



"To Be All I Can"

FOR YOUR DIARY

12.6	Assembly, 2pm - Room 6 leading
17.6	Junior Syndicate trip to Museum
23.6	ICAS - Spelling/Writing
23.6	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
24.6	Welcome to New Families Morning Tea, 9am in the staffroom
25.6	Gymnastics Grade A
26.6	Gymnastics Grade B
26.6	Assembly, 2pm - Room 2 leading
30.6	PTA Meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom
2.7	Takaka Sports Exchange
3.7	End of Term 2
20.7	Start of Term 3

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the weather the way it is just now it seems more than an ideal time to write about keeping children healthy and well. The Ministry of Health have informed us of the rising threat of an influenza pandemic and we are currently reviewing all our processes to ensure that everything is in place if and when this occurs. Basically, to minimise the effect of the currently topical 'swine' flu and the now less mentioned 'bird' flu we are asked to promote good hygiene practice such as hand washing and encouragement to families to keep children who are unwell at home.

Therefore we kindly ask that you review the following actions with your children to protect yourself and others against respiratory illness:

- **Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing**
- **Use a tissue and dispose of this once used**
- **Always wash hands after coughing and sneezing or disposing of tissues**
- **Keep your hands away from your mouth, nose, and eyes**
- **Avoid contact with individuals at risk (e.g. people with underlying or chronic illnesses such as immune suppression or lung disease) until the influenza-like symptoms have resolved**
- **Avoid contact with people who have influenza-like symptoms**
- **Ask everyone to use a tissue and cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing and to wash and dry their hands afterwards**
- **Please note that the most effective hand washing and drying involves 20 seconds of washing followed by 20 seconds of drying.**

All very obvious but still worth reviewing.

The Public Health Service also suggests that any travellers who have visited countries where the pandemic risk is highest (Australia included) should remain off school for a period of seven days following their return to NZ. At this point in time this is not a compulsory requirement but a very effective way of ensuring that someone does not unwittingly bring influenza into the school environment.

Also, without wishing to cause undue concern, there is a real possibility that we may have to close the school at some point. This could take place immediately should a student or staff member be found to have swine flu. We will do everything possible to notify families as quickly as possible should this happen. We are aware of the significant disruption this could cause families and therefore kindly ask that you give serious consideration as to how you may manage such a situation should it arise.

With this in mind we ask if families could ensure that we have their most recent contact details including the names of two emergency contacts. If you are unsure as to whether we have your correct details then please give our office a call. We would rather confirm that your records with us are correct than find later that we don't have contact with you when it's needed the most.

Best wishes with all of this.

Regards,

Neil Chalmers
Principal

Thanks to ...

Many thanks to the Elliston family who have donated apples to the school. The students have really appreciated these.

Grateful thanks to Sally Miller for making the crab apple jelly for us to sell. This raised \$56.50!!

WRITING FROM ROOM 6

Persuade Me!

We have been learning to write persuasive essays in Room 6. Some people say the mirror should have lied to Snow White's stepmother. What do you think? Read the following essays to help you decide.

Tell the truth!

I think that the mirror should have told the truth to Snow White's evil stepmother.

Firstly, Snow White was saved from being a slave to the Queen. The huntsman told her to run off into the forest, which freed her from the evil Queen.

Secondly, Snow White would have never met the seven dwarves, who became her new friends.

Last of all, Snow White would have never met the Prince. If the mirror lied Snow White would have been lying there forever and she would have never found her true love, Prince Charming.

Therefore, I think that the mirror should have told the truth to Snow White's evil stepmother because Snow White wouldn't have to be a slave to the Queen for the rest of her life. She met the seven dwarves and she met the love of her life, Prince Charming.

by Stella

Mirror mirror on the wall.

I believe that the extremely confused mirror should have lied to the evil, scary, angry stepmother of Snow White.

Firstly, the mirror should have lied because then the stepmother would have been happy and not tried to kill precious little Snow White.

Secondly, the mirror should have lied because the huntsman would never have left poor Snow White in the forest all on her own to become a slave to the seven dwarves. She wouldn't have met the seven dwarves who are naughty little rascals.

Thirdly, sometimes it's okay to lie if you are trying to protect somebody you love like kind, little Snow White.

Also, Snow White wouldn't have married Prince Ugly who isn't even a bit charming!

