

# NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

## From the Principal

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

Thursday 25 October 2018

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome back to school for Term 4, and a very special welcome to our new students and families – we are thrilled to have you join us! What gorgeous weather we have been having.

Last term ended on a high with the amazing junior production, the Ellesmere cultural festival, and the students completing an excellent term of learning and participating. I'm sure Term 4 will be equally fulfilling at our school. We have the Jump Jam competition, athletics events and our first ever 'Create Think Grow' week coming up. Term 4 is always full of fun and action, as summer arrives, and we wrap up learning topics for the year.

Good luck to the senior choir who will be participating in the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival tonight – they have been learning and practising hard all year for this big event. Many thanks to their wonderful tutor Sam Walker.

Please read on to find out details of a couple of important happenings this term; a big change for our Expo Day, and an impending strike day.

***"Don't compare your child to others. There's no comparison between the sun and the moon. They shine when it's their time."***

Hei konā mai  
Kim Alexander  
Principal, Tumuaki  
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We're up to \$70,000!

## Coming Events

|                       |   |
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| Thursday 25 October   | Chch Schools' Music Festival 7.00pm                                       |
| Friday 26 October     | Assembly 9.05am, PTA Sausage Sizzle, Performing for Pensioners 2.00pm.    |
| Monday 29 October     | Board meeting 7.00pm  |
| Tuesday 30 October    | Years 5-8 Athletics Day (Thurs 1/11 <sup>th</sup> pp day)                 |
| Wednesday 31 October  | Years 5-6 Zone Summer Tournament  |
| Saturday 3 November   | Jump Jam Regional Finals  |
| Wednesday 7 November  | Years 7-8 Zone Summer Tournament  |
| Friday 9 November     | Assembly 9.05am, Zone Athletics   |
| 12-23 November        | Years 5&6 swimming lessons  |
| Wednesday 14 November | <b>Teachers probable industrial action strike day, school closed, TBC</b> |
| Friday 16 November    | Canterbury Show Day holiday   |
| Friday 23 November    | 'Expo Day!' (Previously known as Country Expo)                            |

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

## Staff News

A warm welcome to **Tanja Borgmann**, who is joining our staff this term as a teacher aide, to support the learning of our students. And if you haven't heard the wonderful news – **Amelia McMaster** has produced a beautiful baby boy; Ethan James – congratulations from all of your Prebbleton whanau Amelia! ❤️

## Likely School Closure on Wednesday 14 November

Please mark the date in your diaries now – NZEI union members have again voted in favour of taking strike industrial action for a day, and in Christchurch that will be on 14 November. This is owing to their dissatisfaction with collective agreement negotiations. As all of our teachers are NZEI members it is most likely that we will have to close our school. Please be prepared to plan childcare arrangements for that day. We will keep you updated on any developments.

## 'Create Think Grow' Week

In Week 6 of this term we are planning our first school-wide big theme learning week. Each day until midday the students and teachers will all be in multi-level groups (they will be in the same group for the whole week). The groups will have some short sessions together prior to that week to begin thinking and planning what their group's learning activities will focus on – the theme is **Celebrations**. We're excited about trying this concept out for the first time. We're aiming to promote student-led learning, engagement, fun, curiosity and community.



## So, that means no Country Expo (as we know it)...

To celebrate at the end of the above Create Think Grow Week – we will be having an '**Expo Day**'. This will replace the usual Country Expo; we're mixing things up a bit this year. We're still in the planning phase so we're not sure exactly what it will look like on the day yet. It will most likely not include the traditional flower and pet animal events, so no need to start planning any of those at home 😊. It will be a celebration of the learning and activities that the children have been involved in across that week, so it might have some performances, arts and crafts, displays etc. Watch this space!

# The World of Cyberspace for Parents

Parenting is no easy pastime – keeping up with what our children are up to in the online world is a challenging responsibility, one however that we cannot shirk! Increasingly parents and teachers are becoming concerned about how much time some of our children are spending playing Fortnite each day. Here is a link to a short and simple article that you may find helpful:

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/technology/the-101-on-fortnite-and-what-your-kids-dont-want-you-to-know/>.

And for great tips and advice on internet use and cyber-safety, this is an excellent resource to delve into regularly; <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/>. Their 10 Tips for Parents are excellent!

Many devices and home wifi systems enable you to use parental controls to set restrictions on data access, use times etc – yes you are the parent and yes it is okay for you to set the ground rules and boundaries ☺

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Our grateful thanks to these businesses who have supported our junior production this year – we appreciate your generosity very much! Please show your support for these sponsors:



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## PTA News

**Tomorrow is a BIG day, here are some reminders from the PTA: .**

Please have ALL tea towel orders in by tomorrow to the school office. Remember to either send the correct cash or pay online into the PTA account BEFORE sending in your order form. Details are on the notice. We will keep you up to date with timing on these.

There is a sausage sizzle TOMORROW. Please order from the hall kitchen between 8:30-9am. Sausages are \$2 each, GF available. Proceeds from this sausage sizzle will go to Team 5-6.

The uniform shop will be open both before and after school tomorrow.

Also.....

