

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This Friday (tomorrow, 2.30pm) instead of our normal assembly parents are invited to join the children, Board of Trustees and guests on the court area, by the Learning Centre, to celebrate the opening of our administration and library upgrades. Following a brief ceremony parents and visitors will be invited to walk through and view the new buildings. Next week we will have Chris Gold, Suzanne Lewis and Janet Pereira from the Education Review Office visiting our school. The Education Review Office is an external review designed to complement the school's own self review. They affirm the things schools are doing well and help to identify areas for improvement.

Regards
Alistair Campbell
Principal

Congratulations to Scarlet Devereux, who was the Person of the Week on Friday the 23 July.



Classroom award winners from Friday 23 July were:

- R1 Amelie Warlow, Isaac McConachie
- R2 Jan Paolo Salih, Enzo Hood
- R3 Maggie Craig-Pearson, Hannah Pollock
- R8 Maxwell Burton, Elora Peters
- R9 Vaiaio Holmes-Haweturi, Madeline Bilkey
- R7 Teddy George, Martin Page
- R4 Kevin Clancy, Keenan West
- R5 Rowan Whyte, Oliver Cottle
- R6 Tahir Singh, Paris Sinclair

Welcome

A big welcome Qwenton McKenzie and his family who joined Maori Hill School this week.

What's on Next Week?

- Monday ERO team site visit
- Tuesday ERO team site visit
ICAS English
- Wednesday ERO team site visit
Balmacewen
Intermediate Open Night
- Thursday ERO team site visit
R6 visit Redroofs
- Friday School Assembly
2.30pm

Classroom News

Room 1- Mrs Wiparata

We have started to learn about writing procedures which really means explaining how you can do or make something. There are lots of doing words called 'verbs' in procedures. This week we have been reading a book called The Grouchy Ladybird by Eric Carle. The ladybird has a grumpy start to her day. We have been talking about what she could have done instead to make her day much better. We have been using this story to learn about doubles numbers and time, for maths. We are looking forward to doing more investigations about floating and sinking.

Room 2 – Mrs Ferguson

Kia Ora from Room 2, this week we have started brainstorming what we think Floating and Sinking to mean and building tinfoil boats to test in water to observe whether they will float or not, then making a tinfoil man and testing them again. On Wednesday we welcomed Professor David Bilkey and Christine Parker who immersed the children in some wonderful fact finding experiments as well as showing us interesting resources that all combined to help the children have a better understanding of the function of our brain and how important it is to protect it. We enjoyed watching the Keep Dunedin Beautiful Theatre Group who

addressed litter issues, waste minimization, recycling, reuse, etc, in a humorous production on Friday. Room 2 have head lice in the class again could you please be vigilant and check your child's hair. If you find head lice please treat them before your child returns to school.

Room 3 – Miss Selbie

Hello from Room 3,
We have been busy practicing answering the question 'kei te pehea koe?' as we do our roll in the morning and we are getting really good at being able to reply with how we are feeling in Te Reo Maori.

We have also started deciding on daily goals for our learning and at the end of the day we make a decision on how we think we went. This is helping us to take some responsibility for our learning each day.

We have now started learning about procedures and their features. We know that recipes are procedures because they tell you how to make something, they tell you what you need, and they have steps you need to follow to make the recipe. There are also procedures in craft books and on games.

Room 8 – Mr Belworthy

Greetings from Room 8
Welcome to Mr Stewart who is our student teacher from the University of Otago, College of Education. Mr Stewart is visiting weekly and will have a posting later in the term. This week is Maori Language week. We have been working hard on greetings, numbers and colours. We are having lots of fun talking about and drawing pictures inspired by Claude Monet. The water lilies we have been drawing are so colourful.

Room 9 – Miss Hillis

Kia ora from room 9.
We have had another busy week in room 9. Our new topic is 'floating and sinking'. The children are enjoying it a lot and can't wait to do some hands on next week. Our handwriters of the week were

Peter and Honor. Well done to both of you .Have a great weekend. Go the All blacks!

Room 7 – Miss Hodges

Kia Ora from Room 7

We are doing an artist study on Jasper Johns. We found out he uses lots of colour and texture and did a series of paintings of targets. We have done some targets of our own. We have made a big book about our Museum sleepover experience with lots of photos. We used animal attic as a setting for narratives about the animals coming to life. We have learnt that the water cycle is never ending. We have been learning the Māori words for our classroom objects for Māori language week. Many thanks to our great sleepover parents.

Room 4 – Mrs Ashton

Room 4 Year 4 children would like to give a big thank you to their fabulous museum sleep over parents. We had a great time and we hope that you did too. At school, we have been looking at surface tension by making bubbles and learning about how the rainbow patterns on them happen. In Reading, we have begun a two week course using our brand new SRA Reading Laboratory. We love how we can work on our own at our own speed. It is really great for learning new vocabulary. We are sure other senior classes will love it too.

