

# Pūrākaunui School



## Hi everyone.

Welcome back to school and Term 4 of 2019. As always it is great to see everybody and to catch up on holiday stories and adventures. I hope everyone found some time to relax and refresh themselves. It is nice to see the sun today and to get outside after two indoor days so far this week. We have lots to look forward to this term. We have digital learning as our term topic. This is designed to help us prepare for the new digital learning strand which is being woven into the technology curriculum from next year. We have begun our topic work already with some interesting new resources which the children are enjoying exploring.

## Student Newsletter

This is an exciting new development designed to tie in with our topic work. The children will be able to put their IT and publishing skills to tangible use with this newsletter. It will be collated and edited by our year 6 students and will include submissions from across our student body! There will be a variety of work presented and the first edition is currently being put together, so look out for this in the very near future.

## Hats

Now that we are into Term 4 we need to get ready for the sunshine. We haven't seen much yet but I am sure it will come! We have a collection of hats here at school but the kids are welcome to bring their own.

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## Seafood Festival

Thanks very much to everyone who helped out with the two seafood festival fundraising efforts. We had a crack team for the marquees and they went up smoothly and in record time, despite some swirling gusts of wind. The festival day went well with a huge crowd turning up thanks to good weather. Our team worked tirelessly at the stall and sold 2000 mussels. We were also interviewed by the ODT which was great. I think the product looked impressive and the two giant woks also looked great, which drew the ODT reporter in. Big thanks to Nickee Charteris for donating her wonderful Port Larder kasundi sauce which we sautéed the mussels in, and also for cooking the mussels on the day. We really appreciate both these gestures of Nickee's enormously. A massive thanks also to Talley's in Motueka for donating 150kgs of mussels! When I asked for some sponsorship from Talley's I never expected the entire amount, including transport, would be donated.



## School Camp

I have started planning the school camp for 2020. I thought it's about time to fix in some dates. The plan is to head over to the Otago Peninsula and stay at the Hoopers Inlet Hall for three nights. The dates I have pencilled in at this point are the nights of February 25th, 26th and 27th, coming home on Friday the 28th. Let me know if these dates are problematic. Otherwise I will continue to make enquiries and plans based on these dates.



Stewart Island Camp 2017

## Dates for Diary

Senior Athletics - Tuesday October 22nd  
Labour Day - Monday October 28th  
Working Bee - Sunday November 3rd  
School Fair - Sunday November 10th  
End of Term Four - Thursday December 19th  
Start of Year 2020 - Tuesday February 4th

## Quiz Night

Thanks to Steve again for organising and running a great night. It is always a special group of people gathered together for our quiz night and we had lots of laughs, and raised about \$800 which is awesome. Congratulations to the school quiz team 'Monkey Puzzle' who took out first prize, a very impressive effort. Congratulations to Steve on being elected to the Dunedin City Council. We wish you all the best in this exciting new venture and thank you again for thirteen brilliant quiz nights in a row!

## Wheels Day Fridays

With spring here, feel free to bring wheeled equipment (scooters, bikes, skateboards etc) to school on Fridays which always makes for an active fun day.

## School Fair November 10 and Working bee

The school fair is on the horizon and we are starting to plan the day out. As per previous years it would be great to have a working bee on the Sunday prior so hopefully people can spare an hour or two for an outside spruce up. It would also be great to have a quick fair meeting after school sometime during the week after Labour Weekend, day to be advised.

Tim Cook

Principal



## Fluffy Ducks

Our two most recent recipients of the fluffy duck award were Nicholas and Kahu.

### Nicholas

Nicholas received the award for his outstanding effort writing a very creative and original poem full of great rhyming which also told a very entertaining story. He also presented his poem well at the end of term assembly.

### Kahu

Kahu received the award for his approach to his class work where he has a commendable approach to completing his work which is a good life skill to develop. Keep this approach up Kahu.

## Senior Athletics Day - Tuesday October 22nd - Palmerston

Our senior children can look forward to their annual athletics day up in Palmerston next Tuesday. With the field drying out and John getting the lawn mown we can get stuck in and practice the various disciplines. We are all set for transport for this day out as I have approached Cooke Howlison and they are kindly letting us use their courtesy van for the day so we can travel together which makes things nice and efficient. We will need to leave at 9am sharp to get to Palmerston on time.