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School Notices

28 August

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Here we are up to half way through Week 6 of Term 3 and what a Week 5 we had! The weather was stunning for the Year 4-8 Ski Trip on Thursday. It was great to hear the feedback from parents as to how much improvement they are noticing in our students and the sense of achievement for many of our students who this time around were on the chair lift for the first time! The excitement of the early start and the buzz as the cars all started returning around 6pm was a real example of community engagement at our school. Thank you to all the parents for preparing the students, getting them up on time and to those who were able to transport to Mt Hutt making this annual event possible. Angie Rayner, Eleanor Watkins and Katie Lucas provided exceptional organisation and the trip would not have been such a success without their commitment and support.

Friday had us tapping our feet and dancing to the beat of the Mountain View High School Jazz Band from Timaru. Sixteen highly talented musicians performed for us in the Community Centre and the level of performance was exceptional. Heading back to school from the performance I was invited into the Tui Room Café! The Tui students have been learning about spaces and food and nutrition and combining these ideas decided to turn their room into a lunchtime café. They had prepared healthy and nutritious food to serve and had invited whānau who were waited on by the students. A wonderful example of purposeful learning transferred into a real life context and strong connections being created beyond the classroom.

This purposeful learning continued this week with Year 4-8 travelling into the city for a 'Big Day Out' to study the spaces and new structures within the city. The students were taken on an escorted Gap Filler Tour, spent some inquiry learning time at the Margaret Mahy playground and walked the banks of the Avon River to the Museum observing how the design of spaces informs how people interact. I was delighted to be able to attend this trip with them and as always was so proud of the way our students conduct themselves when out and about.

Kind regards ~ nga mihi nui,

Judy Cooke
Tumuaki ~ Principal

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Calendar

September

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| 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 |

Assembly Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates in Assembly last Friday.

Tui Tia, Finn M, Zoey, Murdoch and Heidi

Korimako Aria, Tom, Neve, Brooke and Rileigh

Piwakawaka Connor, Zoe and Ella

Kereru Bethany, Finn and Alex

School Disco

The Governors Bay School Disco will be on Friday 13th September at Allandale Hall - A Spooky Friday 13th theme, details to follow and tickets available from the office from next Monday.

Year 8 Wellington Trip & Space Camp 2020

Toby McEwen, past Governors' Bay School student and past School Co-leader, is currently fundraising for his Cashmere High School science trip to Space Camp, Huntsville Alabama in April 2020.

Toby really enjoyed and got a lot out of his Year 8 trip to Wellington and it has inspired him towards expanding his horizons and furthering his learning experiences and he hopes to inspire the current Governors Bay School students to take advantage of what is on offer for them as they move towards High School.

For the rest of this school year Toby and his family will be offering the Cashmere Cuisine sausages and the Bakehouse buns for \$4.00 each, with proceeds going towards both trips. Please see attached order form for September. Please note the money for this needs to be deposited into the bank account on the order form and not the school bank account.

Headlice

Presently we have a few cases of Head Lice in the school. Please see attached information on how to manage Head Lice.

What Now

Families are invited to register online to be part of the live screening of What Now on Sunday 8th September, at Te Ana Marina, Harbour Whakaraupo, Lyttelton.

This is a FREE family fun event in our community!

To register online to be part of the audience go to www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

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Ski Day

The day had come and the sun had not even risen yet, as 51 very excited and nervous students prepared themselves for the annual Year 4 to 8 ski trip. It was an amazing day of sun, skiing, fun and first times. The students were incredible the way they encouraged each other, supported the novice skiers and put themselves out of their comfort zone to try new things. We crashed, we laughed, we got up again but we had so many incredible experiences and positive outcomes.

The children really lived up to our Governors Bay values of Courage and Hauora and as teachers, we felt really proud to hear the lovely feedback about our students from the general public. A huge thank you to Katie Lucas, Judy, and Rebecca for all the organisation and admin work behind the scenes to make this day so successful.



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Thanks to Mountain View High School for the wonderful jazz band performance.



School Holiday Programme

'Back To Our Roots' school holiday programmes are one or two-day sessions that focus on a particular skill, combined with eco-literacy games, sensory activities, waiata, storytelling and free play. In October, we have sessions on the farm (both the sheep and Dairy farm) at Orton Bradley, herbal medicine in Little River, and a fire-making workshop in Purau.

The fire-making workshop will be led by an expert facilitator and artisan (25 years) who is coming down from Auckland to share his knowledge. This is not to be missed and will be sold out. <https://www.bushfarmschool.com/holiday-programmes> and or facebook events, <https://www.facebook.com/Bush-Farm-School-131728890869354/events/admin/>