

Term 4, Week 7 – Wednesday 23 November 2016

Kia Ora families

As you know last week was challenging for a lot of Canterbury families. Once again we had many elderly people feeling isolated and fearful and many children and even teens visibly upset and worried. On top of the 'known' with earthquakes we had the added significant stress of the 'unknown' with the predicted tsunami. We know for adults, let alone children, being in a car gridlocked listening to the scream of the evacuation sirens while trying to get to higher ground was not a positive experience to say the least. The uncertainty created by ongoing events such as earthquakes can have a very debilitating effect on the most vulnerable in our community. So what do we do?

- Check on elderly neighbours, especially those who live alone.
- Provide certainty by reassuring children that we were safe, we did act as planned and we were all OK.
- Discuss future events and evacuation plans, have a family meeting and ask, *"What did we learn from Monday's event, what did we do well, what could we do better?"*
- Maintain routines, meal times, bed times, home learning, sports, outings and family events. However, give children time to share their worries or concerns about what to do if there is an earthquake and they are away from home and/or parents.
- Give your children time to talk. A dad told me his son (6 years old) wanted to know *"What do I do when an earthquake hits when we are at the mall and at school?"* Note the "when," not "if." For many young children their expectation is an earthquake can and will happen any time and any place.
- Reassure your child about what we will do at school in an event: We will "Turtle" (drop, cover, hold) and if it is a big event we will evacuate like we have practiced and we will be in touch with parents through tiquiz, facebook and our website. If there is a tsunami alert parents are encouraged to collect their children even though we are outside of the evacuation zone – See www.ccc.govt.nz/tsunami. Reassure your child, we know how to look after them.
- Discuss the plans for Christmas and the holidays, give your children a positive outlook.
- Bump up the Encouragement (one of our REAL values) and help your child to keep a positive mindset.
- Encourage your child to be extra kind to others, to siblings, to younger children and to friends who are having a hard time. Have them discuss how others might feel. This helps build empathy in children.

At school we have been into 'business as usual' since last Tuesday, however we know some children are still struggling. Please keep in touch with your child's homeroom teacher if this is the case in your home. Together we can help our children to become more resilient and empathetic through this.

Kia kaha,
Neill O'Reilly, Principal

Waitākiri OSCAR Holiday Programme available now

Fri 16th Dec 2016 Open from 12.30pm to 6pm

Mon 19th to Fri 23rd Dec 2016 plus Mon 9th to Mon 30th Jan 2017 Open 7.30am to 6pm every day

Age appropriate activities for years 1-3 and years 4 & up

Orana Park/Olympia Gym/Clip n Climb/Movies plus many more exciting activities

Email amanda.murray@waitakiri.school.nz for a programme plan or pick one up from our OSCAR Programme

WORKING BEE AT SCHOOL

We are having a working bee on **Saturday the 26th of November between 10.30am and 2pm.** We are needing family members to help in the garden and re bark the gardens. Anyone who can help please let Woody (caretaker) or the office know. 30 minutes, 60 minutes, any time will help. If you can bring a wheelbarrow and shovel it would be appreciated. Please park in the school carpark. Complimentary tea and coffee and the knowledge that you will be helping your children by improving our environment. Rain or shine. Come along, bring a friend! *Many hands make light work.* Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book club brochures have been sent home with children today and orders close on Friday 25 November 2016. **No late orders will be accepted.** Please ensure correct money is enclosed in a named envelope. Thank you.

PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with Mr O'Reilly last week. Pictured right are Hunter, Ruby, Andre, Ben, Selene, Tristan, Gabby, Dylan, Riley, Amelia, Georgia, Francois and Mr O'Reilly.



Please ensure you are signed up to receive our alerts with the tiqbiz app on your smartphone. This is how we notify parents about important events, like the need to evacuate school, cancellations etc.

If you don't have a smartphone, please sign up for our texts: Text: follow WaitakiriSchool to 8987
Unfortunately Vodafone do not support this service, so if you are a Vodafone customer, please ask a fellow parent or family member to receive the texts and forward them onto you.

