

## From The Principal...

*Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.*  
With your contribution and my contribution, the people will survive.

Dear parents and caregivers

This being our final newsletter of the year I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone who has supported and helped out our school during 2017. You're fabulous parents, caregivers and friends of Prebbleton School! Our children are very fortunate to have such an amazing community to grow up in and be part of.

My special thanks to the members of our PTA, who have planned so many wonderful social and fundraising events this year, both for children and adults. From the second-hand uniform shop to discos to sausage sizzle and curry lunches and so much more – thank you to all PTA members and the helpers group. We're getting much closer to that goal of artificial turf play areas!

A very big thank you to our highly capable and committed Board of Trustees members. They govern our school with a sense of aspiration for our children, fairness and diligence. They want to serve their students and community and strive to create a school that they will be proud to pass on to future trustees.

With just six days of school remaining staff members are busy with finishing things off and planning for next year. When they pause and take a breath I know they should feel extremely happy with the great year we have had, how hard they have worked and how much they and the children have achieved – my thanks to all the staff. We're lucky to have you working in our school 😊.

Thank you to our PTA monster raffle organisers. What a fantastic collection of prizes! Please support us by selling as many tickets as you can over this weekend, and then getting all sold or unsold books and money to school by next Wednesday. I'm hoping to win a prize that will save me from some Christmas gift shopping...

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Junior and/or Senior Prize-givings next week. Enjoy the craziness of the season and I hope that happy times reign!

*"Christmas is too sparkly, said no one ever."*

Hei konā mai  
Kim Alexander  
Principal  
[kima@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:kima@prebbleton.school.nz)



## Coming Up...

<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y3-4 EOTC Activities
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	Assembly 9.05am, Disco Evening
<b>Monday 11 December</b>	Y5-6 EOTC Activity, Y8 Sailing, Junior (Yrs 1-4) Prize-giving 2.00pm, school hall
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b>	Senior (Yrs 5-8) Prize-giving 7.00pm, Lincoln Events Centre
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b>	Reports & 2018 class placements home
<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	Christmas Sing-along 1.45pm
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	Final Day, <b>school closes 1.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 January</b>	School starts, 9.00am

Remember you can check our school website calendar for a full list of coming events;  
[www.prebbleton.school.nz](http://www.prebbleton.school.nz)

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of the  
Term...

Excellence

## Board News

The Board of Trustees held their November meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November. A student achievement report on Reading in Years 5-8 was presented and discussed. Reviews of the Arts, GaTE, Enviro-schools and Sports areas were presented. Staffing for 2018 was discussed. The 2018 operating budget was presented and approved. Property matters were discussed and the Board is looking forward to being involved in the planning for the new six-classroom block in 2018. The interim managing of space limitations, until the new block is complete, will pose some challenges for all involved.

## Term Dates for 2018

- **Term 1** 30 January to 13 April
- **Term 2** 30 April to 6 July
- **Term 3** 23 July to 28 September
- **Term 4** 15 October to 17 December

## School Site over the Holidays – Please Help

During the holidays we would be very grateful if you could all help keep an eye on the school property. We have had some petty vandalism occur recently and have heard of people climbing on the buildings. If you see anyone around behaving improperly on the school grounds please call the police straight away. However do feel free to play and enjoy the grounds yourselves – the more our families visit and use the site then the less time it is empty for those less welcome visitors. Children do need to be supervised by an adult.

## Principal Awards



Congratulations to these fabulous children who have been presented with a Principal's Award at a recent assembly – tino pai!

**Evelyn Price** – Showing skill, dedication and commitment to singing.

**Siena McGillivray** - Consistently performing to a high standard and demonstrating our value of Excellence.

# 2018 Staff and Class Structure

For 2018 we will be welcoming some new teachers to our school:

We are thrilled to have **Miss Amanda Blackwell, Miss Anna Cairns, Miss Julia Lambie, Mr Chris McDermott and Mr Alex Wilton** joining us. We are feeling very fortunate to have been able to appoint such high calibre teachers to our staff.

Below is our planned classroom structure for 2018 and the staff list.

We plan to use the Library space as a classroom, as it is close to Awa block and a lovely big space. This is a short-term solution until the new classroom block is built.

The start of a new school year is always exciting, as children form new relationships with their peers, class mates and teachers. With your encouragement and support children can view the changes as positive and a time for growth.

Please do not make any requests for particular teachers, as these will not be considered; class lists are being completed and going through the electronic student management system process. They will be communicated to students and parents on Wednesday 13 December.

