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Term 1

Week 3

***Please check out the dates/events that are displayed on our website under calendar
There is also an electronic copy of this newsletter if others wish to view it.***

The school continues to have that busy 'vibe' at the moment. All of the classes that I have had the pleasure of visiting over the past two and a half weeks have been very engaged in their learning tasks. There is a lot of initial testing taking place at the moment to ensure we know the learning levels of each child and to ensure that we are able to have accurate conversations at our learning conferences in Week 7. If you have any queries about what is happening in the classrooms please contact your child's teacher to sort a time to meet/chat.

General Notices

Communication

In last week's newsletter I noted that you could join our emergency notification service (text notification for those of you who are Vodafone and Telecom users) by texting **follow sbksch** to 8987. I neglected to also advise you that if you have registered for this service but no longer want to receive these texts then text **stop sbksch** to 8987.

New Entrant Parent Meeting

We had a very good turn-out to our New Entrant Parent meeting last Thursday. We have a steady number of children coming into the school at this level this term and it is likely that we will be starting our second New Entrant class at some stage in Term 2. The exact time will depend on whether we have any new enrolments that we do not currently know of.

Touch Rugby

The touch rugby competition is on today. The draw is:

Team	Time	Ground
Year 4&5 – Scramblers	5.10pm	BYE
Year 4&5 – Scooters	5.10pm	10A
Year 6&7 – Superstars	5.10pm	5
Year 6&7 - Slingshots	5.10pm	6
Year 6&7 - Serpents	5.45pm	9
Year 8 – Sprinters	5.45pm	6
Year 8 - Stingers	5.45pm	4

School Triathlon

Our Middle and Senior School triathlon will be taking place on Tuesday March 6 from 11am-12.30pm. The event takes place in and around our school. Hopefully the training programmes have started and it will be like a mini 'coast to coast' (well sort of!)

School Assembly

Our next full school assembly is next Friday (22nd Feb) in the hall starting at 11am. Please feel free to come along.

Swimming Sports

Our Middle and Senior Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday 28 Feb at Dudley Pool. The event will start at 10am.

Twilight Football and Friday Night Basketball

We have drafted our Twilight football and twilight basketball teams.

I will send home a slip with the twilight football teams (there have been some changes to some teams) and the times for their first games (**competition starts on Monday 20 Feb - this Monday**) on Friday.

The Friday night basketball draw will be made next week. Teams will have their first practice next week. I will confirm the times/venues for their practices before the end of the week. We still need coaches for some of the teams – if you know of anyone who would enjoy coaching a group of very eager young athletes then let me know. It is a lot of fun!

Year 7&8 Cricket

Our Year 7&8 cricket teams both have their first round games in the NZ primary school cricket competition over the next week. The boys travel to Ashgrove Park to take on Ashgrove School and our girls team are away at Ohoka School. The competition is a knock-out format – good luck to both teams.

Administration

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Thursday 23 March in our staffroom. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm.

Quote for the week:

Week 3: *Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand*
Chinese Proverb

This drives the philosophy behind our school curriculum!

Have a great week.

Shane

Dates: Some up-coming events:

Thurs 23 Feb	Middle School Swimming Carnival (Dudley Pool)
Thurs 23 rd Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm in our Staffroom
Tues 28 Feb	Middle and Senior Swimming Sports – (Dudley Pool) 10am
Tues 6 Mar	Middle and Senior School Triathlon
Tues 13 / Thurs 15 Mar	Term 1 Learning Conferences
Fri 30 Mar	Mufti Day
Thurs 5 April	Last day of Term 1

We are losing too many young people through drowning incidents.

We need your help!



NZ statistics are horrific when we have so many water based activities, and so many opportunities to access water. Everyone needs to be water-wise and be able to swim. Drowning is a horrible way to die, when water activities are meant to be so much fun.

Starting with our little Juniors, right up to our Seniors, kids need to be able to swim with confidence, and a reasonable amount of skill. We can't let our kids drown or have someone else drown trying to save them, because they couldn't save themselves. We all need do something.

Here at school we can help by making it possible for our students to attend a swimming course. **Please help us find a sponsor** for transport to keep the costs down and to make the organisation less time consuming. Last year Mainpower did sponsor two year levels. That left another six levels having to find transport.

If you think you may know of a group or company who would help sponsor transport for swimming lessons for part or all of the classes intending to do swimming at Dudley, could you contact the school ASAP, so we can get onto it before the swimming courses begin. Likewise, if you want to know what sort of cost is involved in the transport, for how many classes.

Thank-you.

Middle School Swimming Extravaganza

The middle school swimming extravaganza is purely an opportunity for the children to demonstrate their swimming skills, there will be no placing's or times recorded. All just fun to be had! Events that will be taking place are: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke lengths in the main pool. Breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle widths in the small pool and fun activities and novelty races.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wanted

Christian family urgently require 3 – 4 bedroom house. Please phone 313 2325 or 021 265 2772.

Kaiapoi - Rangiora Fun Run & Walk

Sunday 11 March, 9.30am start

Start at Kaiapoi Borough School, Finish at Southbrook Sports Centre

Buses available to transport you from Rangiora to the start at 8.30am and 9am and returning to Kaiapoi after the event.

Trophies, spot prizes, entertainment and refreshments.

Entry \$10 Adult, \$5 Child

For more information visit www.funrunandwalk.co.nz

ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO!!!

SUNDAY MARCH 4th is the 13th Annual **SWANNANOA COUNTRY FAIR**, so plan to enjoy a great day out in the country with family and friends. This year's Fair will be fantastic as along with over 130 quality craft, trade and plant stalls we'll also be running an auction including a 2007 Daihatsu (Thanks to Rangiora Toyota) plus a ride on mower, motor bike, trailer and other major items. We'll also have your traditional favourites - huge White Elephant area, helicopter flights, silent auction, petting zoo, loads of rides and games, all day entertainment, fabulous food plus all the real rural things you'd expect at a real Country Fair. Don't miss a great day in the country at THE SWANNANOA DOMAIN on Tram Road, just 10 minutes from the Northern Motorway Oxford Exit

SUNDAY 4th March from 10a.m. until 3p.m.

Adults \$5 entry donation please which gives free entry in Rangiora New World Lucky Programme draw. Children free. Lots of free car parking.

VISIT WWW.SWANNANOACOUNTRYFAIR.CO.NZ FOR MORE DETAILS

SURFKIDS

Kids surfing programme.

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 -14 years. Sundays 10am-12pm

Cost \$28 per day or \$125 for five. Bookings essential.

Venue :Scarborough Beach, Sumner, cnr Stoke St and Esplanade.

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or www.surfcoach.co.nz