

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to the many parents and children who supported our Walk and Wheels morning on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many parents and children making the most of a fine morning to walk to school. I hope many of you will continue to walk and enjoy the benefits of not having to find a park close to school. This week, as part of our reporting to parents programme, teachers are meeting with parents to discuss children's start to the year. Most parents are taking the opportunity to visit and meet with teachers. If you have not been able to attend and would like an interview please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time. Building work has now closed the school library to class visits. We have arranged for junior classes to receive regular class sets of library books and senior children will be able to change library books each week in small groups. We are working to ensure the children have access to a variety of quality library books. Board of Trustees Elections will be held in April 2010 - Have you considered standing?

Regards
Alistair Campbell
Principal

Congratulations to Olivia Clare, who was the Person of the Week on Friday the 26 February.



Classroom award winners from Friday 26 February were:

- R1 Luise Peniamina, Evelyn Sanders
- R2 Maddison Sharapoff, Archie Cardno
- R3 Yun Sung Chang,

- Maggie Craig-Pearson
- R8 Oliver Colloty, Tessa McConachie
- R9 Jasmine Roberts, Rachael McKenna
- R7 Hamish Sinclair, Reuben McArley
- R4 Joe McKee, Tom Smith
- R5 Walker, Nathan Hill
- R6 Isla Thomas, Caitlin Black

Welcome

A big welcome to Mia Jordan and her family who joined Maori Hill School this week.

Meeting Postponed

NZEI (New Zealand Education Institute) has just notified the school that Primary Teacher's Union meetings planned for the afternoon of the 10th of March have been postponed until Term 2. (Date to be advised). Therefore teachers will be available for normal classroom programmes on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th.

What's on Next Week?

- Monday Kiwisport
- Tuesday PTA Annual General Meeting
National Standard workshop – Mr Campbell, Mrs Kilpatrick, Miss Selbie
- Wednesday NZEI teachers meeting postponed
- Thursday Kiwisport
- Friday Jo, Lisa, Nichola –
Literacy course
Junior swimming
Kiwisport
Language books home
School Assembly 2.30pm

Classroom News

Room 1- Mrs Wiparata

We have been having fun reading Greedy Cat stories for shared reading. We have nearly finished our stunning pastel cats and are writing stories about them using describing words. We have started learning about early Maori Hill and have seen a picture of what our school looked like a long time ago. If you have any artefacts or

know of anyone who can come and talk to our class about what it was like in early Maori Hill that would be very much appreciated. It has been great meeting parents and talking about our programme at parent interviews.

Room 2 – Mrs Ferguson

Another busy week in the classroom. We are beginning our Then and Now topic and I have had two offers from grandparents to come and talk to the children about their experiences in school we are also looking at transport and some of the toys and games they may have played. I am enjoying catching up and talking to you about your child and my programme in the interviews. We have enjoyed reading our big book The Swamp Eggs and in writing we are learning about the structure of a recount and using our classroom experiences to practice it. Mrs Pettigrew starts today with Religious Education and this will continue throughout the year.

Room 3 – Miss Selbie

Wow! Another busy week has flown by. We have been learning how to write recounts and the children are enjoying writing stories about their own experiences. We are starting our topic on Then and Now, with a focus on school life, toys and transport. If you have any relevant artifacts or know of anyone that would be interested in talking to the children about these things please let me know. I have enjoyed catching up with you all during the parent interviews this week.

Room 8 – Mr Belworthy

We have started learning about life in the early days of Maori Hill. We have been learning about some events of the past. It is interesting to find out how people lived their lives in Dunedin many years ago. Maori Hill School is 104 years old. We enjoyed recording our performance for the Skoolstars last week. We are looking forward to seeing the finished video.

Room 9 – Mrs Osborne

We really enjoy P.E. We have been learning to improve our ball skills by practising overarm and underarm throwing. This week Otago Girls came to teach us Kiwisports. It was great being part of a team with Room 7. We are learning how to play – teeball, ripper rugby, netball, miniball and soccer.

Room 7 – Miss Hodges

Konnichi wa from Room 7. We started kiwisport this week with Otago Girls High School. It was fun in our groups. Lots of people are competing in the Weetbix Kiwi Kids triathlon in the weekend. Good luck. We are reading the story of Helen Keller who was deaf, blind and mute. Henry and Caelan did great science experiments for the class to watch.