Pre Loved Library Books

For Sale

Outside the Choice Room

Wednesday 30 November

Thursday 1 December

8:30 – 8:55

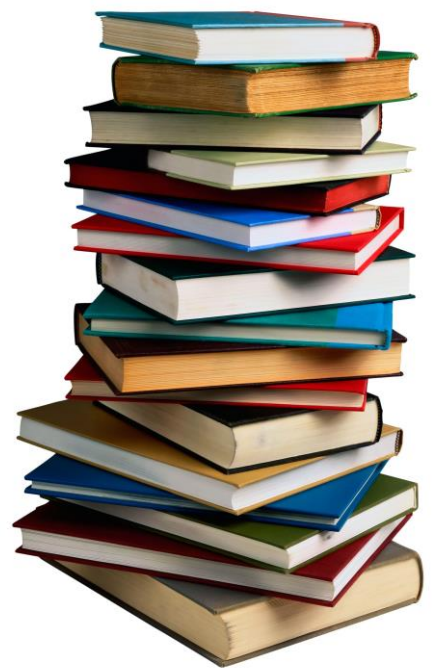
and

2:15 – 3:15

(unless sold out earlier)

50c per book

Cash only please



The Lions Christchurch Schools' Music Festival 2016

On the 26th – 28th of October, Sophie and Jessica from Ruru studio performed at the Lions Music Festival. The theme was 'All Creatures Great and Small'.

We were lucky enough to make it into the Special Choir. In the Special Choir we get the privilege to sing other harmonies in the songs.

The songs we sang with the massed choir were the National Anthem, Bare Necessities, You'll be in my Heart, Joy to the World, Imaginary Menagerie, Tihore Mai, Babe, Circle of Life and Octopus's Garden.

The Special Choir got to sing their own three songs: Clever Chameleon, The Call and Macavity the Mystery Cat.

For Special Choir we had to give up our Saturdays to practise at Heaton Normal Intermediate. The practices were for two whole hours. Before we were in Special Choir we had to audition with the head teacher Mrs Hay. This was our first year in Special Choir. We felt super nervous, but after the first practice we were more confident. In the holidays we had to give up five and a half hours to go for a whole day to St Andrews College to sing our individual parts.

By Jessica and Sophie.
Ruru Studio

Sports News

Zones Athletics

These were held on Tuesday the 15th of November. We are very proud of all the children that represented our school. The following have made it through to the Canterbury athletics in Ashburton on Wednesday the 7th of December:

Ruru Studio	Ethan	Tom	Korimako Studio	
Samantha	Grace	Oliver	Brooke M	Taliah
Guy	Tessa	Sophie	Brooke H	Lily
Emily	Kobe	Irie	Sam	Nathan
Holly	Laine	Amelia	Zoe	

Well done! Good luck for your events.

Canterbury Triathlon

Thursday the 1st of December at Pegasus. We have ten children representing our school. Good luck for this event!

Cowles Miniball Competition

Thursday, 24 Nov 2016

Date/Time	Cowles 1	Cowles 2
3:30 PM	Cowles Miniball Waitakiri Lakers Miniball vs Marshland Magic Miniball	Cowles Miniball Waitakiri Falcons Miniball vs St. Anne's Slammers Miniball
4:00 PM	Cowles Miniball Marshland Mambas Miniball vs TWU Thunder	Cowles Miniball Shirley Rockets Miniball vs St. Anne's Supersonics Miniball
4:30 PM	Cowles Miniball Banks Ave Slammers Miniball vs Waitakiri Bulls Miniball	Cowles Miniball Bromley Breakers Miniball vs Shirley Thunder Miniball
5:00 PM	Cowles Miniball Te Pa Whero Miniball vs Banks Ave Bouncers Miniball	Cowles Miniball Queenspark Blitzers Miniball vs Waitakiri Celtics Miniball
5:30 PM	Cowles Miniball Te Pa Ma Miniball vs Queenspark Ballers Miniball	Cowles Miniball Waitakiri Breakers Miniball vs Bromley Bulls Miniball
6:00 PM	Cowles Miniball CBA Hoops Squad Miniball vs Queenspark Swishers Miniball	Cowles Miniball Bromley Bulls Miniball vs Marshland Makos Miniball

Thursday, 1 Dec 2016

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3:30 PM	Cowles Miniball Marshland Makos Miniball vs Waitakiri Breakers Miniball	Cowles Miniball Bromley Bulls Miniball vs CBA Hoops Squad Miniball
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FOR ALL YEAR 4 & 5 CHILDREN

