



Term 4 ~14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

### Assembly / Mass / Prize giving

This was held earlier today - thank you to those parents and extended family and friends that attended it was good to see a good turnout. What about the kids singing and Kapa Haka? - aren't we just the greatest little school - congratulations to all the kids and to Fiona and Jo for pulling it all together. Please see attached below Mrs Ree's end of year speech for those of you that didn't manage to attend, and a list of the prize winners.

### Sport Prizes

Overall Junior	Liam Clark
Overall Senior Girl	Emma Goodwin
Overall Senior Boy	Patrick McHugh
Skiing Prize	Savannah Clark

### RE and Class Prizes

RE Senior Years	Amy Molyneux
RE Junior Years	Alex Aquino
Citizenship Room 1	Soni Ahotaeiloa
Citizenship Room 2	Isabel Hutana
Diligence Room 1	Sam Coldicott
Diligence Room 2	Conor McGrath

### Speech Awards

Year 7/8	AJ Aquino
Year 5/6	Patrick McHugh
Year 3/4	Isabel Hutana
Year 1/2	Conor McGrath

### Topic Prizes

Literacy Senior	Fritz Pajo
Literacy Junior	Hunter Dirks
Mathematics Senior	Ted Herlihy
Mathematics Junior	Riley Fitzgerald
Art Senior	AJ Aquino
Art Junior	Matthew Go

### School Academic Prizes

Most Improved Senior	Sam Coldicott
Most Improved Junior	Riley Fitzgerald
Overall Student Senior	Patrick McHugh
Overall Student Junior	Finn McGrath

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ecumenical Christmas Carols
Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 1 2018
<b>Feb 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Beach Education - please see attachment</b>



To those students that are leaving to start the next stage in there life at Mt Hutt College

AJ Aquino, Soni Ahotaeiloa, Sam Coldicott,  
Ted Herlihy, Patrick McHugh

We will miss you all, in many ways you have been inspirational to both the school and to other students old and young. Good luck and enjoy the next stage in your life and remember to come visit at any time as a lot of the junior kids would love to see you.

### School 2018

School for the New Year 2018 will start on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9am. Full summer uniform is to be worn and don't forget your togs!

### Stationary

**The stationary list will be emailed out to families during the Xmas holidays - please look out for this and ensure your child/ren have their supplies at the start of school.**

### Camp

What an awesome afternoon was had by all - kids joining in and sharing the scavenger hunt - sliding down the slippery water slide - enjoying an awesome hangi then dancing on down at the disco - sleep? Well that was hit and miss but still a great day. Thankyou to Fish and his partners in crime Ethan and Graeme Goodwin for doing the hangi - very tasty and thank you to Rob Markillie for the fire hoses on the water slide and finally to the student council for organising the disco - well done.

MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO EVERYONE - ENJOY THE BREAK



## Welcome to Our Lady of the Snows End of Year Prizegiving for 2017

I want to start by thanking a few groups of people:

To all the Parents, I want to thank you for bringing your children to our school and trusting us with them every day. I especially want to thank you for raising such an amazing group of young people that sit among us today. Parents being involved in their own child's life leads them to more opportunities for success; this group of Our Lady of the Snows kids has shown so many positive qualities and we know this all starts at home.

To Our Staff. This is not just about our classroom teachers that have taught these students, but it is about the collective effort of ALL of you. Everyone, from teacher aides, office admin, and teachers in the school, believe in always doing what is best for the students. Your kindness and caring for students and taking the time to see the positive in each student as whole people and not as results in National Standards is the reason that we have seen these students blossom and continue to grow in so many ways. Thank you for always caring about our kids at Our Lady of the Snows.

Standing here today, I look back at where I was just 10 months ago. Starting in a brand-new job with brand new kids that I had yet to get to know, I was scared and wanted to work so hard to support this school and make it even greater than it already was. To all of you-Board of Trustees, teachers, staff, parents and students-- you took ME under your wing as soon as I came here and ensured I was always taken care of, too. In my first year as a principal, I wanted to sit back and take in the environment of the school and I was so impressed with all that you did. We have had a pretty busy year – with a visit from the Education Review Office, as well as having the Catholic Special Character Review come and check out our awesome wee school. Not to mention all the fundraising and events that have occurred in 2017, we have shown everyone that OLS is a successful, thriving hub of excellence and faith.