Room 4 – Mrs Ashton

This week we have been writing recounts about our Skoolstars experience. We are trying to use descriptive language to make our writing interesting. We got two new goldfish on Monday. On Tuesday morning, however, there was only one! Our remaining fish is making no comment. Our tadpoles have grown legs and they will soon need to leave us as they will want to catch their own food.

Room 5 – Miss West

Room 5 has started religious education. We have started to sketch our stationery and negative space around it. We are trying to sketch all the details. We have been learning about graphs. Our favourite graph at the moment is the stem and leaf graph. We have finished our character wall that describes our personalities. Room 5 looks bright and colourful. Your fantastic reporters: Caleb and Bex

Room 6 – Mrs Kilpatrick

Hola Senors and Senioritos
Room 6 has been doing lots including filming Skoolstars last week. We are really looking forward to the premiere on the 15th of March. It is exciting to watch our caterpillar transform into a chrysalis and our tadpoles change

shape. We are having fun at religious education and our theme topic of Maori Hill School in 1910 is going to be awesome. We cannot wait for you to see everything when it is finished. Sport on Friday with the teachers is wonderful. We are all great sportsmen and women.

Ciao for now Senors and Senioritos.
Your reporters: Emma and Paris

Walk n Wheel

Well done to everyone who took part in Walk n Wheels walk to school yesterday morning. We had 141 children from Maori Hill School taking part.

National Standards Petition

One Size Doesn't Fit All – Monique Watson (concerned parent - Wellington) has set up a petition regarding the National Standards. Information available on the school noticeboard in the foyer.

T Ball Draw Saturday 6 March

Section 5 10.00am	Maori Hill Black Sox vs Elmgrove Chieftans
Section 7 11.00am	Maori Hill Yellow Sox vs Cardinal Hawks
Section 12 9.00am	Maori Hill Blue Sox vs SFX Minis
Section 11 10.00am	Maori Hill Green Sox vs ET Juniors

Touch Rugby 4 March

3.30pm Field 1	MH Cheetahs v Andy Bay Green
3.30pm Field 4	MH Cougars v St Joes Blue
3.30pm Field 6	MH Panthers v St Clair Storm

Flippa Ball Sunday 7 March

Main Pool 4.50pm	MH Stingrays vs MH Dophins
Learners Pool 3.35pm	MH Sharks vs Andy Bay Blue
Learners Pool 4.00pm	MH Barracudas vs Kaikorai Sonics

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Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Thursday April 23, 2010 and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. The poll closes at noon on May 14, 2010.
Karen Ferguson
Returning Officer

PTA News

AGM: The AGM will be held on Tuesday March 9th, 7pm, in the Learning Centre. All new and existing members welcome - we look forward to seeing you there.

School Duathlon: This will be held on March 26th at Bishop's Court. The Duathlon is a really fun family event which is very popular with the children so mark it on your calendar. There will be a sausage sizzle and spot prizes. Registration 5pm for a 5.30pm start.

Community News

- 🚩 Roslyn Wakari A F C. The 2010 Football season is nearly upon us. Junior registration days will be held on Friday 5th March 5pm and Saturday 6th March 11am to 1pm at the Ellis Park Clubrooms, Frasers Road. Registration forms will be available at your schools reception, or via email. For information on fees registration forms, or general enquiries please contact Nigel Benn via email at benco.installations@xtra.co.nz, or Tel 027 236 2648
- 🚩 **Kids Bike Jam.** Fun mountain bike event for 5 - 13 year olds. 28 March at Forrester Park. Entry and more information at www.kidsbikejams.co.nz
- 🚩 Want to be a Junior HAWK? Harbour Junior Rugby Club invites you to register for the season on Wednesday 10th March 4-6pm or Saturday 13th March 3-5pm at the Watson Park clubrooms in Port Chalmers. Subs \$35 individual \$60 family
- 🚩 Pirates Junior Rugby Registration Days Sunday 7 March 1-3pm, Tuesday 9 March 6-7.30pm, Thursday 11 March 6-7.30pm. For more info please contact Nicky 4550483 or Paula 4738299.
- 🚩 St Hilda's Collegiate School is holding a School Fair on Saturday 6 March 2010 from 11am until 1pm.