Year	Room	Teacher
NE/1	Awa 5 (Library)	<b>Jo Neal (Team Leader)</b>
NE/1	Awa 2	Amanda Blackwell
NE/1	Awa 3	Amelia McMaster
1&2	Awa 1	Julia Lambie
1&2	Awa 4	Jo Schumacher
2	Moana 1	Alex Wilton
2	Moana 2	Kelly McIntyre
3/4	Moana 3	<b>Jodie Aitken (Team Leader)</b>
3/4	Moana 4	Phillipa Fenemor
3/4	Moana 5	Richie Cawthorn
3/4	Moana 6	Alison Harrington
3/4	Moana 7	Anna Cairns
3/4	Moana 8	Anna McClarron
5/6	Rakau 1	<b>Hannah Thomas (Team Leader)</b>
5/6	Rakau 2	Chris McDermott
5/6	Rakau 3	Katie Tullett
5/6	Rakau 4	Amy Gudgeon
5/6	Rakau 5	Cherie Harris
7/8	Manu 3	<b>Alli Williams (AP &amp; Team Leader)</b>
7/8	Manu 2	Sarah Walls
7/8	Manu 1	Sam Walker
Principal		Kim Alexander
Deputy Principal		John Russell
Part-time Teachers		Vanessa Mansfield, Sarah Gale, Tina McGregor, Nicola McGillivray, Andrea Swanson, Kim Wilson
Teacher Aides		Annie Owen, Gina Cridge, Janette Leyland
Office Staff		Sue Beattie, Tegan Thornley
Caretaker		Barry Renwick

## Social Worker in School

Next year we have decided to engage a social worker for a half-day each week in the school. The social worker will be available to work 1-to-1 with students who may need help for a range of challenges such as anxieties, making friends, worries, mentoring, lack of confidence etc. Referrals can be made by parents, or teachers may suggest ideas or seek help for small group support. More information will follow at the start of the new term, when we will introduce the social worker to you, from Christchurch Methodist Mission. The Board is funding this initiative so there will be no charge for parents.

## Memorial Pavers

If you would like to order a memorial paver like the ones on the ground leading to the school office please email [admin@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:admin@prebbleton.school.nz)

## OSCAR Plans for 2018

Many of you will be aware that for next year Prebble O's out-of-school-care (Oscar) will be operating off the school site, as their current building is going to be demolished. We are working with the parent committee who are making alternative arrangements for 2018. Watch this space, as we will let you know their arrangements before the end of this year.

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property box before the end of term. Unfortunately there are a lot of items that are not named. Any items unclaimed at the end of next week will be donated to the second hand uniform shop. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named for the start of 2018.

## Morning Road Patrol Supervisors needed for 2018

We will require three parent volunteers to supervise the morning road patrol once a fortnight from 8.30am – 9.00am in Term 1 2018.

Please email [admin@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:admin@prebbleton.school.nz) if you can help with this.

## Itinerant Music Lessons available at Prebbleton School in 2018

We are fortunate at Prebbleton School to have several music teachers who come and teach individual and group lessons in piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, drums, flute and singing. If you would like to know more about these opportunities you may contact the following teachers directly, as listed below or contact Alison Harrington, [alisonh@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:alisonh@prebbleton.school.nz)

Singing - Alice-Louise Baker, [alicelouisebarker@gmail.com](mailto:alicelouisebarker@gmail.com)

Guitar - David Morris, [tank\\_david@hotmail.com](mailto:tank_david@hotmail.com)

Violin/flute - Liz Charters, [lizzie@violinviola.co.nz](mailto:lizzie@violinviola.co.nz)

Drums - Andy Gibb, [tyler.manzon@velocitymusicschool.co.nz](mailto:tyler.manzon@velocitymusicschool.co.nz)

## What's happening in our classrooms? Part 4

One of the big advantages of collaborative practice is increased accountability. When we work with others, there is an expectation that we pull our weight within the group. Gone are the days when teachers could hide away in a classroom and give students busy work. Everyone has to bring their A-game when they're together in the same learning space, and this benefits our children's learning. The plus side for teachers is that there is always someone else to plan and reflect with.

If you visit Moana block, you will find Team 3/4 teachers successfully working in collaborative teams called 'studios'. Here are some snapshots of Moana 7&8 studio in action...



Collaboration takes on many forms. Within a school environment, you find all sorts of groups working together. Prebbleton School also collaborates between schools as part of a Community of Learning or Kāhui Ako. A Kāhui Ako is a group of education and training providers (early learning, schools, kura, and post-secondary) working together to help students achieve their full potential. Membership isn't limited to education providers – community members and employers can also join.

A stewardship board was established to govern the process of developing our Community of Learning, comprising of a BoT member from each school and a representative from each early childhood organisation. The Ministry of Education is providing resourcing for staffing, with a lead principal position already in place, and provision for lead teacher positions (within and across schools) in the near future.