As an educator first, we are supposed to be the ones that teach YOU, but in reality, you taught me just as much. You taught me that every single person in our school can be a leader. You never outright said this to me, but you never had to. You showed it in your actions every day. These lessons you have reminded me: being a leader, be willing to take risks, be kind, and be yourself, are lessons that I will continue to do my best to apply in my own career. Thank you for always greeting me with a smile, high five or hug. I am so thankful to get to be here each and every day AND I look forward to many, many more!

I am almost finished, I promise... I want to make sure I say thank you for all that you have taught me in my first year of principal. If I can inspire others half as much as you have inspired me, I know I will have been successful.

Congratulations to all the students on your school year and to those who receive prizes today. To those of you who are leaving Our Lady of the Snows today, we wish you all the best in your future and we hope that you will always have fond memories of the time you spent here.

Remember to be safe this summer, have a great rest and enjoy time as a family. Merry Christmas and God bless,

Pattie Ree

# FAITH FACTS

## Term 4 – Week 9

*Nearly there!! Only two weeks to go until the end of the school year. Did you know that the Church has decreed that Christmas and Easter are the pre-eminent **holy days** because they highlight the dramatic realities of the birth and resurrection of Jesus? How are your spiritual preparations going for the coming Christmas season?*

### **A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES**

**THERE IS A BASKET IN THE CHURCH FOR ST VINCENT de PAUL – AND ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TO LOCAL FAMILIES OR TO ASHBURTON**



## **ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS.**

In the last ten years, we have had a very poor turn out from the Catholics at this community event. This event is a great way to get in the spirit of the festive season and a good way to get the children thinking about the real meaning of Christmas

It will be held on Sunday 17 December, at 7 pm - Mt Hutt Memorial Hall. Just the one week before Christmas. So get your family down to the hall to enjoy singing some carols with our Methven Community!

**And the award goes to is back**  
**Term 4 week 8**

**Principal award:**

David for showing hospitality by being generous with showing his knowledge with others in CS first

**Class awards:**

Amy for showing our value of excellence when she takes risks in her school work and class discussions

Ted for doing an awesome job representing the school in both Counties and Zones

Gracie – a welcome to you and settling into class so well and making new friends

Alex for trying hard everyday to do her best

Abi – a welcome to you and settling into class so well and making new friends

**Ka Pai tickets**

**Mrs Markillie, Eli, Emma, Riley, Aesha, Kenneth, Hunter, Ethan**







# Welcome to Beach Ed!

8 February 2018

Beach Ed is a theoretical and experiential based programme where students learn about surf and beach safety from experienced Surf Lifeguards. Students receive safety messages and then put them into practice in a managed environment. The programme is designed specifically for primary and intermediate students and aims to deliver "A safe, fun and educational day at the beach". It is user friendly and ensures delivery is consistent in style, content and messages.

The programme is structured across four groups, Year 0-2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8. This scaffolds learning opportunities and allows schools to attend and receive a different programme every second year.

Our Lady of the Snows School has booked in to attend Beach Ed at South Brighton for 8 February in week 2 of 2018:

We will leave for Christchurch at approx. 8am to ensure we get there to start at 9:30am.

## **What is a typical Beach Ed day?**

Beach Ed generally starts at around 9.30am and ends at 2.30pm. The programme is a mix of practical and theory sessions with activities including:

- A tour of the Surf Life Saving Club and with lifeguards demonstrating key lifesaving equipment
- Receiving surf safety messages to help stay safe at the beach
- Understanding the role of lifeguards and the jobs they do on the beach
- Learning about the beach environment - waves, rips, holes and currents
- Participating in some fun beach games
- Putting it all into practice in the water with activities such as body boarding, swimming and tube rescues

The emphasis is on learning to be safe while enjoying New Zealand's favourite playground - the beach!

## **What happens if the weather is bad?**

Beach Ed runs rain, hail or shine! Although we have a complete wet weather programme, many of the planned activities can continue and we tend to find that you will get wet in the water anyway!

