

# NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019

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

Kia ora e te whanau

The world seems a vastly different place to what it was when I wrote our last newsletter just two weeks ago. Many of us have chosen to live and raise children here in Christchurch because it seemed to be our safe haven and little piece of paradise. My thoughts go out to any of you who are affected personally from the mosque shootings; through whanau, friends and colleagues you knew. The healing process is going to take a long time, as our heads and hearts are filled with overwhelming concepts and understandings of grief.

Going forward, I feel that we have a collective responsibility to teach our children a far greater level of tolerance, acceptance, fairness, empathy and equality than we have managed to show in recent generations. How we do that is something to examine and have honest conversations about in the coming days and weeks.

For now, I would like to sincerely thank our staff members for the outstanding professional way in which they conducted themselves on Friday afternoon, in keeping our children happy and secure. And a very big thank you to parents for your kind words and messages of support – we have been spoilt this week in the staffroom; with chocolates, baking, flowers, coffees and cards – thank you so much, your support of us means a great deal. We are a strong school community, something to be proud of.

We will be reviewing how our lockdown procedures operated on Friday afternoon, and making any tweaks for next time as needed. If you have any feedback please email me.

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. Also – from next week the pedestrian gate on Springs Road will be out of use, as the whole of Rakau block and surrounds will be a fenced building site.



*“Children learn more from what you are, than what you teach.”*

Hei konā mai

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



## Coming Events:

Friday 22 March	Assembly 9.05am, Rakau team moving day
25 March – 5 April	Year 1-4 Swimming lessons
Monday 25 March	Canterbury Duathlon, Board meeting 7.00pm
Monday 1 April	Year 5s to Wainui
Tuesday 2 April	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 4 April	Canterbury Swimming champs
Friday 5 April	Huxster Mountain Bike event
Thursday 11 April	Whanau Group Day
Friday 12 April	Global Earth Day activities, Final day of Term 1
Monday 29 April	Term 2 begins



**Interested in joining our Board of Trustees?  
We will need 5 parent representatives.  
Nominations open on 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

## Measles

Please make sure that your children's immunisations are up-to-date.

Since 26 February 2019, the number of cases in the latest Canterbury measles outbreak has been steadily climbing, and is currently up to 30. 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. 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 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>

## 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/>

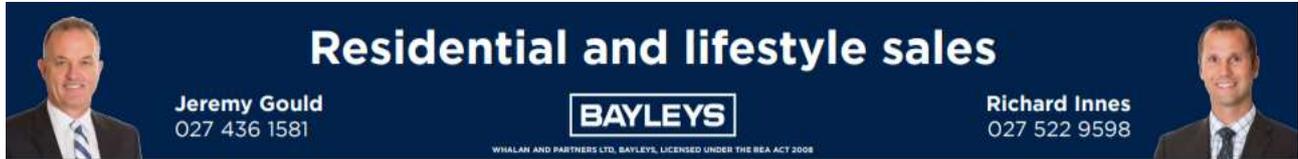
## Policy Review

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.

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



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## PTA News

### Uniform Shop 2019

Whilst the school is waiting on a new building, the uniform shop has been moved into boxes until more space is available. Sadly this means that opening every month will be a tad tricky. We have now opted to hold a **monster sale** once a term 3:00 pm - 5:30pm on the following dates ALL in the school hall:

Tuesday 2 April, Tuesday 23 July, Tuesday 10 September and Tuesday 10 December

As always, we welcome any donated items to be left in the basket in the office foyer or please email Vanessa on [pupness@gmail.com](mailto:pupness@gmail.com) if you have any items you would like us to sell on your behalf.

**Would you like to join the 'Friends of the PTA'?** Please email Bron on [prebbleton.ptafriends@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Have you joined the Prebbleton School PTA Facebook page?** If not, 'like' our page to keep up to date with the happenings!

## Kids' Lit Quiz

Do you know Hermione Granger's middle name, which Greek god is the supreme ruler or who sometimes called her best friend Seaweed Brain?

These are the type of questions that Bruce, Ezek, Mia and Brianna had to answer in the 2019 Lit Quiz. They placed 9th out of 56 teams - a fantastic effort. Well done, team!

The Kids' Lit Quiz is held annually and was set up originally to encourage children to read. Teams answer questions in various rounds, including; poetry, characters, nursery rhymes, settings, etc. The top two teams go to Wellington to compete in the national final and the winning New Zealand team travels to the world event - this year it is in Singapore!



## Past-pupil Success

Congratulations to Finn Surman, our head student in 2016. He has successfully trialed for the Phoenix Football Academy and is moving to Wellington from the start of Term 2 to board at Scots College. Wow, what an amazing achievement. We're looking forward to hearing about your call up for the All Whites now, Finn!

