



NORTH LOBURN SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

Vision: To nurture well-rounded citizens of the future with a lifelong passion for learning.

Good luck to all the children performing their kapa Haka routine today.



Welcome to Week 3 / Term 3 2017 - Monday 7th August



Book Buddies - time to read together.

Developing Lifelong Learners

The Collins English Dictionary defines "lifelong learning" as "the provision or use of both formal and informal learning opportunities throughout people's lives in order to foster the continuous development and improvement of the knowledge and skills needed for employment and personal fulfillment. Our school vision statement talks about 'nurturing well-rounded citizens with a lifelong passion for learning'. So, I thought that for this week's newsletter I would explore the idea of lifelong learners and what we can all be doing to help our children.

To develop and nurture our children to be lifelong learners is one of the best things we can do for them. We want to raise children who are not just knowledgeable but who are also self-motivated to learn on their own. As teachers and parents we want to equip children with life skills such as: being curious; independent; sensitive to the needs of others; expressive — these skills are what matter as they go through life. We should be looking to encourage them to be able to ask questions, but at the same time, be willing to go looking for an answer.

So what are some things that we can be doing to help our children become lifelong learners. My belief as a parent and a teacher is that one of the greatest things we can do for our children is to model the love of learning. Whether we are working with the children as teachers or working with them as parents, showing them that we are learning with them, that we are willing to give things a go and get things wrong, talking to them about what they are learning, sharing our challenges together and acknowledging our uniqueness as learners - these are all steps that will go a long way to developing the passion for lifelong learning that we are aiming for.

Ngā mihi nui
Darryn Ward

PRIDE CUP WINNERS

The winners for the PRIDE cups last week were:

Kowhai - Joshua Thompson
Rimu - Adrian Underwood
Manuka - Hamish Webb
Kahikatea - Yasmine Houghton
Kauri - Amy Calder
Totara - Millie Foreman



Well done
to Rimu -
last week's
winner

Giga's Quote of the week!



The capacity to learn is
a *gift*; the ability to
learn is a *skill*; the
willingness to learn is a
choice.

Brian Herbert

Kapa Haka

If your child is involved in the Christchurch Kapa Haka Festival **or** you have bought tickets for the evening performance, **your child will be given an envelope at school today**. This will **contain your tickets**, plus a paper copy of what is happening on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th August. Please read the notice carefully and make sure you follow the guidelines given.

We are hoping that most of the children involved in this performance will go home early on Friday 18th so they can be well rested and organised for the evening performance. Any children going home early will be able to get their hot lunches from 11.45am onward, i.e. when we arrive back for the rehearsal and before going home. If you have any further queries please contact Anne or Lois.

It's SCARECROW making time again!

Kahikatea are making scarecrows for an enviro project to put in the garden to scare the birds away. Kahikatea were wondering if you had any old clothes at home like: old scarfs, gumboots, gardening gloves, hats, wigs, necklaces, belts, dresses, tights, leggings, pants, shirt ...

These can be dropped in to Kahikatea at anytime over the next two weeks please.

Thanks.

Children Absence from School

With a large number of students away from school at the moment with the many winter bugs, this is a timely reminder to go over the procedure required for communicating their absence with the school. For all children's absences from school we are required, by law, to record these on our student management system. Each absence has a code that we are expected to put in, therefore it is imperative that parents let the office or classroom teacher know in the morning that a child is away and the reason for this. If we are unable to contact parents about a child being away and have not been informed of the reasons why then this is marked as truant. Your support in communicating with the school about your child being away is always appreciated.

North Loburn School - Ashley Fun Run

The North Loburn School Ashley Fun run is fast approaching. Before you know it the 3rd September will be upon us and hundreds of people will be heading off on the various distances they have chosen to conquer this year.

With the postponement of the trail ride earlier in the year, the Fun Run takes on a lot more significance for the school in terms of fundraising projects. I know the organisers are aiming for the 2017 Fun Run to be biggest yet so dust off your walking and running shoes and come and support this great event.

The event organisers are still looking for help to ensure this year's event is successful. There are a number of different ways where you can help. An email is being sent out today outlining these as well. It doesn't matter how big or small the job is - it will be hugely appreciated. Please read through the list of jobs to see where you can help out.

If you have not been involved in the Fun Run before then we would love to see you there this year - either as a competitor or as a helper. It is a great day out.

For more information on this event you can visit the school webpage and go to the Events Info tab under What's on, or go to <https://hikingnewzealand.com/north-loburn-fun-run/>

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Chocolate Fundraiser - Mikey Ilett

This Friday Mikey Ilett from Kahikatea will again be selling chocolate in his classroom after school. This is to help him raise funds for a tournament in Auckland. The bars are \$2 and there are a variety of flavours available. Come along on Friday after school and support this very worthy cause.