## **What do we bring to Beach Ed?**

The beach is an ever-changing environment so you will need to pack for all seasons:

- Swimming Costume / Togs
- Wetsuit (if you have one)
- Towel
- Warm clothes

- Hat
- Sunblock - SPF 30+
- Lunch
- Drink

## Cost for the trip?

The cost for this experience is \$13.50 per child. This will be charged through your school account.

## How many parent helpers do we need?

Parents and teachers are expected to participate in both water and beach activities. The programme requires a minimum of one adult for every five students in the water. It is essential that parents and teachers bring their togs and be prepared to get wet. It is a good idea for parent helpers to bring wet suits if they have them.

**We will be taking cars as our transport and will require the parents to stay on as parent helpers for the day – no parents, no trip!**

Please indicate by emailing us back asap your availability to provide transport and help.

or

Please return this form to school by **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018** to enable us to organise the day.

Name

I can provide transport for...

☐ 8 February 2018

I can take a total of \_\_\_\_\_ passengers.

☐ I understand I will be required to be a parent helper for the entire day

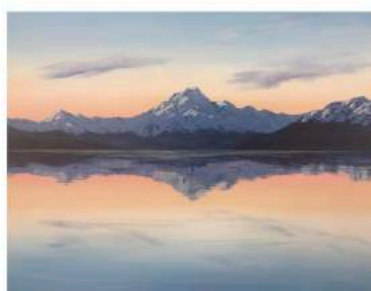


# Summer Holiday Paining Workshops

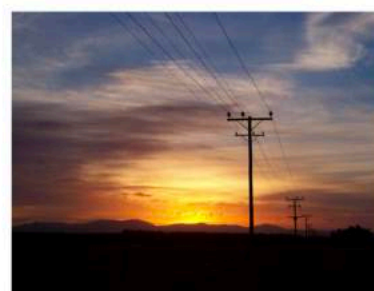
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in water

## Active Movement In Water Workshop

Parents and Caregivers are invited to bring their 6 – 36 month old child for a fun filled afternoon of water exploration, games and activities.

EA Networks Centre  
River Terrace, Ashburton  
19<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
12pm – 1.30pm

\$10.00 (covers pool entry and free bathtime book)



The workshop will cover fundamental movement skills, different games and activities that you can do with your child in the water at home or at the pool. This will be followed by a pool session where you and your child will participate in fun water play activities assisted by qualified swimming teachers.

For more information contact: Stacey Hoets  
Phone: 308 4035  
Email: [stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz](mailto:stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz)

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES JANUARY 2018

### SWIM LESSONS

Group and individual lessons are available all three weeks.

**JANUARY**  
8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Individual lessons are \$40 for 30mins, \$27 for 20mins and \$20 for 15mins



### BREASTSTROKE CLINIC



A workshop for children struggling with the breaststroke goal in any level.

**JANUARY**  
8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

### COASTGUARD BOATING

Boating Education and Water Safety Workshop for kids at Pesky Penguins level or up.



- 1.30pm - 2.15pm
- Limited spaces
- \$60 for week of 5 sessions

**JANUARY**  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

### STARTS AND TURNS



**JANUARY**  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

A new workshop for children wanting to learn the correct starts and turns for each stroke.

EA networks  
centre

Call Stacey on 308 4035 or email [stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz](mailto:stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz)



**Ashburton**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **Message for Newsletters**

### **Dental Care over the School Holidays**

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the **19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December** available at the following clinics:

Hornby Community Dental Clinic  
Northcote Community Dental Clinic  
Woolston Community Dental Clinic  
Aranui Community Dental Clinic

*and from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic:*

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

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### **New Year Clinic Openings**

An emergency dental service will also be offered from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic on the following dates:

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

and

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.

Yours sincerely

Julie Denton  
**Service Manager**  
**COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE**

Join in the '**Books are Fantastic Summer Reading Challenge**' at the Ashburton Children's Library these holidays. Each time you have a book issued you will receive a Library penny. Just read 20 books then exchange your pennies for a prize.  
The Challenge begins on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December and all prizes must be claimed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January.





SANTA'S DONE A RUNNER...  
TO NEW ZEALAND!



# KIWI CHRISTMAS

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