

# NEWSLETTER NO. 4 - TERM 3

## 2 SEPTEMBER 2009

### Dear Parents/Caregivers

When I awoke this morning to the wintery, chilly conditions I was very pleased that yesterday we decided to postpone our annual Ski Trip till next Thursday. There are still some spaces on the bus if you want your child to join us next week. Please get a permission form from the Office if you wish to come.

Our Gymnastics Teams performed credibly in the Southland Gymnastics Festival in the weekend and achieved excellent results. A big thank you to all the staff members who were involved in preparing the students for the festival.

Our staff were privileged on Monday to spend a day with Dr Alison Davies, a leading researcher and speaker in Literacy. We came away with many good ideas to implement in our teaching programmes.

This coming week is our wonderful School Book Fair. The students and staff are busy planning their costumes for the 'Safari' Parade next Friday. We would love you to come along.

We have had an exciting and eventful fortnight with excellent achievements by our students. In particular, I must mention Morgan Finlay who received 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Southland Science and Technology Fair for his Energon-Green Energy in Disguise Project. Congratulations Morgan. Well done.

Regards.

**Wendy Ryan**  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 4 Sept:** Dreamweaver Storyteller Visit
- 7-11 Sept:** School Book Fair
- 11 Sept:** 'Safari' Dress-Up Day Parade - 1.15pm
- 17 Sept:** ILT Singout - 1970's 'A Blast from the Past' - Civic Theatre
- 25 Sept:** End of Term 3
- 12 Oct:** Term 4 starts

### CANTEEN NOTICE

We will no longer be having Fish and Chip orders on a Friday. This has been replaced by a Sausage Sizzle. The cost is \$1.50 per sausage.



### BOOK WEEK – 7-11 SEPTEMBER

Theme: "SAFARI"

Dress-Up Day: Friday 11 September

Theme for Dress-Up Day: Safari (jungle animals, hunters, camouflage, Tarzan/Jane etc.)

Next Friday 11 September at 1.15pm our Book Week School Parade will start on the Tennis Courts, if wet it will be held in the Hall. Come and view the 'Safari' Library and see your children's fantastic art work that will be displayed. There will be a Celebrity Guest to give out lollies for all the children. Book prizes will be awarded to the "Best Dressed" in each Syndicate. So come along and join in the fun with your children and see the wonderful costumes. Family and friends are all welcome. Don't forget to buy a book from the great range available in the Library. See you there!

**Books will be on sale:**

**8.30-9.00am:** Monday - Friday

**12.30 - 1.pm:** Lunchtime

**3-3.45pm:** After School - Wednesday & Thursday

### BOYS HIP-HOP TEAM

A Yr 7 Boys team was entered into the Gymnastic Festival and they performed very well, especially their Hip Hop Routine. Team members were:

*Bradley Humphrey, Devon Todd, Shylin Osborne and  
Matu Taylor-Templeton*

Many thanks to parents for their support.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

## SERVICE AWARDS

To acknowledge all those students who go the extra mile and show great responsibility around the school:

**Dominica Sutton-Thomas & Courtney Best – For being great  
Canteen Helpers for Room 9**

We want to celebrate your fantastic children. Thanks.

Rae Maher



## STUDENTS SECTION

On Sunday 30 August at 10am, Ascot Gold Gym Team competed in the Southland Gym Festival at James Hargest Senior Campus. We were all very scared but Miss Morrison and the team think we all did very well. We got a 'B' grading which is very good and we all had fun at the Gym Festival representing Ascot.

Team members were:

**Ascot Gold** - Jessica Reid, Mikayla Lemin, Brianna Lemin, Alicia Turnbull, Billie McCallum & Danielle Tait

On Sunday Ascot Blue competed at the Gymnastics Festival. We did the beam, vault, individual and group floor routines. Team members: Madison Remnant, Maycee Wilson, Bianca Todd, Ashleigh Blackler and Tara Ballie. We did well and had a great time.

**Cross-Country** - In the weekend I went to a place near Otatara and had a Cross-Country run. I was pretty nervous. I was in the Under 14 yr olds race and when the gun went off, I was off as well. It was about 4.5km. I came first in my age group by 100 metres. We then went back to the Invercargill Clubrooms. I was sitting down when they called out my name for the McGarvey Trophy. I was shocked! Then on Monday I went to school with it and shared it for news. Room 5 was proud of me.  
*By Scott Muir*

On 30 July - 2 August my Taekwondo Club and myself went to Blenheim for the South Island champs and won 20 Gold and 2 Silver Medals. I won a Gold. I got to fight people from all over New Zealand. The best part was going shopping and meeting new people.

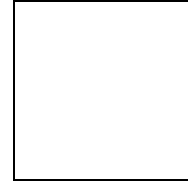
*By Zayviyn Henry*

## ILT SING OUT

Our School Choir is taking part in this event on **Thursday 17 September** at 7pm, in the Civic Theatre.

Bookings are now available at the ICC | **Cost:** \$12.50 per adult and \$6.50 per child. A booking fee may apply.

**Remember** -If your child is part of the Choir, they do not need a ticket.



## SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

We are concerned with the number of cars who still use the school driveway. In the interests of student safety, which we take very seriously, can you please **not** use the driveway unless you have a child with special requirements ie. crutches.

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

These are now due and payable at the School Office. Sports Fees need to be paid immediately please as these have to be paid to the Associations concerned. A reminder that Automatic Payment forms are available from the School Office.

Overdue accounts will be sent onto Southern Debt Collectors for collection as the school cannot absorb these debts.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Summer is quickly rolling around again. This means that it is Tee-Ball and Softball time again. We will have teams based within the school for children aged 5 yrs upwards. If your child is interested please contact Rachel Cade 217-5687. Games are due to start in early October.