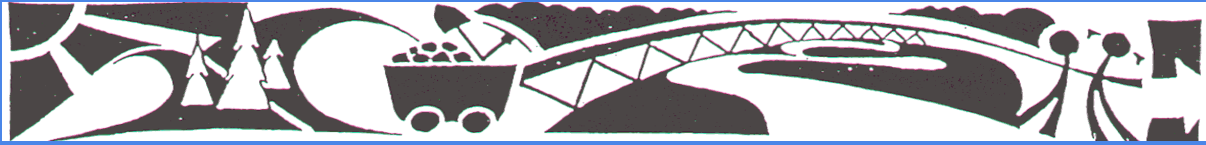


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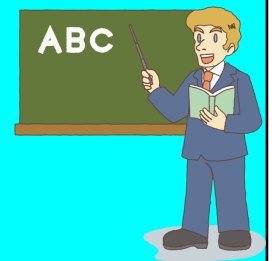
Building a Bridge to Success

8 March 2024  
Kia ora koutou

We are already over half way through the term and things are very busy in the classrooms. On Tuesday the school participated in a Mihi Whakatau (an informal welcome) for a group of Principals from across the area who were coming for a meeting. This was a really great opportunity for our students to be part of and they conducted themselves beautifully. There were lots of very positive comments from our visitors regarding the Mihi Whakatau and the student's conduct. The South Otago Primary School Athletics were finally held on Wednesday after a cancellation on Monday. The day turned out to be perfect for running the event after rain the day before. We had a huge team of 25 students representing the school this year and saw some excellent results. At this point, we are waiting on further information regarding the members of the South Otago team for the Southland Sports on Sunday 24th March in Invercargill. Special mention to Toby Milne, Harper Hosking and Lilly Sutton for assisting as result messengers running between events and the result caravan. They were commended for their efforts. On Thursday we hosted a visit from a company called "Science in a Van". They put on a show in our school hall for all students and this was very well received. The cost of this is covered through the school donation scheme.

### Open Morning Tuesday 12th March

Our classes will be open for parents and whānau to visit. This is a chance for you to come and see our teaching programmes in action. Teachers use the mornings to deliver their main literacy and numeracy teaching so it is a chance for you to see these programmes. We ask that you are quiet and respectful during teaching sessions. You are able to interact with your child when they are working independently.



### Duffy Theatre

As part of our relationship with the Duffy Books in Schools Programme, we have a visiting theatre show each year. Our performance is on Wednesday afternoon starting at 1:30.

We're bringing our 2024 Duffy Theatre show, *Calling Detective Duffy – Stat!* to your school to promote the Books In Homes message: "It's cool to read and it's cool to achieve".

This year we celebrate 30 years of Duffy Theatre – a milestone we're really proud of. We've cast our minds back to the original Duffy Theatre show, *Duffy Boots n All* by Jusin Lewis, where Duffy must help famous All Black, Zinzan Brooke, find his missing rugby boots. Inspired by the recent success of our Black Ferns (Rarauhe Pango), this year we've sent Duffy on a mission to help fictional women's rugby star, Crystal Kea, recover her stats. There's been a terrible misprint, and Crystal's player statistics are circulating on cards in cereal boxes, but they're all wrong! It's really knocking Crystal's confidence and ruining her game. Detective Duffy and little sister Scruffy are on the case!

## Kaitangata School Community Group Update

We held our Annual General Meeting on Monday night. Great to see some new faces join our committee. Fiona Darmody resigned as President and we thank her for her work in this role. We welcome Tania Sutton as President. Brittany Morrison stays on as Treasurer as well as taking on the Secretary role. We are always on the lookout for new members or any suggestions on what we can fundraise for. Your support goes a long way.



Wow what a successful Hot Cross Bun fundraiser we have had. We have sold just over 1000 packets. Thank you to all the families who sold these. We appreciate your support. These will be delivered on **Wednesday 13th March**. These will be available to be collected from the school hall in the afternoon. We will notify you via SeeSaw once they are ready to be collected.

Our next fundraiser will be the delicious Marlow Pies. This was a great success last year. Order forms will be going home week 1 of term 2.



**Next Friday 15th March** is Little Heart Day. Every week 12 families are told that their child has a heart condition, and every week Heart Kids NZ is there to support them. We ask that children come dressed in the Heart Kids colours of red and white, and bring along a gold coin which will be donated to the Heart Kids NZ charity.

We have a mufti day on **Friday 12th April**- last day of school with proceeds going to the Kaitangata School Community Group.



We are holding another Book Character dress up day after last year's successful event. We will hold this in conjunction with New Zealand Book Week. This will be on **Friday 10th May** with a gold coin donation.

At a glance:

- Hot cross buns ready for collection Wednesday 13th March
- Heart Kids mufti day Friday 15th March
- End of term mufti day Friday 12th April
- Marlow Pie order forms go home Week 1 term 2
- Book Character dress up day Friday 10th May

## Congratulations

To our athletes who competed at the South Otago Primary Schools Athletics Day on Wednesday. Fred Sutton - finalist 100m, Amelia O'Boyle and Kaiden Wilson finalists in the 60m sprints..

Brydon Begg - 1st 10yr old boys 1500mtrs

Indiana Cook - 1st 12yr old girls discus

Ella McKenzie - 1st 11yr of girls discus

Toby Milne - 2nd 9 yr old boys discus

Ajay Brookland - 3rd 10 yr old boys discus

Layton Kenealy - 3rd 11 yr old boys 100 metres

The boiler has been dismantled and we are waiting for the new one to be installed.



On the back of the truck the boiler and auger. Hanging on the end of the crane is the old coal hopper.

Mā te wā  
Anneta Payne

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	11	12 Open Morning S/W Triathlon	13 Duffy Theatre 1:30 Hot Cross Buns	14	15 Assembly Heart Kids Mufti
8	18 BOT 7pm	19 Counsellor	20	21 Sports Activator	22 Tech
9	25 Anniversary Day	26	27	28	29 Easter
10	1 April Easter	1 Easter	3 Yr 5/ 6 Netball	4 Year 7 /8 Netball	5 Tech
11	8 Swimming →	9 Hui Whānau 6pm	10	11	12 Assembly Mufti day