Finn competing at the PCT Competition



## Sports News

Our Year 5&6 cricket team and Mr McDermott spent Tuesday at Brookside Park, participating in the Ellesmere Cricket Carnival with Lemonwood Grove, Leeston, Clearview and West Melton.

The children had a great time and enjoyed playing against schools they don't normally compete against in our Lincoln Zone.

This photo shows Hayden bowling and Aston wicket-keeping.

A big thank you to Tom, Jack, Ollie and Charlie who volunteered to umpire at the event. Also many thanks to Ceri Benger and Maria Hayston for their help on the day.



## 'Colour Your Day' Fundraiser

Our student leaders organised our 'We Care' peace coin trail held yesterday, before the 'Colour Your Day' event was promoted. However, we feel it is important to give our children the opportunity to participate; if your child wishes to support the families and Muslim communities impacted by the tragic events on Friday 15th March, they are welcome to wear bright colours and bring a gold coin donation. We will be observing a minute's silence during our school assembly.



## 'Save the Date' Monday 13th May

**Resilience and Well-being Speaker, School hall 7-8pm**

Anna Mowat is a trainer and content developer for the New Zealand Institute of Wellbeing and Resilience. Her primary role for the past 14 years has been in supporting parents to be the best versions of themselves, in the moment and in the circumstances. She has a background in psychology and works across a number of projects, including:

- As part of the All Right? wellbeing campaign as the Child, School and Family Advisor
- Facilitating Incredible Years Parenting programmes for the Ministry of Education
- Working as part of a CureKids, University of Auckland and CDHB initiative to design an app to support parents and their children's BIG emotions, particularly anxiety

Anna's priority and passion is that parents never feel 'alone' in their parenting. She recognises that as Mums and Dads and wider whānau caring for children we all go through similar experiences; we just aren't talking about it enough. Anna is always prepared to share her own challenges and ridiculous moments with humour and humility in her most important role, as a Mum of three girls aged 14, 10 and 4.

In this presentation Anna is going to specifically address how we can best support our children's wellbeing and resilience - now, and for the rest of their lives. This seems particularly important in Christchurch right now. She will



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also share her best tips on how we can care for our own wellbeing, as parents and caregivers in this unusual time, and in ordinary times.

## Peace Coin Trail

Our student leaders organised a coin trail this week, to raise fund for the Mosque shooting victims. Well done everyone - we raised a fantastic \$983.30.



## Gumboot Friday Fundraiser

I AM HOPE **Gumboot Friday** is raising money for free counselling for any kid who needs help. Show your support by wearing your gumboots (or coloured socks) to school on **Friday 5th April** and bring a donation.



## Team 5-6 News

During week 6, our Year 6 students embarked on the big adventure of camp and staying away from home for two nights. We were very proud of our students and how they coped with this, well-done team! The effort and attitude of the students while participating in all the activities was awesome, even those who were reluctantly climbing the hill to camp. Thanks again to our parents who came to camp, you were incredible.

The year 5 students had two fantastic days out and about exploring our city during our EOTC days. The first day was spent kayaking down the Avon and completing a scavenger hunt around the Botanic Gardens. Kayaking was a great challenge for many as it was their first time in a boat. They had to navigate each other's boats, the ducks and oncoming punting traffic! Day two involved exploring the rock pools at Taylors Mistake where we encountered all forms of sea life, this was then followed by a walk up and around Godley Head. We are looking forward to spending our final day at Wainui on the 1st of April. Thank you to our team of parent and grandparent helpers, we couldn't plan and hold these days without you!

My camp highlight had to be when we played spotlight/go home stay home. The mixture of both night scened games. It all started out after the talent show. We were told to go to our bunk rooms to retrieve our torches, we were then told to meet outside on the field. The teachers told us how to play, where the boundaries were laid out and who the taggers were. The game began. My friends and I ran through to the distance around the water slide which I had slid down the day before. Siena spotted a little opening to a small bush area. We all climbed in. It was as if the little spot was made for us. Meanwhile, the taggers were getting closer, then they found us. We ran our legs off! Until, SPOTLIGHT!!! It, at last, was the end. We had won.

By Poppy

Some of my EOTC highlights were running around to be the first group with all the things on the list in the scavenger hunt. Building unique sandcastles for the competitive sandcastle competition. Best of all kayaking down the Avon with Kate behind me racing down the glittering blue water in our bright yellow banana boat. It was so

fascinating taking a peek around in the rock pools at Taylors Mistake. We also did a steaming hot walk around Godley Head, the views were incredible. EOTC week was great fun, I loved every single part of it.