The schools and ECEs in our Kāhui Ako are: Lincoln High School, Lincoln Primary School, Prebbleton School, Tai Tapu School, Springston School, Ladbroke School, Broadfield School, Giggles and Scribbles Early Learning Centre, Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln, Lincoln University Early childhood Centre, Lincoln Village Preschool and Nursery, Active Explorers—Tai Tapu, Prebbleton Kindergarten and Whippersnappers Early Learning Centre.

Initiatives such as a Physical Activities Co-ordinator, SOLO, Digifest, and the science and Mandarin provision for Year 7&8 students at technology, have come from our Kāhui Ako, and members continue to work together to share innovations, ideas, strengths and resources.

The overarching goal for our Kāhui Ako is to improve and enhance student achievement. We are currently formulating our achievement challenges; these are joint targets to focus teaching and learning on, in the areas of science, writing and international languages. Data is being gathered to support the submission of our achievement challenges to the Ministry of Education, and we are hoping to have approval by the end of this academic year.

Alli Williams (Learning Leader)



From Latin American music to Newton's Laws of Motion, the Hub has been a busy place of learning this term. We have been enjoying golf lessons as part of PE over the last few weeks with Canterbury Golf, and had a session at the Lincoln Golf Course on Monday afternoon.



We've been exploring stereotypes, particularly the ways that negative ones are reinforced in society and why we think it is important to 'call them out'. Students have researched an issue associated with a stereotype, and challenged the bias. The range of topics has been broad, from 'people with autism are bad communicators' to 'all women like fashion magazines'. Wow, we have some fantastic critical thinkers in the Hub. It is great to see they are prepared to challenge societal judgments.

Investigating globalisation and the reasons why people might choose to support 'Fair Trade' have also given us opportunities to think critically about society. Students have used bananas as a case study and are now researching other goods, e.g. gold, cotton, coffee, chocolate, flowers, tea and sugar. If you are interested in hearing what the students have found out, feel free to join us on Friday afternoon in the Hub.

Students investigating aerodynamic drag during Science Bites - faster  
Emily, faster!



A BIG shout out to the House Leaders for organising the recent House Touch Tournament. Great job, guys!





We were lucky to have a visit today from the all women officers crew of the Indian Navy Sailing vessel INSV Tarini. They are circumnavigating the world and are in Christchurch for two weeks. Thank you to Aria Sachdev for organising this visit.

## Sports News

Our team of 35 athletes travelled down to Ashburton yesterday to compete in the Primary Schools Athletics Championships. There were over 2000 students competing from 150 schools. Our athletes performed incredibly well and gave it their all, they should all be so proud of their efforts. Several athletes made either the final of their event or placed in the top ten.

A huge congratulations to Dallas Coxon who won the 11 year old boys long jump and to Jack Ackroyd who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in long jump and 3rd in the 100m sprint and shot put (13 year old boys).





Congratulations to Lucia Gale (Year 4) who represented Prebbleton School and Canterbury at the Year 6 and under South Island Tennis Champs. Despite being much smaller and younger than her opponents, she won the doubles competition and placed 2nd in the singles competition.





## Prebbleton School Sports Uniforms

Senior students representing Prebbleton School at sports events are expected to wear the school sports uniform.

Although the school does have some items to lend, we encourage students to purchase their own sports uniforms. Students in the senior school change into sports gear for P.E. lessons and sports practices/games (the house colour top is worn by students who do not own a sports top). All students must supply their own plain black shorts or leggings.

Please contact the school office if you wish to purchase sports uniform items.



Sports top \$45  
Jacket \$50  
Track pants \$35

## PTA News

### The disco is this Friday 8th December

**Time:** Juniors (Yr 0-4) 6:00-7:30pm, Seniors (Yr 5-8) 7:30-9:00pm

**Entry:** \$5

**For sale:** Water bottles \$1, fizzy \$2, lollies and chocolate \$2 and \$3  
glow toys \$2 and \$3

### Monster Raffle

Please return all books to the office *by Wednesday 13th December*.

Thanks to all those who have ordered extra books. It's awesome to see so many families working hard to support this fundraiser.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open this Friday 8th December both before and after school. This is the last one for the year. We will open again on the 25th of January. Check the PTA Facebook page for times.

Thank you to parents and students for all your support throughout the year.

**A VERY special thank you to the members of the PTA** who work hard to create fantastic fundraising opportunities. Thank you for the very generous donations you have made to many different areas within our school this year.

Some of the students in Team 5-6 have joined up to be part of the Student Volunteer Army. We have two projects in development. One is collecting used sports gear so that we can distribute it to other children who may not have access to sports gear. We are also collecting items for the SPCA.

Items can be left at the school office or Rakau 4. Thank you for your support.