REAL Challenges presentation

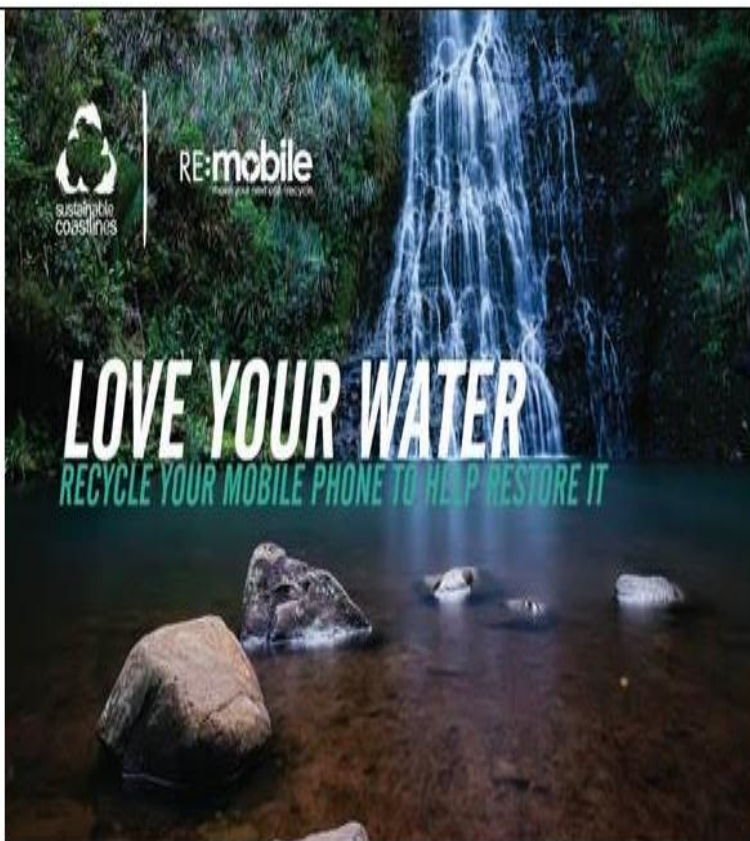
Year 4 & 5 students who have completed their home learning challenges
Friday, 9 December 2pm in the school hall - All welcome!

FOR ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Year 6 Leavers Celebration & REAL Challenges presentation

Wednesday, 14 December 6.30pm in the school hall

Plus a fun night for Year 6 children provided by the PTA
Year 6 PTA Ice Skating evening - Tuesday, 13 December 6.00pm at Alpine Ice



HELP SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES MOBILE PHONE APPEAL IN OUR SCHOOL

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and the environment benefits too by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.



SUCCESS

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Waitākiri Enviro
FERNS got the
bronze badge

This confirms that
Waitākiri Primary
became a Bronze Enviroschool
on 22/11/2016

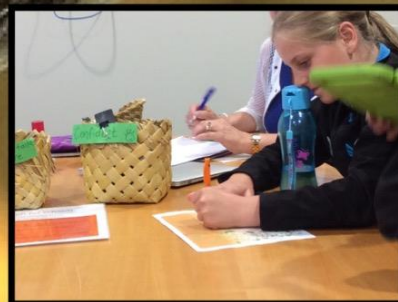
Toni Watts.
Andrea Taylor
Shelby
Libby
Sophie
Mia

Signatures of the Reflection Team:

Jessica H
Libby
Rosa
Leni S
Renee
Frankie
Brad



22/11/2016



PICCOLLAGE

REAL CHALLENGE by Livia K1



I am fundraising for Women's Refuge (now Aviva), which is a place where anyone can take shelter from the person who is abusing them. Aviva provides accommodation, food, safety, comfort and much much more.

The reason I am fundraising for this organisation is because Seven Sharp was interviewing a few people from there, and they have been losing money, and if Aviva has to close, then many families in Canterbury will have no safe place to go.

Please help me by buying my bath bombs. All profits will be donated to Aviva. Any bath bombs that don't get sold will also be given to Aviva.

Big Bath Bombs

\$4.50 each
or buy 3 or more for \$4 each

~ Hand crafted bath bombs.
Made from natural NZ sourced ingredients.

Sodium bicarbonate, cocoa butter, citric acid, olive oil, fragrance, essential oils. ~

outside the Choices room
8:30 - 9:00 am, 23rd, 24th, 25th Nov



coconut
melon
raspberry
marshmallow
gardenia peach

Baby Bath Bombs

\$2.50 each
or
buy 3 or more for \$2 each

~ Hand crafted bath bombs.
Made from natural NZ sourced ingredients.

Sodium bicarbonate, cocoa butter, citric acid, olive oil, fragrance, essential oils. ~

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