

# NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

*Ahakoā he iti he pounamu.*  
Although it is small, it is precious.

Thursday 8 November 2018

Kia ora e te whanau

We have had a real mixed bag of weather this fortnight, including for Senior Athletics Day. After having to postpone we were able to hold it last Friday, with a fine day although the breeze was cold. The students participated very well with some excellent competition and results. The day was a great success overall. One of the most positive aspects for me was watching how supportive the students were to each other; encouraging and being excited for others' achievements and showing care and empathy when their peers struggled – I was very proud of what I saw, particularly from our intermediate students. Ka pai to Amy Gudgeon and Richie Cawthorn who did a brilliant job organising and leading the athletics, and many thanks to those who helped on the day. From these results we have now selected the team to represent us at the Zone Athletics next week – good luck!

Last weekend was a very exciting time for our Jump Jam teams – they represented us brilliantly at the regional finals. The senior teams won a number of awards and our fabulous boys' team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their grade! They have been a delight to watch this year. Congratulations to all the teams and a huge thanks to Amy Gudgeon and Jodie Craig and all staff members who have helped them out with coaching, rehearsing and at the competition.

***"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old but on building the new."***

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



Spot Hannah Thomas cycling in Hoi An Vietnam!



*Value of the Term*

## Coming Events:

Friday 9 November	Assembly 9.05am, Zone Athletics
12-23 November	Years 5&6 swimming lessons
Wednesday 14 November	<b>Teachers industrial action strike day, school closed!</b>
Friday 16 November	Canterbury Show Day holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	'Create Think Grow' Week
Friday 23 November	Expo Day!
Monday 26 November	Science Roadshow, Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday 27 November	Years 1-4 Junior Athletics Day
Friday 30 November	Reports Sent Home
Wednesday 5 December	Canterbury Athletics
Friday 7 December	Assembly 9.05am, Subway Lunch, Disco!
Thursday 13 December	Prize-givings at Lincoln Events Centre: Y1-4 @ 5pm, Y5-8 @ 7pm
Monday 17 December	Final Day, school closes 1.00pm

## Prize-giving Times and Venue

This year for the first time we are planning to hold both our Junior and Senior prize-givings at Lincoln Events Centre on Thursday 13 December. The junior one has been a tight squeeze in our own hall in the last couple of years. So, we will have the juniors (Years 1-4) on at 5.00pm, and the seniors (Years 5-8) on at 7.00pm. All students are expected to attend the one for their year level, and can also attend the other if that is easier for any families.

## 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 the Board of Trustees has decided that we will have to close our school. Please plan childcare arrangements for that day.

## Board News

The Board held its October meeting last Monday. The principal's report was presented; it included annual reviews from some of our 2018 focus areas, including Arts, Sport, Enviroschool, GaTe and Well-being. A report from our social worker was read and discussed. Teaching appointments for 2019 were confirmed.

In property news: For our new building; the developed design with a QS estimate will be complete by 12 November. Detailed design is scheduled to begin 28 November and completed 28 January. Construction tender is scheduled for February. The MoE's completion timeframe remains at the end of 2019. Meanwhile the Board is planning an upgrade and modernisation of Rakau block, for which a project manager and architect has been appointed and the design is now being finalised.

## Policy Review

The policies for review by parents this term are: **Religious Instruction**, and **Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori Students**. If you would like to participate in the policy reviews, please follow these simple 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.

## 'Create Think Grow' Week and Expo Day

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 not include the traditional flower and pet animal events, except for the lamb event which will go ahead. 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!

## Great Kiwi Competitions

The annual CEM Great Kiwi Science, English and Mathematics competitions (based at the University of Canterbury) are skills-based and closely aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum. This year we had students who chose to enter in Years 5-8. Congratulations to these students who did extremely well:

Distinction: Sam Cross (highest English score in NZ!); Ophelia Berry-Cummings; Brianna Searle; Hayden Lockhart; Bill Cross; Bruce Chen.

Excellence: Lauren Ling; Emily Henderson; Mackinley Johnston.

## Rakau Team Runners!

Some of our teachers are taking team building to a whole new level! Five teachers and one partner made up this awesome group who ran in the Selwyn Running Festival. Those shirts look great 😊.



## Mandarin Learning in Years 7&8

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at the Confucius Institute Prizegiving on the 5th of November: Amelie van der Molen, Emily Lippert, Ruby Jamieson, Fletcher Hall, Ashley McGregor, Cailan van der Molen and Alisha Robinson – tino pai!

## Performance Afternoon

Many of our Arts groups performed to the senior citizens who visited us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The students did a fabulous job entertaining, and then our junior children made conversation and read stories to our visitors. Here is the junior choir in action.



## Planning for 2019

To help us accurately plan our 2019 class structure we need to hear from anyone whose child(ren) will not be attending Prebbleton School next year. If you know you're leaving then please let us know – [admin@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:admin@prebbleton.school.nz).

