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Term 1#3

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Hi Everyone

We are suddenly over the halfway point of Term One which has happened swiftly. We have already packed a great deal into this term, and the kids have been learning lots and working hard. The highlight has obviously been camp which was a great success, thanks so much to everyone who joined us for this special event.

Fluffy Ducks

Here is our first instalment of fluffy ducks for the year. We have missed a couple of weeks due to camp and swimming but here are the first three award winners for 2019. Congratulations to Piripi, George and Emilie. Emilie received the award in week one for being amazingly brave immersing herself in to an English- speaking classroom. She has since been contributing a great deal in the classroom setting especially with teaching us French words. George received the award for doing a terrific job as both the sports shed monitor and our resident librarian. He has a very good grasp of our new electronic library catalogue. Keep up the good work George. Piripi received the award for an excellent effort in literacy in the week before camp. He was doing really well, showing wonderful enthusiasm with both reading and writing.



Camp

What an amazing week camp was. We couldn't have asked for better weather, apart from the wind rattling our tents all night on the first night! It is always great to get everyone together, and our crew on this camp was special, with five pre-school age kids and a wonderful grandad! A special thanks to Norm for his local knowledge and expertise and for his tour of the scheelite mine.

I was so impressed with the behaviour of the kids throughout camp. They played happily and co-operatively at camp, were good at organizing themselves for our adventures and met all challenges confidently and with enthusiasm including getting pretty wet on the Routeburn hike. So well done guys, it is always great to be on the road with Purakaunui school, you did us proud.



Dates for your Diary

ASK ANTO - Every Wednesday

Next field trip with John Fisher-Tues 9th
April

Otago Anniversary – Monday 25th March

End of Term Assembly – Thurs 11th April

End of Term – Friday 12th April

Term 2 begins – Mon 29th April

Swimming- Friday afternoons

The kids have been working hard and making pleasing progress with our Friday swimming lessons, keep it up guys. It has also been good fun sharing these lessons with St Josephs. Just a reminder that we have just three more lessons this term, as the pool closes in late March. Thanks very much for all the transport help so far, it has been a smooth operation.

NOTICES

Harbourside Junior Football Club Registrations

Registrations and teams for the coming season are being finalized so a final reminder to talk to Tim if you wish to register.

Mulch

We have had quite a lot of mulch dropped of at school by some arborists who were cleaning up an old man pine that had fallen up Purakaunui Rd. There is more than we can use so if anyone would like some for their garden please help yourself. It smells fantastic!

Fluffy Ducks



Camp at Glenorchy 2019



Tim Cook
Principal

Congratulations to Piripi, George and Emily!