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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday June 7 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WEEKLY CERTIFICATE WINNERS

- Summer** - for awesome effort improving your pencil grip
- Jean** - always taking such pride in your work
Lilly - your work ethic is awesome, you keep focused and on task
Sam - for being a very caring and honest class member of room 2
Jack W - great strategy of rounding decimals to the nearest whole number
Hollie - for listening to advice and showing resilience
Stella - awesome independent writing
Josh - for thoughtful and interesting writing
Isabella M - a wonderful piece of writing based on the 'Little House' story
Fletcher - great dictionary work when editing your writing
Blake - for showing such delightful enthusiasm for spelling testing
Leah - for showing resilience when you didn't have an easy week with sore eyes
Sophie - for gobbling up errors with the green gobbler
Riley G - settling into life at Balfour School so quickly

VALUES AWARD RECIPIENT

Bede Roy

Bede is a great role model for following the Balfour school rules and helping others to do the same. If he is involved in any playground problems, he helps by encouraging the other children to listen to each other. He can always be relied upon to give a clear and honest recount of any playground issues. He will own up responsibly if the problem was created by him.

He is honest with his learning. He works hard in areas that he wants to improve in. He understands that good focus will help himself and others around him. He can work well within a group, showing good manners and sharing ideas. He can often be heard giving honest feedback or praise to other children.

Bede is able to take advice and reflect on his behaviour, taking responsibility for it.

Thank you for stepping up to be a Big Year 4 role model in Room 1, Bede

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jud Duffy

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Monday 17 June - Board of Trustees meeting
 Tuesday 25 June - Marae Visit
 Friday 5 July - Last day term 2

ASSEMBLY

The Assembly group for next week will be room:
 Reminder assembly commences at 10.00am.
 You are welcome to join the staff for morning
 Tea following assembly.



SPORTS UNIFORMS AND TRACKSUITS

With our growing numbers in the school we have recently purchased new uniforms and tracksuits. We would like to sincerely thank the Home and School for their kindness in purchasing these uniforms. Our old tracksuits are all contained in individual numbered waterproof bags to keep them protected and in a tidy condition. These bags were all sponsored by a local business with their logo printed on the bags when they were purchased and we would like to know if there is anybody out there who would like to sponsor the new bags for the new tracksuits. There will need to be 13 bags purchased. Please contact the office if you are able to help with this.

NORTHERN CROSS COUNTRY

Awesome effort from all our competitors yesterday. Balfour students all performed well as they raced around the track. Special thank you to David Baker, Justine Williams and Andrea Bulleid for helping to marshal on the day.

Top 8 place-getters:

8 Year Old Boys	9 Year Old Boys	10 Year Old Boys	11 Year Old Boys
Zabien Roy - 8th	Jack Wilkins - 5th	Aiden McLean - 7th	Cooper Wilkins - 1st * Maverick Pennicott - 4th* Oliver King - 7th Jacob Elder - 8th
8 Year Old Girls	9 Year Old Girls	10 Year Old Girls	11 Year Old Girls
Isabella McFelin - 7th Maddie Duff - 8th		Isla Hailes - 3rd * Honor Collins - 4th * Scarlet Baker - 6th * Carrie Bullmore - 7th	Nyah Roy - 7th

* Children with an asterix after their name have qualified for the Southland Cross Country at Waimumu on Friday 21 June. Mrs Leach will send home more information next week.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Last Friday, Ollie, Jacob, Carly, Kyle, Miss Allan and Mrs Leach attended the National Young Leaders Day in Dunedin. This was an amazing event where the key focus was:

‘He aha te kai a te rangatira? He korero, he korero, he korero.

What is the food of a leader? It is conversation.

Various captivating speakers addressed the large audience, sharing their ideas and personal experiences to motivate developing leaders.

There were several key messages from the day, so we will just share a few with you.

If you'd like to hear more, please ask one of the people who attended.

* The voices you chose to listen to now will have a huge impact on your future.

* Words are incredibly powerful - they keep repeating in our heads.

* A good leader asks for help.

* If you want good answers, then you need to ask good questions.

* See the best in all people so they feel respected.

* Change is inevitable, growth is optional.

* Bullies demand respect but simply get compliance.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO TE RAU AROHA MARAE IN BLUFF



On **Tuesday 25 June 2019** we will be visiting Bluff Marae. We anticipate leaving school at 9am and will return in time for afternoon buses.

This is a special location to visit and will enhance everyone's knowledge of Maori culture, tikanga and te reo.

We will be taking buses to Bluff.

There is a \$10 koha per person to attend this trip. (This cost includes a delicious morning tea).

Any parent who is interested in attending with us, please contact Paulette to register your interest.

paulette@balfour.school.nz

Further information will be sent home prior to the trip.

At the moment only 2 parents have offered to join us for this trip. Please contact Paulette to secure your place on this valuable school trip. We need your support to be able to take the entire school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo orders and payment were due into the office on Weds. Late orders were accepted Thursday and today. If you still want to order school photos then please contact Geoff Horrell Photography direct.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend. It was great to hear reports from our young leaders who had a great day in Dunedin last Friday. Ollie, Jacob, Carly and Kyle were very fortunate to attend this event.

One of the key messages picked up by Paulette at some PD during the week was for both children and parents to be 'present' for each other. I have been trying to be more mindful of this both at home and at work. Everyone's time is important and as parents, we need to make time to engage fully with our family and give them our full attention.

Modern technology is great but face to face interactions without distractions will make us feel more valued. Thanks Paulette for this valuable reminder.

This past couple of weeks I have been observing oral language and shared reading lessons in classes. It was great to see examples of Teachers actively teaching children the skills of asking open-ended questions, having 'thick and thin' conversations, whole body listening skills, extending vocabulary and teaching values (honesty) through buddy sharing of their own experience in response to a video clip. In many classes, the Teachers and Students were making the most of their Chromebooks and screens as tools for learning. You really are so lucky with the quality of teaching your children are getting. Keep in mind (when we are striking) that a 15-minute oral language lesson can take over an hour to plan and resource.

This has been a very short week with a long weekend and the Teacher Only Day tacked on to that. We spent the day with all staff from the Fiordland and Northern Southland Schools taking part in various workshops to do with implementing digital technology into the curriculum among other things. It was great to talk with other school leaders and reassuring to know that we are well along this journey and will be well prepared to implement the new curriculum in 2020.

Yesterday all the staff started training with our new software for our student management system 'MUSAC' Edge. This is an exciting new development and will result in smoother recording and sharing of student information electronically. Eventually, you will be asked to download the new app and will have access to the parent portal where you can see notices and reports for your child/children. Those of you who have children with St Peters will be familiar with the system.

Huge thanks to the Eaton family/Willow Lodge contracting and Grevillia Agriculture NZ for the generous donation to our school. Our community really looks after us and we are very fortunate.

Nga mihi

Kind regards

L Stevenson

FUTURE FERNS NETBALL
@ MLT EVENTS CENTRE, GORE
TERM 3
WEDNESDAYS, STARTING 24TH JULY
(YEAR 1 -YEAR 6)



Register Online @

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/netballeasternsouth//FutureFERNs-1>

Cost = \$40 per player. Bank Account details 03-1355-0541679-00, please use child's name as reference.

Please complete the permission slip and return to school by Friday 28th June, even if you have already registered your child. As this form is needed to sort the children into teams.

Any questions please feel free to contact me, Donna Wilkins, 0275384401.

NAME: _____

YEAR LEVEL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

SIGNED: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____