

Welcome to SCHOOL
LEARN to school
experiment WONDER
Play shine GROW
INSPIRE SHARE
Explore DREAM
MAKE FRIENDS Have
enjoy PRETEND Fun
imagine SMILE
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Welcome to all new students and families—we hope you settle into your new class and make many new friends: Patricia McAuley, Akata Nataro, Brooklyn Daley-Vaega, Shiloh Walker, Heather Dowson, Orlando Neilson, Caidence Burns.

24 March 2017

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28 March Botanical Garden Visit
31 March Y6 Touch Rugby
5 April Have a Go Sports Day
Last day Term 1 13 April
Term 2 starts 1 May
18 May Class Photos taken
Term One 31 January 13 April
Term Two 1 May 7 July
Term Three 24 July 29 September
Term Four 16 October 14 December

NEWSLETTER



TREAD LIGHTLY CARAVAN

For the last two weeks, the school has had the Tread Lightly Caravan visiting. The students in Year 1 and 2 took part in the Great Veggie Project as an activity during their class session. Students planted their own radish seeds to take home as an activity to do with their family. They learnt about where to put different types of rubbish and where water goes when it goes down a storm drain.

The year 3 to 8 students used a computer touchscreen to answer simple questions about their lifestyles (e.g. what is in their lunch box, how they get to school).

The result was expressed as the number of "Earths" needed if everyone used the same amount of resources as the children are currently using.

Students also used a video microscope to get a closer look at nature. They looked at compost and other animal/plant specimens to gain an appreciation of the intricacy of nature and the importance of an ecosystem. The students saw the decomposition rate of different types of waste in a landfill and learnt why it is important to minimise the amount of waste created.

The response from the students was really positive and they are motivated to learn more!



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Nature, nature, everywhere...



Everywhere you look around school, students are drawing or writing about nature, growing something in a pot in their classroom, or discovering information about the natural world around them.

REDOUBT SPORTS UPDATE

Our Intermediate Boys and Girls Softball teams both finished 2nd in their pools at the South Eastern Zone Tournament, both just narrowly missing out on making the finals.

The Intermediate Girls Cricket Team have been playing a weekly cricket game every Wednesday afternoon. Last week we hosted Mission Heights Junior College on our new school cricket wicket. Our girls team won with 159 runs to 109, placing 3rd overall for the afterschool competition.

Our Intermediate Futsal teams played exceptionally well at the South Eastern Zone Tournament at Sancta Maria this week. They are now continuing to train and prepare for Intermediate Football Tournaments at the beginning of next term.

The Primary Girls Cricket Team had an amazing day last week at their tournament winning all games in their pool play and ending up 4th overall. The boys cricket team also had a great day with very close results, including a draw against the tournament champions Bairds Mainfrieht.

Our Primary Mixed Rippa Rugby team worked extremely hard to be placed top of their pool at the Southern Challenge Cup this week. They went on to win their quarter final and then be narrowly defeated in their semi final. They were placed 4th out of the 20 mixed rippa teams that participated.

Our Primary Touch Teams will participate in the Otago Primary Schools Touch Tournament next Friday 31st March at Bruce Pulman Park.



ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Aspire Scholarship is available again this year for Year 8 students entering College next year. The scholarship has been designed for students from low income families who would like their child to attend a private New Zealand secondary school. The scholarship contributes up to \$15,000 per year for private secondary school fees and up to \$1,500 per year for course related costs.

Applications close Friday 19 May 2017.

All Year 8 students will be bringing home an information sheet so please check with your child or contact the office for further details on 2639060.

UNIFORM

A reminder that students are required to wear correct uniform at all times. A note from a parent is required for unforeseen circumstances when a student does not have the correct clothing. Winter uniform is now available to purchase from the school office. Children are allowed to wear their own rain jacket to school during wet weather.

JEWELLERY AND MAKEUP

A reminder that students may only wear watches and culturally sensitive jewellery to school. Loss of valuable items can be distressing and we ask that you support this request. Please also be aware that students are not allowed to wear any makeup to school.

Jane Milner—Principal