more about what this role involves.

Lastly.....keep a look out near the sandpit area for our latest project to be unveiled. It's very exciting and should be Tip Top!!

On behalf of the Salford School PTA, Gillian Smith, Committee Member



Holiday activities as they are to hand are being loaded on the Schools Facebook page and website.



CALLING ALL "TEA POTS"....

Do you have a tea pot lurking in the cupboard, or does Grandma or Nana have one they no longer use that can be used for as a base for paper mache work. Room 1 need 20 similar, but not necessarily the same, to those in the photo.

Email Jan at jan@salford.school.nz if you think you have anything suitable, or bring along to Room 1.



World Vision - Muftiday raised \$368.50 for children in Syria.

Well done to the House Captains and thank you to families for supporting the efforts of this dedicated group of students. THANK YOU.



Rooms 10/11 celebrate Matariki with plantings of Kowhai Trees on the fence line to the reserve. Need to keep a close watch on Caretaker Trevor, to ensure he does a good job, and even took time for a photo shoot once the job was complete.