Finally, the mirror should have lied because then Snow White wouldn't have gone through all that trouble like being poisoned, becoming a slave, meeting the seven mean dwarves and marrying Prince Ugly.

by Maisie

ASHTON BOOK CLUB A reminder that the Ashton Book Club orders are due in tomorrow.

Congratulations

To Tarryn and Jade (Room 5) who were selected for the primary netball representative squad and will be travelling to Blenheim for a tournament. Well done.

At the regional Nelson Gymnastics competition held on 7 June, the following results were achieved:

Hannah Reade - Silver medal for 2nd place overall Level 3.

Natasha Potts - 2nd place, Level 3 beam.

Lydia Campbell-Robinson - 5th place overall Level 4 and 3rd place beam.

Year 7/8 Tackle Rugby 7's, Motueka Tournament

Last Thursday, a group of keen rugby players travelled to Motueka to play other schools in the Year 7/8 tackle rugby tournament. We entered two teams, combining with players from Tasman School. The boys played with determination, showed good rugby skills and had some success. They enjoyed perfect rugby playing conditions at Sports Park Motueka - a little cool, but no frost!

The final, played between Parklands and Brooklyn Schools, showed that having a depth of rugby talent is a great advantage when playing 7's.

The Mapua 1 team of Joni, Zac, Lucas, Connor, Storm, Jordan, Eric (Tasman) and Tayne (Tasman), played 4 games, won 1, drew 1 and lost two. They played off for 7th and 8th but narrowly lost that game 4 - 3, placing the team 8th.

The Mapua 2 team of Kurtis, Sean, Jake, Patrick, Keegan, Nikau, Michael, Pieter (Tasman), Jaime (Tasman) and Brad (Tasman), played 5 games, won 3 and lost 2. They played off for 5th and 6th, narrowly winning 4 - 3, placing the team 5th.

Thanks to Lesley, Phil and Tim for providing transport and support for the boys, and thanks also to the Tasman boys for joining in so well. We would have been short without them.

Blog of the Week - this week the honour goes to an individual not a class. Congratulations Eden Penfold your blog is Blog of the Week. Check out what Eden has to say at <http://edenswriting.blogspot.com> <<http://edenswriting.blogspot.com>> / or go to Room 7's blog and click on the link on the right hand side.

WANTED

Struan McKenzie is hoping to start a school ukulele orchestra and is needing some ukuleles!! If you have one that is spare it could be put to very good use at school. Please bring them in to Struan in Room 4.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

MIND ADVENTURE DAY!

On Wednesday, 24 June we are hosting a one-day-only MAD (Mind Adventure Day) session to allow you and your child to get a little taster of what One Day School, a gifted education programme, is all about. This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged children to experience what One Day School would be like – an exciting 2 hour session to explore and enjoy. There are two sessions: a morning session for 6 – 8 year olds, and an afternoon session for 9 – 13 year olds. The session cost is \$30 per child.

Contact Leanne, our Nelson Area Coordinator, to book a place at either of these sessions - (03) 544-2788 or email leanne.pressman@giftededucation.org.nz. Spaces MUST be booked and paid in advance, and are strictly limited. Please contact us for more details or to book a space.

The Gifted Education Centre was established in 1995 (originally as the George Parkyn Centre for Gifted Education) to promote professional support services for gifted children and all those living and working with them, and is a registered non-profit charitable trust. For more information please see our website at: www.giftededucation.org.nz

We are currently running TWO education programmes out of our new host school - Appleby:

- The ONE DAY SCHOOL – for 6 to 12 year olds once per week, and
- SMALL POPPIES - a new extension programme once per week for inquisitive 2 ½ to 6 year olds!

Interested? Contact 03-544-2788 or leanne.pressman@giftededucation.org.nz!

July School Holidays Football Camp, Saxton Field, July 6th - 10th from 9.00am-1.00pm. \$20.00 per day or \$80.00 for the week. Registration forms at the school office and enquiries to Conal Parkes 548 8405.

PINOCCHIO is being performed by Imagine Theatre at Memorial Hall Motueka from Tuesday, June 9th - Friday June 12th at 7pm and Saturday June 13th @ 2pm. The show is approximately 2 hours long. It is shaping up to be a fantastic performance by all involved. Tickets can be purchased from Unichem in Motueka or at the door.