

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 7th February, 2019

E kore te matau e rawe ki te moana takai ai, engari anō a uta.
It is not proper to prepare the hook at sea, rather it should be done on shore.

Kia ora e te whanau

Today marks the fifth school day of the year so far. We've already had some rather hot days and an experimental Play Day, and our children have been amazing! They have settled into new classrooms and routines very rapidly, with plenty of enthusiasm and happy faces. We really could not have asked for a better start to the year. Thanks for all your support and encouragement to help make that happen too 😊.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with excitement and interest. We have quite a bit going on this year as plans will start to come to realisation;

- ✓ Our new strategic plan which we consulted over and developed during last year will now start to be put into place
- ✓ Board of Trustee elections take place this year in May/June – now is the time to start considering if you would like to stand for election as a parent rep on the Board
- ✓ We are implementing a new student management and reporting system – Linc-Ed; see Alli's article further on for more on this
- ✓ The building of our new classroom block will take place this year
- ✓ The upgrade of Rakau block will commence shortly
- ✓ The PTA's artificial turf project will commence later in the year
- ✓ Our focus on developing an authentic curriculum, with increasing opportunities for student choice and student led topics and activities, will continue to grow this year

I look forward to seeing you tonight at our meet the teachers evening, with coffee and tea following in the hall.

"Play is the highest form of research." Albert Einstein

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



Coming Events:

Thursday 7 February	Meet the Teaching Teams evening
Friday 8 February	Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 14 February	Year 5-8 Swimming Sports
Friday 22 February	Assembly 9.05am
Monday 25 February	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm
26 Feb – 1 March	Year 7 EOTC activities and Year 8 camp
Tuesday 5 March	Lincoln Zone Swimming, PTA Meeting 7.30pm
6-8 March	Year 5 EOTC activities and Year 6 camp
Friday 8 March	Assembly 9.05am

Meet the Teaching Teams (and other parents!) Evening

All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to meet your children's teachers tonight:

Years 1 & 2 and Years 7 & 8	6.30 to 7.00pm
Years 3 & 4	7.00 to 7.30pm
Years 5 & 6	7.30 to 8.00pm
Informal meet up in hall	Until 8.30pm

Head towards the teaching block for the specific year levels and you will be directed to the meeting location.

Tonight is also an opportunity for you to meet new folks and catch up with other parents, caregivers and staff. Please join us in the hall after your meetings, for tea and coffee, anytime from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

New Building Project

How is our new classroom build coming along? The Ministry of Education has released the tender documents to a shortlist of building contractors. The tender evaluation and appointment process will take place in March. It is a two-storey flexible learning environment with the equivalent of three classroom spaces per level.

Here are two of the architect's drawings of the proposed building:



View from the grass area in front of Moana 4 (you can see a peek of how the two buildings are linked here via an upstairs bridge).



View looking back from the large playing field.

The Hall has a New Look!

A fabulous new interior paint (goodbye to yellow walls!), tinted windows instead of the old curtains, and new signs – looking sharp 😊.



Global School Play Day

We had a fun time on Tuesday, taking part in our first Play Day. The children brought along an interesting range of games and enjoyed sharing these with others. It was a great day to practise sharing, leading, negotiating, inclusion, communicating and so much more!





PTA News

Recipe book helpers

Are you keen to help with our 2019 recipe book fundraiser? If you're yelling YES!! please flick Bron an email on prebbleton.ptafriends@gmail.com. It won't be a massive job, more so a chance to get your creative juices flowing.

Thanks for supporting our tea towel fundraiser at the end of last year. We hope having a personalised tea towel has encouraged the kids to help out in the kitchen..... 😊 Profit total to come.

Our AGM is Tuesday 5 March from 7pm.

The AGM will run from 7-7:30pm, a PTA meeting will follow. Everyone is very welcome. It was great to see some new members at our meeting this week!

Would you like to join the 'Friends of the PTA'?

Please email Bron on prebbleton.ptafriends@gmail.com. Being a 'friend' means you may get emailed every now and then when we are in need of an extra pair of hands. No stress.

Road Safety Reminders

Safe Cycling

Please make sure that helmets are worn at all times, that you have talked with your child about the safest route to school on their bikes and that they understand the road rules for cycling. Police recommend that children should be 10 years old before being allowed to ride unaccompanied to school.

Road Patrol

The road patrol operates on Blakes Road every school day from 8.30am until 8.55am and then again from 3.00pm until 3.15pm. Outside of these times the crossing is **not** an official pedestrian crossing (zebra crossing), and cars do not have to stop and wait for pedestrians.

Please help us by always using the road patrol when it is available and also by making sure that your children are arriving in time for the road patrol to still be operating in the morning.

Parking

As we all know, sometimes parking can be tight at peak times around the school. Please be patient and maybe consider parking a bit further down the road and having a short walk. Parking on yellow lines, and over driveways is illegal and puts our children at risk.

A reminder too that the staff carpark is not for drop-offs or pick-ups and is not a pedestrian short-cut.

Road patrol parent helpers

We have a fantastic group of parents who willingly give up a bit of their time to help out with morning road patrol supervision. We are in serious need of some more willing volunteers who would be able to help out. If you could spare half an hour once a fortnight we would love to hear from you - particularly if you can do a Monday or Tuesday morning. If you think this is something you could help with please contact johnr@prebbleton.school.nz



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Itinerant Music Lessons available at Prebbleton School in 2019

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

Guitar/ukulele - David Morris, tank_david@hotmail.com

Violin/flute - Liz Charters, lizzie@violinviola.co.nz

Drums - Andy Gibb, tyler.manzon@velocitymusicschool.co.nz

Piano – Mitsue Rollinson - mk719@yahoo.co.jp

Singing - Kaori - kaorin_remrin1212@hotmail.com

Absences

Please ensure if your child is going to be absent from school, you are letting the office know. You can either email on admin@prebbleton.school.nz or call 03 349 6553 before 9am.

