

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 7th March, 2019

Mā roto hoki kia ora ka pai te korero.
When refreshed, the conversation will be agreeable.

Kia ora e te whanau

I thought I would share our Strategic Plan goals with you all, as the Board has completed and adopted the new plan, which many staff, children and parents had input into last year. Of course there are a lot of details and various plans that fit under these goals, but it's good sometimes to focus on the bigger picture.

Strategic Goals:

GOAL ONE: LEARNING

To grow and nurture all learners for a changing future.

Objectives:

- Embrace and live our school vision Create Think Grow, in partnership with learners' whanau, to develop the whole child.
- Living our school values in all that we do.
- Creating a physical and emotional environment that allows all learners to succeed, and feel safe to create, think and grow.
- Support hauora in our learners, whanau and staff members.
- Provide experiences and opportunities for learners to develop skills, capabilities and knowledge.
- Foster (stage appropriate) student agency.

GOAL TWO: COMMUNITY

To create and grow dynamic and meaningful partnerships with our community.

Objectives:

- Community members feel welcome and invested in their school – manaakitanga.
- Prebbleton School is valued and participating actively in its local community.
- Strengthen the 'Community' value within school.
- Alignment of shared educational direction and effective communication.
- Community support and involvement for our work to protect and enhance the environment.

The Year 7&8 students had a fabulous time on camp and at aquatic activities last week. We were so proud of their attitudes, behaviour and enthusiasm! Thanks so much to the teachers and parents who gave up their personal time to take our children away for these experiences. This week is the turn of Years 5&6 – they have lovely weather forecast and I am sure the Year 6 students will be enjoying their camp experience at Living Springs.

Just a heads-up that our hall will be out of use in the final 3 weeks of this term, as three of the Rakau classes will be moving in to use it as their learning space while the Rakau block upgrade is taking place.

"The quieter you become, the more you can hear."

Hei konā mai
Kim Alexander
Principal, Tumuaki
kima@prebbleton.school.nz



Coming Events:

6-8 March	Year 5 EOTC activities and Year 6 camp
Friday 8 March	Assembly 9.05am
Friday 15 March	PTA Sausage Sizzle lunch
Tuesday 19 March	Y5&6 Cricket teams out
Friday 22 March	Assembly 9.05am, Rakau team moving day
25 March – 5 April	Year 1-4 Swimming lessons
Monday 25 March	Board meeting
Tuesday 2 April	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 4 April	Canterbury Swimming champs
Friday 5 April	Huxster Mountain Bike event
Friday 12 April	Final day of Term 1
Monday 29 April	Term 2 begins



SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

**Interested in joining our Board of Trustees?
We will need 5 parent representatives.
Nominations open on 10th May!**

For more information about what it means to be on a school board – go to <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

If you would like to come along and observe one of our board meetings, or make contact with a board member to discuss the role; email kima@prebbleton.school.nz for further help.

Our board members welcome your inquiries – chat to one of us!

Pete Lockhart, Grant McIntyre, Delys Brough, Siobhan Cross, Adam Gard'ner, Alli Williams, Kim Alexander.

NZEI Paid Union Meetings

Our teachers will attend union meetings on the afternoons of 19th & 20th March. As there are two meetings available we will be able to split up and half will go to each. School will remain open and there is no need for you to keep children at home. For those times classes will mostly be doubled-up.

Momo Advice for Parents

You may be aware that recently there has been an online hoax 'challenge' from 'Momo', aimed at children, encouraging them to carry out unsafe tasks. We know that some children at our school have been talking about this, as it is popping up on social media and YouTube. Please keep yourself well-informed and be ready to have a conversation at home as and if needed.

Check out these links for great advice for parents:

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/momo-challenge-advisory-february-2019/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/home/news/article/239/mhf-statement-on-the-momo-challenge>

Netsafe's advice for parents about exposure to upsetting content:

- Have a conversation with young people about what to do if they do come across upsetting content online
- Let your child know that they can come to you when they find something upsetting and they won't get in trouble

- Stay calm if they do come to you – don't assign blame, reassure them that it's not their fault and don't punish them for seeking help
- Normalise their feelings – let them know that it is normal to feel scared, confused or upset
- Don't over-react by taking away the technology – this may make them less likely to talk to you if something else happens
- For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords like "Momo"
- If you or your child comes across this type of content report it to the platform that it's on
- If your child is expressing any concerning feelings, follow up with mental health support
- If you know that a young person has been engaging in this challenge, report it to the Police and Netsafe, and contact a mental health service for support.

Have your say!

The Government is reviewing Tomorrow's Schools – the name given to the reforms that dramatically changed the governance, management and administration of our schools nearly 30 years ago. The Independent Taskforce reported its findings to the Minister of Education in November 2018. Their report: Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together has now been released for public consultation.

