



Monday, 25th February 2019

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

This Friday we have our very own school athletics day. Our 8, 9 & 10 year old students will still be representing our school at the annual All Saints Zone event at the end of March. However this year we want to give every student the chance to participate in our own athletics day. The event will be held here at school and every student, from our newest 5 year old through to our oldest 13 year old, will participate in running, jumping and throwing activities.

Students are to come dressed in comfortable sports clothing that matches their House Colour – there is no need to buy coloured clothing specifically for athletics! Just find something as close as possible.

Parents and whānau are welcome to come along and cheer on our students. An approximate plan for the day is below.

Schedule:

- 10:00am-11:30am: Field Events (High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put & 800m)
- 11:30am-11:45am: Morning Tea
- 11:45am-12:45pm: Field Events continued
- 12:45pm-1:15pm: Lunch
- 1:15pm: Sprints
- 2:00pm: Relays

Our final event for the day will see our school houses racing against some of the staff members and parent teams. It promises to be a fun day for all!

The students have been practising their athletics skills over the past few weeks in preparation for this Friday. I believe that athletics provides a great way for our students to actively demonstrate our school values. Although some students will be seeking to win their events, for others simply completing the event will be a huge success. Philippians 4:13 reminds me “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Please encourage your children to do their best and I pray that it will be an enjoyable and meaningful day for everyone.

Please be sure to carefully read the notices included in this newsletter to keep up-to-date with events/activities happening here at SACS. I pray you all have a blessed week and I hope to see lots of you supporting our students on Friday.

God Bless,

Josh Taylor
Principal

We strive to be a school of

GROWTH

- G** – Godliness
- R** – Rich Relationships
- O** – Ownership of Mastery
- W** – Wisdom in Decisions
- T** – Transformational Learning
- H** – Harvest Focus

Value of the Term



Upcoming Events

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| John Parsons Visit | Feb 26 |
| School Athletics | Mar 1 |
| All Saints Athletics | Mar 22 |
| BoT Meeting | Mar 25 |

2019 Term Dates

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| <i>Term One</i> | 28th Jan - 12th Apr |
| <i>Term Two</i> | 29th Apr - 5th Jul |
| <i>Term Three</i> | 22nd Jul - 27th Sep |
| <i>Term Four</i> | 14th Oct - 13th Dec |

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following students who celebrated a birthday during the last two weeks!

- Gideon Tily - 6
- Kitiona Siu - 7
- Caleb Auld - 7
- Kingston McClutchie - 10
- Mr Harvey - ???

John Parsons Cyber Safety Visit

Tomorrow at 7pm, we are having a special event at our school. John Parsons visited our school last year and shared an outstanding presentation about keeping our children safe online in an ever changing digital world. Tomorrow he is returning to share with us again. All those who attended last year will attest to how important his message is. Cyber Safety is a crucial subject facing our children's generation. It would be great to see you all come along to hear Mr John Parsons share information and strategies around how we can keep children safe online.

Attendance is Important!

Regular school attendance is defined by the Ministry of Education as students attending school at least 90% of days the school is open. Unfortunately our school only has 55% of our students attending regularly, with 15% of our students attending school less than 80%. I am aware there are many circumstances which prevent students from attending school, however I would like to see our statistics improve. There is plenty of research available which shows the importance high attendance can have on student learning. Let's work together to help our students learn to be the best they can be!

Term 1 Accounts

Marlena has sent home the Term 1 school accounts. We would appreciate prompt payments. Term 1 accounts must be cleared by the start of Term 2. Automatic payments are a great way to keep on top of payments. However please check your automatic payments to ensure the amount is sufficient to cover the full amount owed.

If you would prefer to receive your child/ren's statement via email, please advise Marlena - office@sacs.school.nz.

School Bus Behaviour

Each family who use our bus service have received a copy of our bus user agreement. In light of recent poor behaviour on the bus, please speak with your children regarding the behaviour which is expected on our school bus. Students who continue to disobey the instructions of the driver may no longer be allowed to access this service.

Prayer Group

Our prayer group has re-commenced for 2019. Please join our group every Friday afternoon from 2:45-3:00pm who meet in the school staffroom to pray. They pray for our students, staff and for our school. All are invited so please come along if you can make it!

Address & Contact Details Update

Please remember to inform the school if you have changed address, phone number or email address. It is important we have your current details. Thank you.

NO TUCK SHOP TOMORROW

On Tuesday 26th February, there will be no Tuck Shop service. Please provide your child/ren's lunch tomorrow. Tuck Shop will resume next week. Thank you.

School Camp 2019

This year we are altering the way we run school camp. In the past our Year 6-8 students have had a week-long camp every year. Due to the increase in students, we are re-structuring our camp programme. This year (and into the future), we will be running two camps, as follows:

- Year 7/8 Camp: 4 nights
- Year 5/6 Camp: 2 nights

In 2019 our Year 7/8 Camp will be in Dunedin and our Year 5/6 Camp will be at Camp Columba near Gore. Both camps are scheduled for Term 3. Further details about the camps including costs will be available later in the term. If you have any questions about this, please speak with Josh.

Board of Trustees Elections

This year we have our Triennial Board of Trustees elections. If you are interested in being a Parent Representative on our school board then it is recommended you take part in the Korari Programme which provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of School Board of Trustees. These sessions will be rolling out in Term 1 & 2. For further information please contact NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) or speak with Josh. Thanks!

Kōrari

"Kōrari really helped me understand what it's like to be a school trustee"



Kōrari - a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

For more information contact us on 0800 782 435.



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Healthy Lunchboxes

It has been great to see those families who have been making an effort to send their children to school with healthy lunches. I have noticed a greater amount of fresh fruit and vegetables over the past two weeks. We are still noticing a high number of sugary "snack foods". Each newsletter we will be including a snippet from the Heart Foundation about how to improve children's lunches. This week's snippet is about containers and equipment.

Containers / Equipment

A re-freezable ice-block can come in handy for keeping food fresh and safe in the warmer months. Or freeze your water bottle and pack it next to any meat or milk products.

You can save on using cling film wrap by having a few little containers for each type of food.

Portioning off single serves of food bought in bulk saves money. You could use little re-sealable containers or bags for each portion. Some examples are:

Yoghurt made at home or bought in 1kg packs

Dried fruit & nut mixes (your own combinations are cheaper than buying a premixed combo)

Slices of low-fat or reduced fat cheese from a 1kg block

Wholegrain cereals, wholegrain crackers, plain popcorn

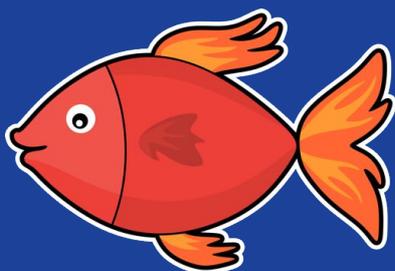


Rosedale Community Playgroup

If you have children aged 0-5, we would love you to come along to our playgroup. It's a great place to meet other Mums/Dads and caregivers. Hours are Thursday 9:30am-11:30am, free play for the first hour then a yummy morning tea for both children and adults followed by a music session. Cost is a gold coin donation. Corner of Bourke and Exmouth Street.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Cassandra Osbourne and Annette Beardsley for volunteering to clean our fish tank! Our fish are loving their new clean environment. Your service to our school is truly appreciated!



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our school once installed.



In the Junior Room we have been learning about Our City and Our Community.

Lately we have been writing reports about places in the city that we know about.

Here are some samples so far...