### **Sport Gear Donation**

We are Students from Rakau block who have signed up to be part of the Student Volunteer Army. We are donating sports gear that you no longer need and giving it to other kids who don't have access to sports gear in Christchurch.

Please help by donating used sports gear in good condition to Prebbleton School. **Sport gear has to be at the school office or in Rakau 4 by Monday 11 December.**

So come on Prebbleton, help kids be able to go outside and have fun!

Items we would love to collect and donate include:

- Balls- football, rugby, cricket etc.
- Tennis racquets and tennis balls (as a set)
- Football/rugby boots in good condition
  - Cricket gear

**Thank you for your support- Prebbleton SVA**

Any questions feel free to email [amyg@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:amyg@prebbleton.school.nz)

Thank you for your donations!



We are Students from Rakau block who have signed up to be part of the Student Volunteer Army. We will be collecting food, bedding and goods for the SPCA.

**Items that we would love to be able to donate:**

- Pet beds or blankets (clean and in good condition)
- Toys, balls, cat scratch posts that are sturdy and solid especially- NO TUG/ROPE TOYS
- Pet accessories i.e. clean pet brush, collars, leads, dog jackets
- Pet food suitable for kittens, puppies, cats, dogs, rabbits (tinned and dry food)

Goods will be collected in the school office or upstairs in Rakau 4, please donate items by Monday 11 December.

**Thank you for your support- Team Rakau SVA**

Please email [amyg@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:amyg@prebbleton.school.nz) with any questions.

## Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the **19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December** available at the following clinics:

Hornby Community Dental Clinic  
Northcote Community Dental Clinic  
Woolston Community Dental Clinic  
Aranui Community Dental Clinic

*and from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic:*

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

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### ***New Year Clinic Openings***

An emergency dental service will also be offered from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic on the following dates:

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

and

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.



The advertisement features three children in school uniforms standing in the center. To their left, the Schooltex logo is displayed above the text 'We make it EASY for you to get your SCHOOL UNIFORM'. To their right, the text 'LET US HELP YOUR STUDENTS' is written in large, bold, red letters, followed by 'YOUR SCHOOL CAN RECEIVE UP TO 10% OF SALES ON SCHOOLTEX PURCHASES.' The bottom right corner features the 'thewarehouse' logo. At the very bottom, a line of text states: 'SCHOOLTEX SCHOOL UNIFORMS AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY AT YOUR LOCAL THE WAREHOUSE STORE'.

Many thanks to Jackie Wither, our local Harcourts agent. If you're selling a property; list with Jackie and support our school!



This block contains a dark banner with white and yellow text. On the left, it says 'Jackie is proud to support Prebbleton Primary' in a script font. In the center, it reads 'List & sell with Jackie and she will donate \$1000 back to Prebbleton Primary School.' On the right, it provides 'Jackie Wither 027 450 3777' and the 'Harcourts Four Seasons Realty' logo with the text 'Licensed Agent REAA 2008'.

## ***Kid's Kristmas Special***

*With Marty, Roy and Boris the Bear*



**Wednesday 20th December**

**5-6pm All Saints Church**

*Followed by the Prebbleton Christmas Market and Community Carol Singing at The Cottage*



Grab a rug & walk on down to

## ***Carols at the Cottage***

**Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> December**

Night Market from 7pm

Carols from 8.30pm

Good variety of Food, Entertainment and Stalls

**Parking is limited to the street, so best option will be to walk.**

*This is a family friendly, smokefree, no Alcohol event.*





## Kelly Sport Holiday Programme

**DECEMBER 2017: Mon 18 Dec – Fri 22 Dec**  
**JANUARY 2018: Mon 8 Jan – Fri 26 Jan**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
**HILLMORTON HIGH SCHOOL**

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.  
**Who can attend: Boys & Girls aged 5-13 yrs**

**General Information:** Our purpose is giving children opportunities to do fun things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training in behaviour management techniques, first aid and safety planning already.

**What do you need to bring:** Sports card appropriate clothing, insect repellent, sun cream, bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and drinks is included.

**Payment details:** Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when it is completed (invoice is attached). All payment details will be included on the invoice.

**Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy:** Parents/carers who are eligible for a subsidy will be able to access a VET-AT subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit <http://www.workandincome.govt.nz>

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sport accept no liability for any injury sustained by your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme. If your child/ren are excluded for other reasons, the cost of the programme will be charged \$15 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

**Prices & Session Times:**

<b>Full Weeks: \$185</b> Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm	<b>Full Days \$40</b> 9am-4pm	<b>Trips Days: \$15 each</b> 9am-4pm
<b>Early/Late Sessions: \$10</b> 8am-9am, 4pm-5.30pm	<b>Half Days: \$28</b> 9am-12.30pm or 1pm-4pm	

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