Room 5 – Miss West

Kia ora from Room 5. We have been making some creative ads for our class newspaper about the holidays. We have been working on our watercolour techniques, they look awesome. Room 5 have been working on the water cycle. Did you know that the water we drink has been around since the time of the dinosaurs?

Your terrific bird loving reporters:
Nathan and Josh

Room 6 – Mrs Kilpatrick

Kia ora. This week Room 6 has had a very exciting week. First we all started writing short narratives, they all sound good. On Wednesday we visited Balmacewen for the morning. We had two lessons each. We had a choice of art, food technology,

robotics, sewing, material technology. It was great. We have also been working on taking notes and putting them in our own words. We are great at this!

Invitation

Tomorrow, Friday 2.30pm, parents are invited to a short ceremony to celebrate the opening of our administration and library upgrades. This will replace our usual school assembly. The celebration will take place on the court area by the Learning Centre. Following the opening parents are invited to walk through and view the improvements.

Reporting Survey

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a survey on reporting to parents, undertaken last term. We would appreciate you completing this survey and returning it to the school office. Thank You.

Netball Draw Tuesday 3 August

Ct 6 4.50pm	MH Red Rockets vs Andy Bay Sting
Ct 13 4.10pm	MH Silver Streaks vs Portobello Wild Cats

Miniball Draw Thursday 29 July

4.40pm Ct 6	MHS Magic Yellow v GSNS Green
4.05pm Ct 1	MHS Magic Green v Andy Bay Red
3.30 Ct 6	MHS Magic Red v GB Nuggets
5.15pm Ct 5	MHS Magic Blue v Wakari

Headlice

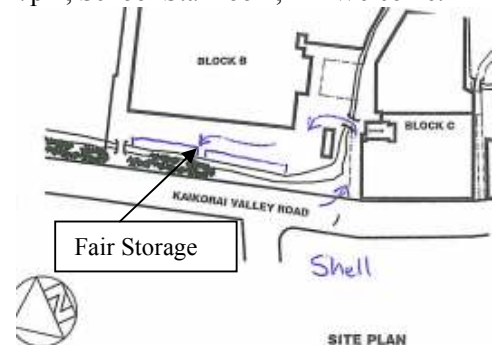
Headlice are small, flat insects about 2-3mm long that breed all year round. They live on the human scalp, they cannot jump, fly or swim and they also do not carry disease. Headlice do however remain on the head after swimming or bathing/showering. School aged children should be checked regularly once a week for headlice. Look over the scalp or insects or eggs, particularly around the hairline at the back of the neck, behind the ears and on the crown. Using a fine tooth comb on wet hair with conditioner left in, is the best way to detect headlice.

Treatment is needed if you find a live insect on the scalp or if you find eggs within 1cm of the scalp. Speak to your doctor, practice nurse or pharmacist for advice about what treatment to use and how to use it.

This information was provided by the Ministry of Health. **The Public Health Nurse for our school is: Ann Jacobson**
Contact details are: 4769802

PTA News

Fair: The Roslyn Mills Storage (Kaikorai Valley Rd) will be open to take your fair items this Sunday, August 1st, 1-2pm. There will be other times over the next weeks/months also. We will also have collection times at school but if you have larger items or a lot of smaller items, taking them directly to the Roslyn Mills will be much appreciated. If you have any queries about storage of fair items please email Ted Mason on: ted.mason@crown.com. Thankyou.
Coming up: Pyjama Day August 27th
Next meeting: Tuesday August 31st, 7pm, School Staffroom, All Welcome.



Community News

- 🚩 Dunedin Chinese School: Mandarin, Cantonese, Dancing and Chinese Culture Class. 12:30-5pm Sundays, during school terms. Contact: Mrs Sun 474 5988. Email Address: dunedinchineseschool@gmail.com
- 🚩 Children’s Rock n Roll Lessons – Fun Rock n Roll Classes for children 7-13 yrs. Mornington Presbyterian Church Hall, Tuesdays starting soon 6.30-7.30pm \$2 per lesson. Contact Barbara Hayes 4543774 or 0277521534.

<p>FREE Bagpipe Beginner Classes begin: Wednesday, 4th August 2010, 5-30pm</p>
<p>FREE Snare Drumming Beginner Classes begin: Tuesday, 3rd August 2010, 5-30pm</p>
<p>FREE Tenor Drumming Beginner Classes begin: Thursday, 5th August 2010, 5-30pm</p>
<p>To enrol or for more details call: Otago School of Piping and Drumming Victoria McNoe, ph 489 1650 or go to www.ospd.org.nz <small>Classes are suitable for Primary and Intermediate School students.</small></p>