Police Vetting

If you want to be a parent help for school trips/camps etc please make sure you have completed a police vetting form. They can take 4-6 weeks to be processed and are valid for 3 years. These can be emailed out or picked up from the office.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment. It will all be set out tomorrow so please have a look and see if anything belongs to your child/ren.



Education is full of 'teacher-speak'; BYOD, EOTC, and SMS to name a few. The latter stands for School Management System - this is the software schools use to collect, store and access student information. After much investigation last year, the senior leadership team decided to change our SMS to LINC-ED, a locally developed system designed by an ex-principal who wanted to improve the way his school reported on student learning. One of the main reasons for the change is LINC-ED's ability to centralise student information, assessment and reporting in one place.

Our children are growing up in a world where their work will be produced digitally, shared digitally and their learning will be captured digitally. LINC-ED allows teachers to upload, embed and link documents, presentations, images and video; receive feedback and set targets in a simple and stylish way. And like Seesaw, LINC-ED also has an e-portfolio system that promotes the sharing of learning.

From the beginning of this year, staff began using LINC-ED for administrative purposes such as taking the roll, accessing contact details and inputting assessment data. We are also using LINC-ED's finance option to generate and send family accounts.

Over this year, teachers will continue professional development to learn more about using LINC-ED to communicate students' progress and achievement. By setting 'next step' targets in reading, writing and maths, students and teachers will share ownership of the learning. Achievement will be reported in real-time, with teachers uploading comments and evidence, and parents having the option to respond.

LINC-ED allows everyone to celebrate learning and success in an authentic, genuine and timely manner. Families will have one password to access children's accounts, and historic data will remain in place for parents to revisit the learning. While junior classes will continue to provide parents with a 'window into the classroom' through *Seesaw*, senior students will learn how to upload to a 'Student Portfolio' page within LINC-ED.

We plan to 'go live' during this year and are really excited about the opportunities LINC-ED offers our school community.

Alli Williams
Leader of Learning

School Donation Receipts

As mentioned above we are using a new SMS this year. 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.

Paying Your School Account

The old 3 digit numbers assigned to each family account no longer exist with Linc-Ed. If you are paying online into the school bank account, please use your child's name and the reason for the payment. The school account number remains the same 03-1584-0060764-00.

Intermediate Hub

If you have time to spare, take a walk behind Manu Block. We often joke that the deck is the Intermediate Hub's 'best-kept secret'. The recycled garden art that students completed at the end of last year has enhanced the environment beautifully. You'll also see a multitude of buckets that students have used to plant seed potatoes. Our first Science Bites topic is looking at sustainable production, breeding and crop protection, and food and nutrition. We will share the results with you later this year.



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



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**School Age
Beginner Class**
10am-11am

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17th February 2019
11am - 3pm

Tickets will be used in exchange for \$1 and \$2 activities, purchase these on the day in the Baylis Room. Eftpos available for activity tickets only, no cash out sorry. Any queries please contact Amy (021) 0664283. Join us for a family friendly fun day out!



**WINTER FOOTBALL
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Interested in playing Football in 2018?

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Fridays: 4.30pm-5.30pm

Skill Centres for 9-12 year olds

Wednesday's: 4.30-5.45pm (9th/10th), 5.45pm-7.00pm (11th/12th)

Player ID (Trial) Dates for the Winter Season

Sunday 10th & 17th February 2019 – 9th to 14th Grades

Youth Premier team Trials (u13, u14, u15) are between 22nd & 31st January 2019

(times for each age group are on our website under "Register" tab)

Are you a Senior Player? Our Senior Men get together every Wednesday 6.30pm for a friendly kick around – you are welcome to just turn up and join in!

Email Petra for First Kicks/Fun Football Information: huafcFKFF@gmail.com

Email Sam for any other questions: GM@halswellunitedfc.co.nz or phone: 0277 748 232.

CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOL OF MUSIC

A fantastic deal to learn recorder!

The Christchurch School of Music has a fantastic deal for beginner recorder tuition for all ages! For just \$52 you or your child will get a weekly group lesson, a good quality recorder and a tutor book. Lessons are held on a Saturday morning at 62 Ferry Rd (Catholic Cathedral College) with wonderful tutors and plenty of fun guaranteed.

The recorder is a great instrument to get started on, easy to manage, ideal for learning to read music and to gain some valuable musicianship skills. Classes start on 9 February but we can take enrolments up to the end of February.

To enrol go to www.csm.org.nz/enrol and start on a musical journey that will bring pleasure for a lifetime!

Is singing something your child enjoys?

At CSM we have two great choirs - the Christchurch Children's Choir, an all-comers choir for 8-12 year olds. This choir meets on a Saturday morning from 9am-10am and is held at 62 Ferry Rd during term time. A fun choir to be in with plenty of performing opportunities. For this choir you can just enrol through our website www.csm.org.nz/enrol

Then there is our wonderful Christchurch Girls' Choir, an auditioned choir for 9-15 year olds. This choir formed last year and has gone from strength to strength impressing audiences with their beautiful sound and delightful repertoire. They meet on a Wednesday evening from 5pm-7pm during term time, also at Catholic Cathedral College. If you would like to audition for this choir please email Celia Stewart at musdir@csm.org.nz and I will send you an audition pack. Auditions are being held on 13 February.

Do you want to play football in 2019?

Nomads United have teams available for boys and girls of all ages from beginners to experienced players. We run a NZ Football accredited Talent Centre with full-time professional coaches.

Registrations are open now and close on 25th February.

Please go to our website for further details on programmes and what we have to offer.

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