The report covers eight key issues: Governance; Schooling Provision; Competition and Choice; Disability and Learning Support; Teaching; Leadership; Resourcing; and Central Government Agencies.

The Taskforce's report makes a number of significant recommendations for changes to the current education system. Stakeholder feedback on the report and its recommendations will be critical to inform Government decision making in 2019. To find out more, and have your say on the recommended changes please use the link below:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

Policy Review

Thank you to all those who took part in the policy reviews in Term 4 2019. The board will now consider the feedback and make any changes to the relevant policies by the end of this term.

The policy for review this term is Alcohol, Drugs, and other Harmful Substances. If you would like to participate in the review please follow these steps:

- Follow the link <http://prebbleton.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
- Username is: prebbleton, Password is: village
- Click on the 'Current Review' tab
- Click on the relevant policy
- Read the policy.
- Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (parent) from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

Caretaker Position Available

35 hours per week.

You will need to have a range of property skills such as; gardening, general handyman, safety checks and dealing with all the quirks of working in a school. We're looking for an energetic person who takes pride in their work, likes children and enjoys being part of a hard-working staff. You must be self-managing and show initiative. A police vet will be undertaken.

Applications close Monday 18 March. Position to start as soon as possible. Inquiries welcome. Apply by email to kima@prebbleton.school.nz. Include CV, covering letter and contact details for two professional referees. Please read the job description available on our website, before applying; <http://www.prebbleton.school.nz/Web/47/>.

Board of Trustee News

The first board meeting for 2019 was held last week:

- The 2019 Charter was approved and adopted (you can read it on our school website, in the Board of Trustees section).
- Student achievement targets in Reading, Maths and Well-being were approved.
- The plans for the upgrade of Rakau block were discussed, including the moving out of the classes for the last part of this term. The building contract has been awarded and work will start on 25th March.
- For the new classroom block build, tenders close on 8th March, with the ministry inviting a shortlist of 3 companies to tender.
- The Years 5-8 EOTC activity weeks and camps were approved, as the documents had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- The date of Friday 7th June was adopted as the board of trustees' election date. Board members discussed who of them was likely to re-stand for election, and how they could encourage other parents to consider standing.
- Discussion was had about the Tomorrow's Schools Report and the implications of the recommendations. Submissions are now open and board members will consider making their own.



Principal Awards

Congratulations to these outstanding students who were presented with a Principal's Award at our recent whole school assembly on the 22nd February, tino pai tamariki!

Freya Rendall - Showing wonderful community in Studio 56. Freya is always cheerful, helpful and caring.

Darcy Gemmell - Showing excellence: always on task and ready to work. Darcy is setting an example of how to make great choices.

Emily Fitzsimmons and Ethan McDonald - showing excellent sportsmanship, supporting and celebrating other people's success at Swimming Sports.

Road safety

A huge thank you to the three parents who have volunteered to go onto the road patrol roster. It is very much appreciated! We still need one more parent who would be willing to do a morning road patrol supervision once a fortnight on a Friday morning. If you think you could help with this please email johnr@prebbleton.school.nz or stop in and see John in person.

It has been noted that there are some children biking to school who are not wearing their helmets and only put them on as they get close to school or are not wearing them at all. Please help us by reinforcing the message about wearing bike helmets at all times when riding.

School Donation Receipts

If you require a receipt for school donations paid in 2018 or earlier **these will only be available through our old system until March.** Please contact the office as soon as possible if you need any receipts. The cut-off date is Friday March 15th.

A big thank you to Richard Innes and Bayleys Real Estate for sponsoring our Vistab this year.

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PTA News

Congratulations to the PTA office holders for 2019

Chairperson: Vanessa Johnston

Treasurer: Catherine Digby

Secretary: Leanna Singleton

Get your calendars out people, here are some dates to remember:

- Monster second hand uniform sale- Tuesday 2 April in the hall after school
- Winter disco- Friday 28 June
- Halloween disco- Another opportunity for the kids to wear their costumes Friday 1st November

Sausage sizzle- Each term one team will receive the profits from a sausage sizzle

- Friday March 15th
- Friday May 17th
- Friday August 9th
- Friday October 25th

Other lunches:

- Subway: 31 May & December 6th
- Friday 21st June - Info to come with what's on the menu on this day

Traditional Events:

- Mothers' Day Stall: Friday 10th May
- Junior Movie Night: Thursday 15th August
- Fathers' Day Breakfast: 30th August
- Seniors' Night: Thursday 24 October
- Expo Day sausage sizzle: Friday 8th November

BARN DANCE (for parents!!) Save the date: Friday 6th September- More info to come

LINC-ED

Over the last week, Hub students have been introduced to their 'student accounts' on LINC-ED. Like Seesaw for our juniors, LINC-ED provides an online platform through which our Year 5 - Year 8s are able to share their learning. Each student has two 'pages' within LINC-ED that they can upload to; 'student portfolio' and 'celebrations'. Students in Team 5/6 will be starting on their LINC-ED journeys after EOTC week is finished.

