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Principal's Comment

Kia Ora

A cold snap this week has seen winter approaching very quickly. The school buildings are all warm and cosy. I do have a number of polar fleeces (some nearly brand new) that nobody has claimed (either from this year or last). If you have lost yours please come in and ask. None of them are named so it is quite difficult to work out who they belong to. Please name them on the label provided.

The school was very fortunate in having the Art Road Show visit last week. An excellent exhibition was put on for the students and they all gained an appreciation of art. Thanks Ms Lavers for organising this.

A number of students went to Tapawera Area School last week to trial for the National Tournament. Well done to Chadd, Reece, William and Sonja who have been selected to play in Taupo in the Term 2 Holidays. Thanks Ms Burton for taking them.

Our Yr 13 Geography students have spent three days in Queenstown looking and working on their tourism assessment. Thanks to Mr Brockbank for organising this. Yr 12 Geography head to Dunedin next week for their urban studies assessment.

The students had a great time with El Gregoe the magician who was at school on Tuesday. He has a theme through his show on values and respecting each other.

The BoT members are attending two evening sessions of training on National Standards towards their Professional Development. This is being put on by the Ministry of Education and the School Trustee's Association.

School Photos were held today. Portrait/Family packs will be back after Queens Birthday weekend, with the option to order more, enlargements etc. Class photos will be available for viewing at the office later next week. When ordering please remember to write cheques out to Des Ellery and not the school. Payments or returns are to be handed in at the office within 10 days of receiving packs. Please make sure you return your photos if you do not wish to purchase or you will be charged for the pack.

Over the Queens Birthday weekend we will be celebrating 125 years of schooling in the district. On Saturday morning we would like as many pupils here at school as possible for the opening ceremony. If they could be here by 9.45am for an hour or so that would be

excellent. Yr 7/8 will be performing their haka - written by Tetini Timoteo for the 125th School Reunion. School buses will not be running on Saturday.

Tuesday 7 June is a staff only day. It would be good if parents could use this as a town/appointments day with your son/daughter.

Angela Sloane, Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

The National Library ran a competition for students to nominate their 'Reading Superhero'. The winners have been announced (on the National Library website) and below are some of the reasons teachers/librarians and parents became superheroes.

Reading Superheroes

- Share their enthusiasm, passion and love of reading and stories
- Model what a reader is and make them aspire to become readers
- Entertain them, make them laugh bringing stories alive
- Care about the kids and encourage them to get better at reading
- Transport them to another world inside their head and their imagination

Jenny Derks



FOOTSTEPS - EARLY LEARNING

If your baby and/or pre-school children are looked after by somebody else, or you care for somebody else's babies or children under a care arrangement, you could qualify for free early childhood education paid for by the Ministry of Education. So many people are not aware that this valuable resource is available to them.

For any parent who wants to give their child the best start, Footsteps is an early learning service that inspires children to reach their full potential now and in later life. Our qualified early learning teachers provide outstanding 1:1 support to children from birth to pre-school to help them develop the learning skills crucial to healthy growth. Because we are fully funded by the Ministry of Education, our service is **free** and conducted from the comfort of a home environment.

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Coming Events:

- 24 - 26 May - Barista Course
- 26 May - Juggler
- 31 May - Kiwisport - Whataroa
- 3 June - 125th Reunion
- 6 June - Queen's Birthday
- 7 June - Teacher Only Day
- 6 July - School Production

Remember to scroll down to look at the current calendar on our web page:

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