GOVERNORS BAY SCHOOL—Te Kura o Ōhinetahi

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Dear Parents and Whānau,

" \bot Always look on the bright side of life! De dum, de do, de dum! $\beth \Box$ " - a silly song from a hilarious Monty Python movie but with a resonating message.

However challenging the rainy week just gone was, it has allowed us to test the new drainage and so far it is clear the water will no longer drain onto the field at the far point of the court. This is great progress moving forward.

As the building is progressing quickly with the framing in place more sub-contractors will be on site presenting a challenge for parking and safety with increased vehicle movement. Please continue to let me know of any concerns you have regarding this, as Jordan our HRS Site Manager is very proactive and keen to work with the school to minimise any impact when possible.

Thankfully the sun is out and today it has been great to walk around the rooms watching the students settling into another productive week of learning.

We are very pushed for space at present both in the playground and for teaching areas so every nook and cranny is being utilized to ensure our learning program is not compromised in any way. We certainly are fortunate to have the Community Centre as a resource and are using it to its full potential! Thank you to Jeanette Stanley for being so helpful with the bookings.

Nga mihi nui ~ Kind regards,

Judy Cooke

Tumuaki ~ Principal

School Notices

Calendar

August

Friday 9th Crazy for Kids Can Mufti Day

Wednesday 14th Library Van.

Monday 19th BOT Meeting—6.00pm

Thursday 22nd Year 4-8 Ski Trip

September

Wednesday 11th Library Van

Monday 23rd BOT Meeting—6.00pm

Thursday 26th End of Term Assembly and Shared Morning Tea 9.30am

Friday 27th End of Term 3

Student Recognition Corner Swimming

At the end of last term Charlotte gained a significant achievement at her swim club (Aqua Gym). Charlotte was awarded a trophy for para athlete of the year and now has her name next to previous winners that have gone on and represented New Zealand at the Paralympics! Charlotte is a talented young sports girl and we are very proud of her achievements when she represents our school and look forward to hearing more of her success.



Netball

On Thursday after school we played netball at Hagley Park and we won for the first time. The score was 8 to 4. We versed St Andrews. Last time we drew with them 4 to 4. The people who scored the goals were Paige who scored 3, Zoe scored 2 and two people from Lyttleton School scored 3. Our team name is the Lyttleton Flames. Ella was awarded Player of the Day with Samantha getting Coaches Choice.







School Notices

Governors Bay Information Sessions

We have received today a pamphlet from the Christchurch City Council regarding the closure of the foreshore track in coming weeks.

Infectious Diseases

We have had in the school recently one case of Slap Cheek and also a case of Cryptosporidium. We have attached to the Update an Infectious Disease Information and Exclusion pamphlet from the Ministry of Health for your information. This pamphlet will also be posted on our website under the Parent Tab in the A-z section. Please always let us know if any student is showing signs of an infectious disease.

#Crazy For Kids Can Appeal.

Governors Bay School will be supporting the third annual #Crazy For Kids Can appeal on Friday 9th August.

We will be having a crazy costume day with crazy cupcake sales for morning tea.

Please get out your baking equipment and create crazy cup cakes for your house leaders to sell during morning tea time of the week of 5th- 9th August.

The house group that raises the most money for Kids-Can from their baking stall will win extra house-points! Thanking you in anticipation!

Gold coin donations for Friday's mufti day will go to help children less fortunate than ours. This charity provides children in need with essentials like food, shoes, raincoats and healthcare products.

Let's raise a record amount for this good cause!



Tui Room Yoghurt

Please note that we do not have fridges in the classrooms so if your child is bringing yoghurt to school and you are concerned about the yoghurt's temperature put an ice brick into their lunch box.

Regards Eleanor Watkins



Kereru Room

The Kereru Room has had a fabulous first week back. Our writing focus at present is 'to inform.' This involved looking at a variety of instructions. We unpacked them, analysed their key features and had a go at writing some of our own. The spaghetti and marshmallow tower building challenge was a fun motivator to base our first set of instructions on. This week we are writing recipes for some creative meals such as worm fritters and slug pie!

Wednesday saw the introduction of our Year 4 to 8 interchange programme. The learners are grouped across three groups and this term they will have the opportunity to take part in gymnastics, dance, and science. The gymnastics group this week were very creative, inventing parkour activities around the school that utilised the very limited space we have at present. We commando rolled over the ottomans, jumped up and over the benches outside, flipped under the bars, and attempted to run up the rock climbing wall. Lots of fun!