Here's an example of Mia's post to her 'Student Portfolio' page after sailing last week.



27th February 2019

Sailing Reflection

On the 27th I went sailing. I was in a group with Chloe and Charlotte and I really enjoyed sailing on Lake Rua with "KORE". Our boat model was an Optimist we named it "Blue Number 29". We learned to assemble a Yacht putting the center board in the hole, attaching the rudder and tiller with its tiller

extension on to the back of the boat, hosting the main mast and boom up we tied Knots and secured the Sail. My favorite and most memorable moment was when I was sailing along my mind wandered and next thing I knew I was tipped on my side. The boat about to capsize I fell into the water "29" followed me we made a big splash yet somehow my warm woolly hat had not managed to get wet. I started to swim back to shore but everybody started yelling at me to go back for the boat so I grabbed the boat and pulling it with me I again started to swim back to shore but this time everyone started yelling yet again telling me to flip the yacht over, a man on a motor boat came over and helped me to turn the boat over we pulled and we tugged and we kept pulling in till the boat flipped back over. I sailed back to shore and then it was Chloe's turn. Thankfully none of MY group fell in or capsized their boat!

Sporting Achievement

A big congratulations to Hayden Chisholm who finished 3rd overall at the Canterbury Optimist Sailing Champs, open fleet.



Sport

What a fantastic day we had out at Southbridge pool on Tuesday for the Lincoln Zone swimming champs. The sun was shining out of the pool and the swimmers were shining in the pool. We sent a huge team of 38 to compete. Here are the results of our top placegetters. Congratulations to the following swimmers:

Year 5/6

- Mia- 2nd backstroke, 2nd freestyle
- Luke M- 3rd backstroke
- Ben M- 1st backstroke, 1st freestyle
- Alyssa J- 2nd backstroke
- Duncan- 1st freestyle
- Yr 5 relay 1st (Mia, Silvia, Duncan, Beau)
- Yr 6 relay- 3rd (Alyssa, Emily, Ben, Hayden C)

Year 7/8

- Hayden L- 2nd backstroke, 1st breaststroke
- Charlie- 3rd backstroke
- Libby-1st backstroke, 2nd freestyle
- Caitlin- 2nd backstroke, 2nd butterfly
- Freya- 3rd backstroke
- Bella- 1st freestyle
- Yr 7 relay- 1st (Libby, Bella, Hayden L, Charlie)
- Yr 8 relay- 4th (Freya, Grace, Tom, Andrew)





News from Team 1-2

Team 1-2 have been creating some superb art works over the last few weeks. Do pop into the classes and have a look at the walls and hanging displays that showcase the children's learning this term.



Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)

Year 8 Hanmer Camp

Year 7 Aquatic Activity Week



Important Information from the CDHB

Please read below information regarding the current measles outbreak in Canterbury.

Since 26 February 2019, the number of cases in the latest Canterbury measles outbreak has been steadily climbing and as at 5 March we have had ten confirmed cases, with more likely to be confirmed over the next days and weeks. Some are children who have yet to complete their MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccinations, but four are adults aged between 27 and 50 who have had only one measles vaccination, which was standard practice between 1969 and 1990. Cases have now spread throughout Christchurch.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious, viral disease where up to 30 percent of those who catch it will develop complications – usually children under 5 and adults over the age of 20. Measles during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature labour and low birth-weight in babies. Measles is spread through droplets in the air and through contact, so that anyone unprotected who has been in the same room as someone with measles will likely get it.

The surest protection is for people to have had both of their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations, scheduled to be given to children at 15 months and at four years. As long as children of school age are up-to-date with their vaccinations they should be protected against measles. People vaccinated between 1969 and 1990 should contact their GP team who will provide a booster vaccination. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to measles and will be immune.

Family members who aren't sure if they have been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine should talk to their GP team who will be able to provide a vaccination if they need it. An extra vaccination will not cause any harm.