Soon we will begin forming the class lists for next year. This will be done by the senior leadership team, in consultation with teachers, using our professional judgement. Our knowledge of the children, and their social and learning progress, will be used to make up class lists. If you have any specific extra information that we may need to take into consideration for class placement, that we do not already know about your children; please email [kima@prebbleton.school.nz](mailto:kima@prebbleton.school.nz) by **Thursday 15 November**.

## Principal Awards

Congratulations to this fabulous student who was presented with a Principal's Award at our recent whole school assembly on the 26<sup>th</sup> October – tino pai!

**Katie-Maree Yates** - showing leadership skills and excellence in our Production learning

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations goes out to Aria Sachdev who along with her team, secured silver at the Australian Nationals Cheerleading competition last weekend.

**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!

An advertisement for Home Loan Services. It features a blue background with a yellow circle on the left containing the text "\$200 Donation". To the right, the text reads: "Let me sort out your Home Loan and I'll donate \$200 to Prebbleton School just to say Thank You". Below this, it says "Duane Aarts - Mortgage Adviser 0224 308012". In the top right corner, the website "HomeLoanServices.co.nz" is listed. On the right side, there is a colorful illustration of modern buildings.

## PTA News

Fancy doing some cooking or sharing some recipes? The **Prebbleton School Recipe Book Fundraiser** team is in planning mode. If you or anyone you know can help with the organisation of this (early 2019) please email [prebbleton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:prebbleton.pta@gmail.com)

**Expo Day- Friday 23rd November-** The PTA will be offering a sausage sizzle on this day. If you are coming along to Expo Day, and would like to order a sausage for yourself or for pre-schoolers, please send the money with your child and ask them to order for you between 8:30-9am at the hall kitchen; they will get extra stamps on their hands. We are running this more like a regular sausage sizzle with pre ordering in the morning before school; this will ensure we cook the right number of sausages. There will also be ice blocks for sale on the day for \$1, available at lunchtime.

**Check out the fundraising thermometer.** We can't wait to get started on the turf! More information to come!

**Dates to remember:**

**Subway lunch-** 7 December. Order forms will be sent home closer to the time

**School disco -** Friday 7 December. Juniors (NE-Yr4) 6-7:30pm, Seniors (Yr 5-8) 7:30-9pm. If you are interested in helping out for either of these discos please email [prebbleton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:prebbleton.pta@gmail.com). More information to come.



## Team 5-6 News

**'Change - is the only constant. To make or become different'**

Our focus this term is 'Change'. The students' speeches focussed on a change that they think should be made - in their world, the school, or the wider world.

We are now moving on to a student-led inquiry - where the students use 'change' as the focus. What do they want to change or become better at? They will follow this process:

1. Select a topic
2. Research reasons for it and to improve the skill
3. Propose a change
3. Test it
4. Record the results
5. Evaluate the change

Some changes the students are proposing are, bowling a cricket ball faster, learning skateboard, run faster, getting better at parkour, or getting neater at writing.





## Year 3 - 6 Speech Competition

The Year 3 - 6 children competed in our annual speech competition on Tuesday. Well done all competitors - you all did a fantastic job of presenting! You should feel very proud of your achievements. Many thanks to our judge - Sonya Scott from the Lincoln Research Toastmasters Organisation.

Congratulations to the winners of the year groups:

Year 3: Jonathan Searle

Year 4: Duncan Price

Year 5: Gabe Wells

Year 6: Evelyn Price

Here are excerpts from Gabe and Evelyn's speeches.

*"Some people might disagree with me and say speeches are a good way to see what people want to change. That's true because changing stuff like no school uniform that's possible but big stuff like stopping pollution is not. So a lot of people like doing speeches about big stuff so teachers tell us to do the little stuff but won't it just be easier to have no speeches."* Gabe Wells

*"But an image that never leaves my mind is from a holiday that I had in the Tasman with my family. When I was snorkelling in the sea I spotted some floating rubbish surrounding some fish. It didn't look right and I became worried for the wildlife. I thought humans have done this and the fish have no choice but to live with our rubbish and our laziness."* Evelyn Price

## Sport

### Athletics Day

After a wet week last week, we were finally able to hold the senior school athletics last Friday. It was great to see and hear the support from everyone as they cheered each other on. There was plenty of action on the sprint track with several close finishes and the high jump always attracts a large crowd watching to see how high the competitors can possibly jump!

We have a huge team attending the Lincoln Zone athletics. It is meant to be this Friday, but with the forecasted wet weather it may be postponed until next Monday, watch this space! You are all welcome to come down and cheer on our athletes at Foster Park, Rolleston.

### Summer Tournament

On Wednesday 31st October around 60 Rakau students participated in the Canterbury Primary Schools Yr 5-6 Summer Tournament. They participated in the following sports, orienteering/rogaine, kiwi tag, lawn bowls, and tennis. We had some great success.

