

# Pūrākaunui School Pūrākaunui School Newsletter

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Term 1#1

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Hi everyone.

It is great to be back at school and to catch up with holiday stories and adventures. It was exciting to spend time at school over the summer break and see the renovations take shape. The renovations are nearing completion and look wonderful, giving us new spaces and a lovely new look. Jakub, Thorsten and the North Coast Builders team have put a massive effort in to get the job done and the care and attention to detail and the finish has been exceptional. We appreciate these efforts and it has been great to have a local building business do the work. We had a brilliant time digging up a very impressive crop of garlic on the first day back. Our first term topic is going to be Food Science which is designed to work in with our work with our expert Science advisor Kate Rice and also to celebrate the new kitchen space in the senior class. See the pictures below for a look at our first experiment - The Magic Milk Experiment.



Our first Friday lunch of 2020, made with fresh garlic and potatoes from our garden. It was the perfect day for alfresco dining.



## Swimming-Beginning Friday 14th February

We can look forward to starting swimming lessons again next week, on Friday afternoons with the West Harbour Swim School instructors. These lessons will carry on until the end of March when the pool closes for the winter. Please let me know if you would prefer Port Chalmers or School pick ups.

## Little Papis – Every Thursday 10.30

Little Papis play group is up and running again this year. Spread the word and feel free to join us on Thursday mornings for a catch up, play and morning tea. The library is also available for all to use.

## Camp - February 25 - 28

Camp week is nearly here which is exciting. I have lots planned for our time on the other side of the harbour. Fingers crossed for some nice weather and clear nights perfect for star-gazing. Please find attached to this newsletter an information sheet which includes an itinerary and permission slip.

## School donations - \$90

School donations for 2020 will remain at \$90. This donation covers all associated costs of education outside the classroom (EOTC) such as museum visits, swimming lessons etc. Please note that these donations are tax deductible.

## Stationery-\$30 each

Ms. D-S and I have purchased the stationery packs for the children again this year. This includes the usual books and pencils, coloured pencils, glue sticks, scissors, highlighters, marker pens, rubbers, and art books. Payments can be deposited directly into our bank account **03 0905 0078080-00** using your child's name as reference or made at the office if preferred.

## Dates for your Diary

Swimming - Begins Feb 14th  
Camp - Feb 25th to 28th  
Otago Anniversary Day -  
Monday March 23rd  
End of Term One - Thursday  
April 9th  
Good Friday - Friday April 10th  
Term Two Begins - Tuesday  
April 28th

It was a real thrill to receive a phone call in the holidays to say that the school had won the monthly Gilmour Motors Giving Back award of \$250! Thanks very much to Gilmour Motors and also thanks to Antoinette for nominating the school when she last had her car serviced with Gilmour Motors.



Mr Cook and Lawrence being presented with the massive cheque from Gilmour Motors.

Qian has made us this lovely tapestry of the Chinese New Year symbol for us to hang on our wall. It means good luck and is designed to welcome in the new year and wish everyone well for the year ahead. It was also the very first decoration that went up on our freshly dyed (now brown rather than purple) walls. Thanks very much for this gesture, which was no doubt a lot of effort.



# ASK ANTO



## AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CREATIVITY

Hi everyone and welcome back to ASK ANTO for 2020.  
Every Wednesday 3pm-5pm

## Community News



The 9<sup>th</sup> Waitati Music Festival (22nd February, 11am-11pm) offers three stages of music which accompany multiple art installations in a colourful Bland Park. Bands, DJ's, rappers, poets and comedians come together for a multi-sensory twelve - hour extravaganza.

Featured artists include Skulldubbery playing on the main stage at 6pm. Anto and Kahu's mum, Rongowai formerly known as Jackie, are both in this band so come along for some fun. All age groups are catered for, the Kidzone has a magical Creatures theme with face painting, making wings and masks, paint on a vehicle and a dragon, Jay the Juggler and more. New to 2020 is a youth zone featuring, skate boarding demo, mural painting, a den and more.

**Kids 14years and under are free and must be accompanied by a responsible adult. This is a community and family friendly event. Presale festival tickets are \$25 available from [cosmicticketing.co.nz](http://cosmicticketing.co.nz)**

**Tim Cook**  
**Principal**