Have you checked out our fundraising thermometer lately? You will notice that there has been a new goal achieved.....**artificial turf, here we come!**

**Many thanks to Duane Aarts, a fellow parent at our school and our local Mortgage Adviser.** If you're interested in purchasing a home, wanting to build, or looking to invest; speak with Duane and support our school!



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## Community Notices

### The Life Education Canterbury Duck Race

On **Sunday 4 November** we are holding our first ever fundraising event "**The Life Education Canterbury Duck Race**".

Taking place on Te Papa Otakaro, Avon River, starting from The Bridge of Remembrance and finishing at Victoria Square, where we will have an event village set up. We are lucky to have support from The Breeze, Mediaworks as well as various Rotary Groups in Canterbury.

**On the day we will have two races:**

**GENERAL DUCK RACE** - 2000 numbered ducks will be launched into the river racing for the finish line, with three great prize packages up for grabs. Each duck is sold for \$5 via a raffle system - If your school is interested in having a raffle booklet (x10 ticks) in your staff room or reception - please let me know and I can send this to you.

**CORPORATE DUCK RACE** - Businesses or Schools can enter through a \$200 donation. We'll send you a medium sized duck for your school/group to decorate to represent your team. We'll be running a "people's choice best dressed duck" via Facebook - so it will be lots of fun! Of course there are some amazing prizes to win.



**LIGHT PARTY**

AN ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

ANIMALS  
FOOD & DRINK  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
CARNIVAL GAMES  
ADULT'S SUPPER ROOM  
ARTS & CRAFTS

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED  
(NO WITCHES, GHOSTS, MONSTERS OR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES PLEASE)

WED 31ST OCTOBER  
5:30-7:30PM

ADULTS FREE \$2 A CHILD OR \$5 A FAMILY

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CONTACT NAOMI FOR MORE INFO ON 021 709595



Affinity Gymnastics Academy is a brand new gymnastics club that has recently been established to serve the Selwyn district. The club is a result of Gymnastics New Zealand recognising in 2017 that there was a need for a sub-regional hub facility to serve the Selwyn district.

Affinity Gymnastics Academy is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest dedicated gymnastics facility in the South Island and offers women's and men's artistic gymnastics for all, from pre-school to senior national competitive level.

Our 1,200m<sup>2</sup> facility offers an open floor area of 1,100m<sup>2</sup> which includes a dedicated area for pre-school and recreational gymnastics of 240m<sup>2</sup> and 900m<sup>2</sup> dedicated for WAG & MAG apparatus and training.

The following gymnastics programmes are available for enrolment;

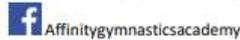
- ✓ Pre-school classes
- ✓ Organised school classes
- ✓ Recreational gymnastics for girls and boys
- ✓ Regional competitive gymnastics
- ✓ WAG & MAG competitive gymnastics
- ✓ Adult classes & personal tuition (by arrangement)
- ✓ Special needs classes (by arrangement)

Our coaches are nationally and internationally qualified (Gymnastics NZ, British Gymnastics & FIG) and have extensive experience of coaching gymnasts up to national level. Many of our coaches also hold Gymnastics NZ judge qualifications also.

Further information can be found by using any of the following means of contact;

[www.affinitygymnastics.co.nz](http://www.affinitygymnastics.co.nz)

Tel. 02 AFFINITY (022 334 6489)



## Art Travels - Egypt



**Time: 24 Oct, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM**  
**Generation House, 646 Springston Rolleston Rd**

### An experience of Egypt in Selwyn!

This workshop begins with a beautifully brewed cup of tea from the country of Egypt, followed by a brief screening of wonderful images designed to spark your imagination. A 5 minute guided imagination setting session and then we create amazing illustrations reflecting the country in a workshop led by the talented art practitioner Yulia Potts.

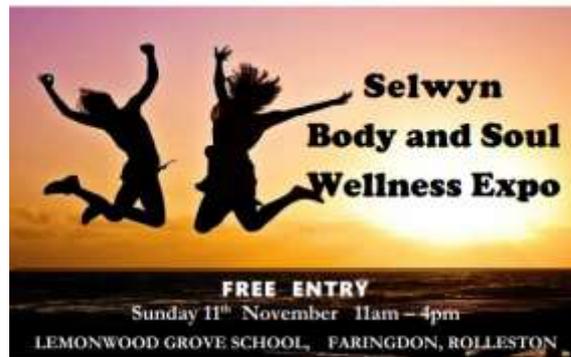
All materials, cup of tea and assistance supplied.

Just \$35 per person for the two hour experience. (usually \$50 per person)

The cost of the workshop has been subsidised with thanks to Selwyn Creative Communities.

Contact [www.selwyncreativenetwork.com](http://www.selwyncreativenetwork.com)

To Book: <https://www.selwyncreativenetwork.com/events/art-travels-egypt>  
 Bookings will be confirmed on receipt of payment.



**FREE ENTRY**  
 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 4pm  
 LEMONWOOD GROVE SCHOOL, FARINGDON, ROLLESTON

*Crystals = Arbonne = Isagenix = Craniosacral = Numerology*  
*Doterra Essential Oils = Chiropractic = Biotron Healing Machine*  
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