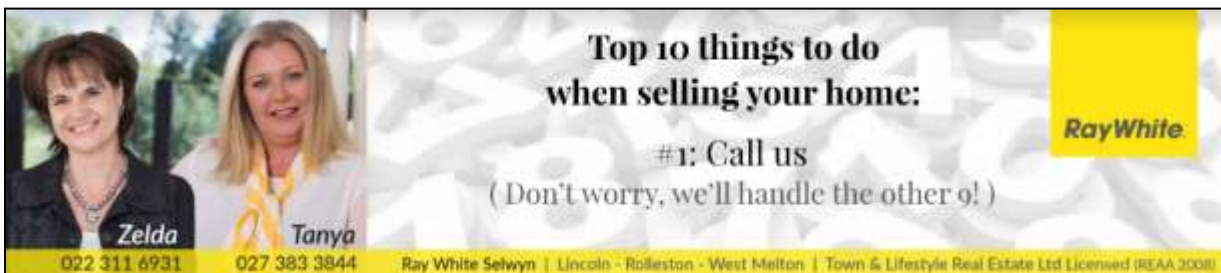
Measles symptoms include:

- A respiratory type of illness with dry cough, runny nose, headache
- Temperature over 38.5 C and feeling very unwell
- A red blotchy rash starts on day 4-5 of the illness usually on the face and moves to the chest and arms.

More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>.

If you think a child at your school has measles, keep them away from other children until they can be collected and taken home. If they are already sick they should stay home for at least five days after symptoms such as a rash appeared. Once measles has been in your school, parents of any children who are not fully immune (2 doses of MMR) are advised to keep them home for 14 days from the likely date of exposure.

Community Notices



Top 10 things to do when selling your home:

#1: Call us
(Don't worry, we'll handle the other 9!)

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Junior Open Day and Trials

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Our trial dates are as follows:

Saturday 2nd March from 9am

Sunday 10th March from 9am

All details can be found on our Facebook page and our website, www.waikirikiri.co.nz, as well as information regarding our FREE skills sessions for our members.

CREATE THINK GROW



MARCH ISSUE digital magazine is available here issue1902c.totstoteens.co.nz/

What's in the latest issue of Tots to Teens Magazine

In this issue, we have great sanity-saving hacks for parents coping with kids back at school, including four ways to save money (and stress!), supporting parents of our new entrants, and eight reasons for kids to consider martial arts as an after-school activity. We have three delicious ways to include "wonder food" turmeric in your everyday family meals, five top tips for busy and tired mums, and help when you're thinking, "Uh-oh... What's my kid looking at online?" (a scary prospect now that our kids spend so much time on YouTube). Check out our amazing Rotorua story and make sure you enter our special competition to win a 4-day action-packed vacay to this great destination. Also, we're investigating why good old-fashioned nursery rhymes never go out of style, and why they may be integral to children's emotional and cognitive development.



Cross Country 2019

All those interested in training and/or competing in the Winter 2019 season are invited to attend our open day and fun run.

Sunday 10 March 2019, 10am—12pm, Brookside Park

2km run 10.30am

4km run 11.00am

Children and adults are all welcomed.

A great way to keep fit over the winter!

Contact: Ann-Marie 027 560 6233 or email selwyn.athletics@gmail.com

MCDONALDS YOUTH DUATHLON ORGANISED BY GARDEN CITY ROTARY

Registrations open now.

The 2019 McDonald's Duathlon to be held at Hagley Park on Sunday, 7 April 2019. This event is run by volunteers from Garden City Rotary Club.

Entries are open to 7 -15 year olds and the duathlon includes a run, bike and run. Entrants can look forward to receiving a Competition Medal, Gift Pack of sponsors' products and a competition T-shirt.

7 - 10 Years - Run 1km, Cycle 4km, Run 500m

11 - 15 Years - Run 2km, Cycle 8km, Run 1km

This community event is held by Garden City Rotary Club. To enter go to www.gardencityrotary.org.nz





PREBBLETON NETBALL CLUB 2019

Year 1-4: Future Ferns

Please register by Friday March 15th. Games are played for this age group on a Monday or Tuesday afterschool at the Lincoln Netball courts. Game times are 3.45pm Year 1-2 and 3.45pm or 4.45pm for Year 3-4. It is a 10-week programme finishing with a "Fun Day" tournament on Sunday August 18th. Week 1 starts on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th May.

Year 5/6: Future Ferns

Please make sure you are registered by Friday 8th March. Trainings will be on a Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm at the Prebbleton Domain. Games are on Saturday mornings at the Lincoln Netball Courts.

Please email Julia McIlraith julia_mcilraith@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



LINCOLN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION & LINCOLN UNIVERSITY PRESENT

COMMUNITY DAY 2019

24TH MARCH | 10AM-4PM | LINCOLN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Free Family Fun for Everyone
Inflatables, Petting Zoo, Sheep Shearing, Food Trucks and More!
Bring along your family and friends and enjoy the activities and entertainment on Lincoln University's beautiful campus!

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