By Sophie

## Community Notices

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**U4 - U8**  
TUESDAYS 5PM  
SATURDAY GAMES 11AM

**U9 - U12**  
THURSDAYS 5PM  
SATURDAY MATCHES

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY MATCHES

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**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
Mon 15 to Fri 26 April

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including Winter Sports Warm Ups, Lots of Sports, Awesome Games & MUCH MORE!

Some activities may need to be supported for other exciting ones. Our centre staff and other staff are available for your school.

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### Kidsfirst Kindergarten Halswell.

We are currently looking at filling positions and we may have places for your child. If your child is 2yrs, we can place them on our waiting list.

Halswell Domain, Halswell Road. (behind the Aquatic Pool and Te Hāpua - The Halswell Library)

Flexible sessions offered to suit you: 8.30-11.30, or 8:30-2:30.

20 ECE hours available for 3-5 year olds.

20 Free Hours for 2-3 year olds.

All our teachers are fully qualified, registered and first aid certified.

We would love you to come down, visit and have a look around.

Ph: 3228546.

[halswell@kidsfirst.org.nz](mailto:halswell@kidsfirst.org.nz)



Bookings for the April Holiday Program are now open!

Monday 15th April – Thursday 18th April

Closed Friday 19th April (Good Friday)

\$52 for the week.

Email: [info@starfishswimschool.co.nz](mailto:info@starfishswimschool.co.nz)

Or phone us at: 03 3381795

2 Nash Road, Aidanfield

**HORNBY HOCKEY**  
"HAVE A GO" DAY

**ALL PRIMARY AGE BOYS AND GIRLS FROM YEAR 1 - YEAR 8**

**IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN STICK PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU**

**WHEN**  
Sunday 24 March 2019  
9-00 – 10am

**WHERE**  
Nga Puna Wai—wet or fine

**AT THE GATE**  
Please complete the registration form before being directed to the appropriate field

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To register your interest please email [hornbyhockeyjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:hornbyhockeyjuniors@gmail.com)

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**Mother's Day Fun Run**

9:00am | Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019  
South Hagley Park - Deans Ave, Christchurch

Join us for a run, walk or stroll this Mother's Day.

It'll be a great start to the day and you'll be doing your bit to help beat heart disease.

All participants will receive an event t-shirt designed by Dick Frizzell.

Register online at [jennianmothersday.com](http://jennianmothersday.com)

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\*Event distances approx. 5km

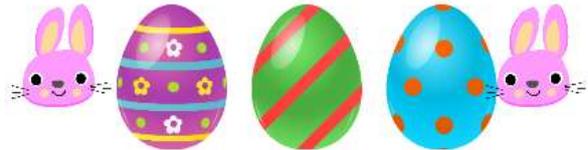
Lincoln Farmers' & Craft Market

# Easter Market

**Saturday 20th April**

**10am to 1pm**

**On the Green beside Lincoln Library**



**Featuring Adam All Sorts!**

**Easter Egg Hunt for the kids**

**Go in the draw to win an Easter Basket  
(Must be there for the draw at 12.30pm)**

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## BB's Holiday Programme

Full day 7:00am - 6:00pm \$50  
Morning 7:00am - 12:30pm \$30  
Afternoon 12:30pm - 6:00pm \$30  
Excursions & Incursion days have extra costs (see below)

<b>Scrumdiddlyumptious</b> Mon 15 Apr  Fun filled Food day! Make some tasty snacks, and play some games like use your noodle!	<b>Movie Day</b> Tue 16 Apr  Fun Lego activities at the venue before a trip to the Movie theatre! Excursion: \$19.50	<b>House Of Bricks</b> Wed 17 Apr  Awesome Lego games before we travel to WM Community Centre for some Lego holiday entertainment with House of Bricks. Excursion: \$14.50	<b>Easter Eggstravaganz</b> Thu 18 Apr  Let's celebrate Easter with some fab Easter activities and an Easter Egg Hunt!	<b>Easter Friday</b> Fri 19 Apr  BB's Closed
<b>Easter Monday</b> Mon 22 Apr  BB's Closed	<b>Make Craft Day</b> Tue 23 Apr  Create your very own fridge magnets to take home with our popular Make Craft Kits! Incursion: \$12.50	<b>ANZAC Pride</b> Wed 24 Apr  Help us commemorate and remember ANZAC Day with some special activities.	<b>ANZAC Day</b> Thu 25 Apr  BB's Closed	<b>PJ Fun Day</b> Fri 26 Apr  Is there a better way to enjoy the end of the holidays than with a day in your PJ's? Fun games, then a DVD, Hot Choc & Cookie.