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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WEEKLY CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Cooper - for working extremely hard in Maths and using new strategies

Sam M - you listen carefully when others speak and ask questions to gain more information
Summer - for clearly clearly expressing your Maths ideas
Abigail - for showing how to be a great team leader
Annabelle M - for displaying strong values and encouraging others to make good choices
Maddie - for flying with punctuation
Lexie - for being a kind and caring member of room 5
Charlie - for fantastic learning and progress in Reading
Scarlet - great editing and re-crafting during writing time
Gordon - amazing effort in all areas of your writing
Dean - for great use of your basic facts to find a fraction of a number
Carly - for completing an amazing piece of explanation writing all on your own
Jayden - creating wonderful poetry work
Elliot - for starting the term so positively in all curriculum areas

VALUES AWARD RECIPIENT

Isabella-Rose McFelin

Isabella shows our Balfour School Value of Honesty in many different ways. She is honest about her actions and admits when she has lost or damaged something by accident. If she has forgotten to do something, she tells the people affected by this, immediately. If she finds someone else's property, she goes to great effort to return it to them.

She is also honest about her learning. She knows her strengths and weaknesses and always works hard and does her best. If she doesn't understand a task, she is honest by asking for support or more information so that she can complete it.

Her honesty is a shining star in our classroom and makes her well respected by others.

Thank you for being such an honest person... Isabella-Rose McFelin!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alice
Sophie
Lexi
Mica
Elijah

Elliot (absent for photo)

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Friday 10th May	- Ronald McDonald House Appeal (See further information below)
Monday 13th May	- Board of Trustees Meeting (7.30pm in the staffroom)
Wednesday 15th May	- School Photos - 9.30am
Friday 17th May	- Westpac Rescue Helicopter Appeal Day (further information below)
Friday 17th May	- John Parsons visit
Monday 20th May	- Home & School Meeting (7.30pm in the staffroom)
Thursday 23rd May	- Waimea Cross Country (more information to come)
Thursday 28th May	- National Flag Day (more information to come)
Monday 3rd June	- Queens Birthday Holiday (no school)
Tuesday 4th June	- Teacher only day (no school)

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.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Geoff Horrell will be here on Wednesday 15th May to take our school photos. There will be an opportunity to have family photos taken if you wish. Please return the attached form if you would like a family photo. Individual photos will be taken of every pupil at the school. We use these photos for our pupil profiles. But if for any reason you do not want an individual taken please let the school or the photographer know on the day.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE APPEAL - CAMO DRESS UP DAY

Next Friday May 11th we are in conjunction with the Playcentre, participating in a fundraiser to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House. This is a very worthy cause and we are asking children if possible to come dressed in Camo clothing or if you do not have camo gear to maybe wear something green or brown. A gold coin donation or amount of your discretion will be kindly accepted.



WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER APPEAL - WACKY HAIR DAY

In conjunction with the Rescue Helicopter Trust we are holding a fundraiser by way of a 'Wacky Hair Day' to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter



on Friday 17th May. None of know when we may be in need of this service and they do an amazing job in Southland and Otago. So go crazy with your wackiest hair do and a gold coin donation or an amount of your discretion will be kindly accepted.

SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool is now closed for the season. Please return your keys to the office

HELL READING CHALLENGE 2019

Balfour School will be registering our students to take part in this Nation-wide initiative to get kids reading and responding to books (and to pizza!) Each child will have a chart in the library which will be stamped when they give an age suitable book review. They need to complete seven book reviews during Terms 2 and 3. Then the chart is taken to Hells Pizza in Invercargill for redeeming a pizza. More info @ www.nzbookawards.nz/hell.reading.challenge!

HOME AND SCHOOL TOILET PAPER FUNDRAISER

The Home and School are once again doing a Toilet Paper fundraiser. The paper is from Cotton Soft and is seconds but is very good. Bales might be either 40's of 2 or 3 ply or 36's of long roll and are \$23 per bale. It is pot luck with what we get. Some rolls may also have tape on them. We have successfully done the fundraiser for the past 2 years so if you are unsure just ask another family about it. We should have some in stock the week of the 13th May. If you want to put your name down for some please text/phone Jody on 0272885978. This is not a hard sell as everyone needs toilet paper. It is also not expected for you to do so.

FRIDAY HOT LUNCHESES

Hot food is still available from the tavern on Fridays for lunch. Please refer to last terms newsletters for a menu. Or phone the office and we can email one to you.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

It is lovely to be back for Term 2. The school is looking beautiful with its Autumn colours and the children are still enjoying the sunshine outdoors and haven't seemed to notice the change in temperature. Long may it last!

Your class newsletter should have come home this week and all the news you need should be on there. Check out the dates for some dress up days coming up to raise money for different charities and some important events like a visit from John Parsons on the 17th. In the past, John Parsons has really opened our eyes to the challenges and potential dangers our children have access to on the internet. He has some very practical ideas that he will share with parents and children. Parents, teachers and children receiving the same information will help children to avoid exposure to inappropriate content or putting themselves or others at risk online. We don't yet have the timetable for John's day but we will let you know as soon as we have the details.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching our senior boys come out with a close win over Riversdale in rugby yesterday. What a tight and fierce competition. Our guys did some amazing defence and were putting in some monster tackles that made me cringe on the sideline. I was so proud of their commitment, their resilience and their determination yet positive attitude to the game. I was also really pleased to note that although some players found it acceptable to scream aggressively at their own teammates our Balfour boys were loud, clear, instructive and supportive without the negative tone. Well done boys! It was a real eye opener to me how physical and 'full on' the rugby is at your level. I am relieved that none of you turned up to school today broken.

Hockey is now underway too and once again we have many children practising and competing on different days of the week. Good luck for the season everyone. I hope to catch a game or two this term.

Please remember to ring with bus information before lunchtime to ensure that bus lists are updated and your children head off to the right place.

Good luck with duck shooting tomorrow. Stay safe out there everyone.

Nga mihi nui

Room 3 enjoyed pretending they had super powers this week. Enjoy reading their stories:

If I was a superhero I will fly over the school. I will rescue the kids and I would fly in the sky. By Eurie

I am flying and then I went into a tent because it was raining. By Marcie

I am cat girl and I have super powers I can scratch some robbers at school. "We are happy," said the people. I let one robber go and I have a car. By Sophie

I am super girl. I have super powers. I can fly to my house and I have super food. By Ryleigh

I am hulk and I smash into the second page. By Xavier

I can fly in the sky and I save the house. The house is safe. I fly to the school and it is safe too. Good job. By Summer

I am spiderman and I have a spiderman motorbike. I spider webbed robbers and then I went home. I had lots of fun. I save people. By Fletcher

I am bat boy and Mrs Roy is hulk. I fight with her. By Raven

I am sleeping in a blue tent and then I go outside and smash things. By Sam

I am spiderman and I have a bat car. I get bad guys. The bad guys in my car. By Ollie

Kind regards

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CONSENT FORM FOR FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY

**GEOFF HORRELL
PHOTOGRAPHY**

Please complete and return to school

Family Name **Phone**
Number

Number of children

Preschoolers
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Signed