#### Results:

Kiwi Tag: A team = 3rd

Lawn Bowls: Nathan & Christian = 3rd

Tennis Girls team: 2nd in doubles

Orienteering: 3 teams 1st, 2 teams finished 3rd.



## Jump Jam

A huge congratulations to our 3 teams who competed at the South Island Regional finals this past Saturday.

The boys' group, consisting of Jono, Joel, Conor, CJ, Jayden, Michael, Jack, Logan, Kadin, James and Jacob (who was there in spirit), performed a rugby inspired routine to Shake it Off. The routine included line out throws, a scrum and even a few conversion kicks at the end. Congratulations on your well earned 2nd place in the Boys Open category! The team also scooped up awards for creativity and their sportsmanship.

The senior girls' group consisting of Georgia, Alisha, Phoenix, Haylee, Freya, Hollie, Charlotte, Amelie, Jess and Ruby also did an outstanding job in their category. The girls performed their routine to A Little Party Never Killed Nobody. Their routine had a 1920s flair to it. The girls finished a very close 4th in their category, they also scooped up the big awards for presentation, creativity, costuming and sportsmanship.

Our junior team made up of performers from years 4, 5 and 6, performed an upbeat routine to Cake by the Ocean. The girls looked incredible onstage, they had great facials and big smiles which really got them into the character of their performance. This team consists of Mya, Alice C, Alice O, Brooke, Siena, Alice P, Emily, Olive, Caitlin, Emma, Hayley and Lucia. The girls picked up awards for presentation, technical excellence, and creativity.

Thankyou again to our team of helpers beind the scenes who helped to get us ready for the competiton. A special thank you to Mrs Cridge who created and sewed the junior team's costumes and to our coaches Mrs McClarron, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Craig and Miss Gudgeon.



# Community Notices

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Come and join our walking school bus or if you have a few from your area get in touch and I can help support another school bus to get up and running.

### We currently have:

Bus 1 – Station Master Way area.

Bus 2 – Waratah Park and Hill view area.

### Benefits for Tamariki:

- Children enjoy meeting up and talking to their friends.
- They gain a sense of independence.
- Relationships develop across different age groups.
- They learn about road safety and become familiar with their environment.
- They develop a positive attitude towards walking and improved health.
- Daily exercise can aid academic achievements, as it helps improve concentration, memory and learning.



### For Whanau:

- Enjoy extra free time when you do not have to drop off or pick up your children every day.
- Get to know the families in your neighbourhood.
- Save on fuel costs.
- Do your bit for the environment.
- Reduce traffic congestion around school.
- Have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping the school, your child and other children.
- Take advantage of the routine exercise walking to school provides.

### The link between kids who walk to School and concentration

"The process of getting yourself from point A to point B has cognitive effects and there is a deep connection between the way we move our bodies and the way our minds work. A 2013 Danish study found that kids who walked to school performed measurably better on tasks demanding concentration, and that the effects lasted for up to four hours after they got to School."

If you are interested please get in touch.

Stephanie Broomhall

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Venue : Sumner.

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**Saturday 17th November**

**9:30 am to 1:00pm**

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Busy Bumbles will be offering care onsite at the following venues on Wednesday 14th November when the schools are closed for strike action: Lincoln, Lemonwood Grove, West Rolleston, Clearview, West Melton, Templeton and Leeston. Children from other schools are welcome to attend any of these venues. This is a great chance for those who have not used us before, to come and see what this award winning holiday programme is all about! We have loads of fun activities planned for the day and can't wait to see you. If you are already enrolled with us, please just email [accounts@busybumbles.co.nz](mailto:accounts@busybumbles.co.nz) with the name of your child/ren and what time you will drop off and collect your child/ren (we will open at 7.30am and close at 6pm). If you have not used us before, you will need to fill in an online enrolment form here...<https://www.busybumbles.co.nz/Enrolling/> All costs can be found on our website [www.busybumbles.co.nz](http://www.busybumbles.co.nz) Any questions, please feel free to ask. [manager@busybumbles.co.nz](mailto:manager@busybumbles.co.nz) See you then!  
BB's Team

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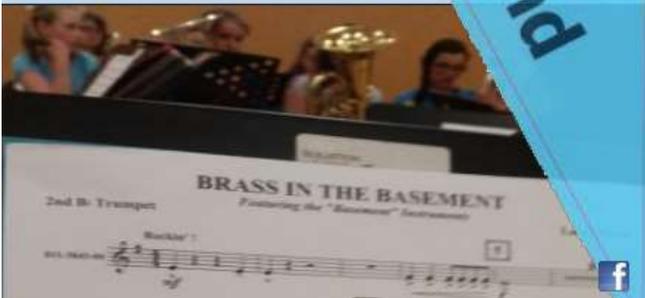
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