

# Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter



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## Hi Everyone

Two more weeks have flown by, one stormy one where we had the fires going and this current week where we are basking in the loveliest late autumn weather you could hope for. We have been working hard in the classroom and have really enjoyed learning some Mandarin phrases. Thanks very much to Qian for teaching us, it is really exciting to hear different languages being spoken at school, and to hear the children giving it all a go.

### Full day Strike Action – Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May

The BOT have decided to close the school on Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May due to strike action by members of the NZEI. As you may have heard in the news lately there has been an overwhelming vote in favour of another full day of strike action by members of the NZEI(Primary Teachers and Principals Union). This strike is aligned with the secondary school teaching union (PPTA). This campaign 'Kua tae te wā- It's time' is a nationwide campaign to address the current teacher shortage and to attract and retain quality teachers to the teaching profession. There has been a significant drop in the number of people choosing to train as teachers and this has happened due to years of political undervaluing of the profession. This strike action will affect Pūrākaunui school as our teaching staff are NZEI members and the majority union vote is binding for all NZEI members.

### The Tortoise and the Hare - Port Chalmers School - Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June

We are heading down to Port Chalmers School on Wednesday afternoon 5<sup>th</sup> June to see the 2019 touring show by NZ Playhouse. Last year's Red Riding Robyn Hood show was fantastic and we are looking forward to The Tortoise and the Hare show this year.

### Fluffy Ducks - Congratulations Jennifer & Noah



**Jennifer** received the award in the second week of Term Two for her all-round effort and excellence at school. She has lovely manners and is always very polite. She also takes great pride in her work and produces some lovely pieces of writing and artwork.

**Noah** received the award in the third week of Term 2 in recognition of his lovely helpful nature, noted by all teaching staff here at school. He is always very willing to help and more importantly he is observant and proactive with his helpfulness! Outstanding work Noah, keep it up.

### Poetry

The children have continued to compose poems in the last couple of weeks, often in their own time. And the excellent variety of themes is always curious! See some examples below.

#### Stoats by Anika

*Stoats are killing machines  
Stoats are cute but deadly  
Stoats kill native birds  
Stoats are everywhere*

#### Comets by Piripi

*Gas  
Ice  
Rock  
Burning  
Tail  
Zoom*

### **Museum Trip - Monday the 27th May**

We are looking forward to a visit to the Otago Museum on Monday the 27th of May as part of our mythology topic. We will be heading to the planetarium at the start of the day and then doing a tour/trail through the classical gallery. We will spend the day in town and will go over to the university for lunch. We will also take the kids to the University Bookshop to let them browse and add ideas to the wish list for some book shopping I have planned for the near future. Let me know if you can assist with transport in the morning, we will be leaving for town just after 9.00am, and also pick-ups at the end of the day.

### **Circus Quirkus**

I would like to say a really big Thank You to the Rotary Club of Dunedin for kindly donating tickets to Circus Quirkus to our school. It is a very kind gesture and we have enjoyed some excellent shows over the years. Most of our kids and lots of family members were able to go this year, despite the stormy weather!

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Museum Trip- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May**

**Strike Day-Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Queens Birthday- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**The 'Tortoise and the Hare' show-Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June, Port Chalmers School**

**Edgar Sports Day- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Last day of Term 2- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

## **NOTICES**



### **Have you lost a phone?**

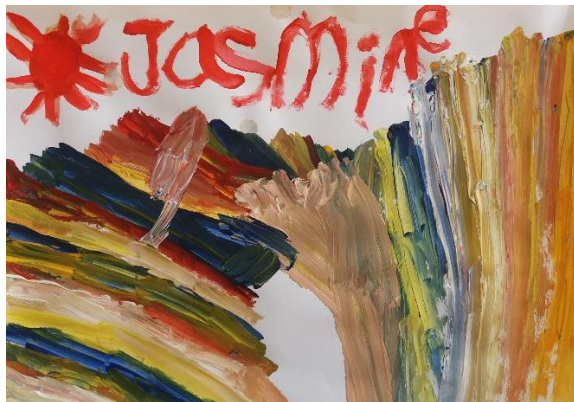
This Motorola phone was found in the kid's playground at the school on Tuesday morning if anyone has misplaced it. It can be claimed at the office.

### **BOT Elections Reminder**

Nominations close at noon on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 which is tomorrow. 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 for inspection at the school. The poll closes at noon on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Antoinette O' Flanagan  
Returning Officer

### **Check out this beautiful Painting by Jasmine**



Tim Cook  
Principal