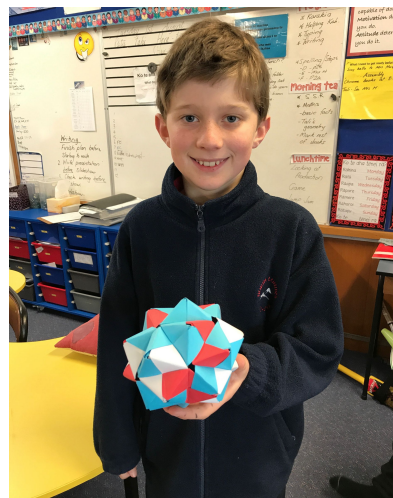
Student Led Learning at its Best

Last week Tali Lawry decided to become the teacher for his class. He took it upon himself to ask Mrs Hughes if he could teach the children in his class how to make these wonderful shapes that you see in the picture.

What started out as a fun activity has now taken on a life of it's own with many of the children carrying the activity on in their own time.

Because of Tali's enthusiasm this was also ticked off as a Summit Challenge.

In an age where schools are looking to develop students who can lead their own learning - this is certainly a fine example of that. Thanks Tali for sharing your knowledge with the class.



Parent Teacher Calendar App

If you have already done so you can download the Parent Teacher Calendar App for free. North Loburn School is on the APP.

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CoL - Puketeraki Update

Last week the BoT chairs, other BoT members and principals from all 17 schools in the CoL gathered together to receive an update on progress to date. The start of this meeting was an opportunity to remind all members of the key purpose of the CoL - that being to allow teachers to collaborate on a level that has not been experienced before and then to be able to share and discuss data that is being gathered across all schools within our achievement targets.

As a CoL we are extremely fortunate to have such a strong leadership team with David Taylor from Fernside keeping things ticking along. A strong message from the meeting last week was the fact that the data is not the main focus at the moment, and that it is about creating the strong collaborative connections across all schools. The data will become an area for further exploration later on. At present the leaders of the CoL see a real need to develop strong leadership within each school (within school leaders), across the schools and within the CoL. The sharing of current best practice and reporting back to the CoL from in-school leaders has also been a worthwhile activity for many of our teachers, they have been able to observe in settings very different to their own.

I believe that the future for our CoL is certainly looking positive. I will continue to keep you updated as we go.

Year 0-3 Cricket Awareness

This week our Year 0-3 classes will be involved in Cricket Awareness sessions which will be run at school by members of the Canterbury Country Cricket Association.

These are introductory sessions aimed at raising the awareness of the sport in the area. I attended a meeting recently where changes to junior cricket across New Zealand were shared and discussed. These changes will certainly be exciting and while I cannot reveal too much, they will help to make the sport for our younger children more exciting.

I am sure that our Year 0-3 students will enjoy the sessions this week.

Production Update

Last week the auditions were held for the main speaking roles in the school production. This was not an easy task as all of the children who auditioned were great. In the end the decision was made to cast the following children in these roles:

Annette Curtain (mum) to be played by Georgia Stephens

Iva Curtain (son) to be played by Campbell Richardson

Poly Curtain (daughter) to be played by Amelia Green

Ester Curtain (daughter) to be played by Lucy Illett

Narrator to be played by Ranger Leary

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge those children who missed out on a role. I was very impressed with the maturity they showed in accepting the decision. Thank you for that! It says a lot about the character of our students here at North Loburn.

Rehearsals for the main characters will begin this week. Keep an ear out for further updates on the production.

Success.... at last!



Success at last!
Thanks Tali for
teaching me
how to make
this.

North Loburn School - Calendar for August / September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7/8 Kapa Haka Y2-6 swimming	8/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme - full day) BOT meeting	9/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme -half day)	10/8 REACH - ski trip	11/8 Friday Assembly
14/8 Kapa Haka Y2-6 swimming	15/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme - full day) Root to Tip 9-1	16/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme -half day) Sports Coaching	17/8	18/8 Friday Assembly Kapa Haka Festival (morning rehearsal)
21/8 Kapa Haka Y2-6 swimming	22/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme - full day)	23/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme -half day) Cantamaths	24/8	25/8 Friday Assembly
28/8 Kapa Haka Y2-6 swimming	29/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme - full day)	30/8 Y7/8 tech (new programme -half day) Current events quiz	31/8 Y4-8 speech 1-3	1/9 Friday Assembly
4 / 9 Kapa Haka Y2-6 swimming	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9 Quad School Speeches
11/9 Kapa Haka Y2-6 swimming	12/9	13/9 Sports Boys	14/9	15/9 Basketball starts
18/9 Kapa Haka Y2-6 swimming	19/9 Production Matinee	20/9 Production Evening	21/9 Production Evening	22/9 Basketball

Classifieds

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