

NEWSLETTER NO. 4 - TERM 2



13 JUNE 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Tena Koutou,
Bula Vista, Hola, Bonjour, Welcome**

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable Queen's Birthday weekend.

It looks like winter is well upon us as we experience some freezing temperatures but also some sunny days. We are grateful to have the new boiler!

At this time of the term we ask that you reinforce at home the need for students to find useful and sensible things to do in the break times at school. Also, if your child is starting to show signs of illness, that they stay at home so that we stop the spread of illnesses as much as possible.

On Tuesday 26 June, the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa Paid Union meeting regarding the Kua Tae Wa – It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and Principals to lead, and get the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. While there are many more children coming into the system, there are not enough new teachers being trained and many teachers are leaving the education system.

We are lucky to have such fantastic teachers both here and across New Zealand so it is important that we continue to support those in the profession as it really is the best career for those who choose it.

We ask that you please pick your children up at lunchtime on this day at 12:15 so that the teachers can attend these important meetings.

The ILT is again running the KIDZONE Festival from 11-16 July. Tickets are available from iSite which is located in the Northend Bowling Club (next to the Southland Museum and Art Gallery). Phone 03 211 0895 or visit www.iltkidzone.co.nz

Have a great fortnight

Regards,
Wendy Ryan
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

13 June:	ICAS Spelling Exam
14 June:	ICAS Writing Exam
22 June:	Southland Cross Country
26 June:	Teacher NZEI Meeting
6 July:	Last day of Term 2
11-16 July:	ILT Kidzone
Term 3:	Monday 23 July - Friday 28 Sept
3 Aug:	Moffat Cup
14 Sept:	Y8 Girls Netball Tournament
Term 4:	Monday 15 October - Thursday 13 December (depends on Teacher Only Day/s)

School Driveway

Only staff cars and parents with children with special needs should be using the school driveway off Tay Street. We place cones at the top of the main driveway to ensure the safety of your children so would appreciate vehicles not coming up the driveway between 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.15pm. The drop off area on Lithgow Street is the perfect place to safely drop off and pick up your child.

Tautuku Camp

Our Year 6 students had a fantastic week camping at Tautuku from 29 June - 1 July.

A big thank you to Mr O'Kane and Mr Hackett who gave up their time to attend the camp.

The wonderful walks and many activities along with the warm weather meant a great time for everyone.



SCHOOL NOTICES

School Accounts

These are now due. We do have Automatic Payment Forms available from the Office if you would like to set an Automatic Payment up. The School Donation is voluntary but as you are aware, schools rely on the money collected from these donations to allow us to provide more resources for your children's education. Payment of this is much appreciated.

Any problems with your account please contact Mrs Blue or leave a message on the answer phone outside school hours and she will get back to you.

Our Bank Account number is: 03 1745 0058244 00
Eftpos is also available at the School Office

Year 5 & 6 Hockey Coaching

Suitable for all Year 5 & 6 Hockey Players – new and experienced

- 3 weeks beginning Sunday 17 June
- Free of charge
- Professional coach with extensive experience with coaching primary age children

Sunday 17 June
9.00am – 10.00am

Sunday 24 June
9.00am – 10.00am

Wednesday 27 June (Festival Night/Training)
7.00pm – 8.00pm

Healthy Snacks for Brain Break

Brain Break is a ten-minute break that the children eat small healthy item. This break happens daily from 10am to 10.10am. Ideas for brain break food are: fruit, vegetables, nuts, crackers and cheese.

For the junior school children, it is a good idea that the fruit is **cut into quarters** so that they find it more manageable to eat.



Canteen Note

Added to the menu for winter
Hot Chocolate Drinks Small 50c, Medium \$1.00, Large \$1.50

Cup of Soup Chicken or Tasty Tomato with a Cheese Toasted Sandwich \$2.00 each

Sausage Sizzle available every Friday \$2.00 each

School Uniform

Term 2 winter uniform changes. Please remember that if you need to wear a poly-prop under your t-shirt, it is to be a plain blue or white one (NO multi stripes). No make-up, lip gloss or nail polish is to be worn and if your hair is touching your collar, it should be tied up. Navy tracksuit pants can be worn.



Entertainment Book

The Entertainment™ Book is one of our favourite fundraisers at Ascot Community School. Last year we did well but this year we want to do even better! We are raising money for our School. The Entertainment Book sells for \$60.00.

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