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West Spreydon School Newsletter

Thursday 05 July 2018

Roll: 330 Boys: 156 Girls: 174

Absences in the last two weeks: 144 Lateness: 55

Important Dates

July

- 5 Winter Sport - Seniors
- 6 Assembly Room 8
Hells Pizza lunch - Friends and Whanau
Last day of Term 2

23 Start of Term 3

August

- 3 School Photos
- 9 Maths Hui 5-6pm

September

28 End of Term 3

IMPORTANT HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES:

Sickness update

- We have chickenpox affecting junior and senior students across the school
- Vomiting, headaches, high temperature and diarrhoea is affecting staff and students. I know some students want to come back before they are well. Please keep them home as it doesn't take long before they realise they are unable to cope.

USING THE CROSSING

Please use the crossing when you are crossing the road. Whaea Marriene and Whaea Maata saw several parents/grandparents crossing our busy road several metres away from the crossing. There was almost an accident when a grandparent tried to stop a car in order for them to continue across.

Please call the office (03 338 8184) or text (021 034 7056) if your child is

Health and Safety

Principal's News

St John Day was celebrated at West Spreydon School on 22 June as part of the Random Acts of Kindness Campaign. ASB Bank, who were the corporate sponsors New Zealand wide, provided a sausage sizzle with members of ASB manning the BBQ at West Spreydon and visitors from St John in attendance.



This has been a fantastic term despite the constant sickness and wet weather which means that our children are trapped indoors all day at school. Yikes. Thank you again to the PALs leaders who do a wonderful job of organising and supervising the middle school and junior children for lunch time games. Honestly it is like herding cats.

Take A Bow

The last few weeks have been a blur for the teachers and children. So much has been on the calendar: Jump Jam, Dancing Like The Stars, Basketball, Netball, Rugby, Gymnastics, Wearable Arts, Kahukura Music Festival, Ferrymead and so much more. If I start naming individual teachers and parents who have been instrumental in ensuring our children have all of these additional rich opportunities, I know that I will miss someone out. Please accept this as a genuine, heartfelt, warm, grateful and celebratory thank you to every one of you. Thank you too for the parents who have gone out of their way to tell the staff how much they appreciate the work they do, beyond the call of duty.

Jump Jam last Friday night was so sweet. Our children won two awards for sportspersonship and presentation, and they deserved them. I always want to get up and shout out, "They're our kids!!!" Apparently you don't do that. Who knew?

We had 106 children on stage at the Isaac Theatre Royal on Monday night Nesa Iva has a video of our Dancing Like The Stars performance and we were told that a CD would be released at some stage. The sheer numbers on stage for West Spreydon made the dance look spectacular and Fleur, the dance tutor, choreographed a very complex routine, which the children aced. Thanks also to Anita McKirdy for her assistance at all the practices and beyond.

Teacher Strike Action

work every day. If you think it's 9-5 with the holidays, weeknights and weekends free, feel free to sign up and brace yourself for the reality. Teachers are not so concerned about the money as they are about the increasing pressures on them with an open ended work day, expectations around assessment and success (no-one argues that this is critical, but there is no clerical assistance for a huge amount of paperwork), increasingly complex learning and behavioural needs of our tamariki with minimal support that takes hours and hours of pressuring to secure, and the failure of the teacher education system to prepare new teachers for the realities of the profession. When new teachers are employed they have to be mentored and that places huge additional workloads on those who support them. At times the stress can outweigh the rewards if even a tiny bit of negativity creeps in.

NZEI has given notice of an intended teacher strike day on August 15. If that does go ahead, the school will be closed and there is no provision for supervising children. Please plan ahead now.

Changes and Opportunities

It is unsettling for everyone when there are staff changes in a school. The unexpected timing of Whaea Lydia's exit from our school has left many of you with questions. Please feel free to make a time with me to talk through any concerns. I've been so thrilled by the ways in which Matua Jared and Whaea Libby have picked up that class and the children are humming. I walked in unannounced yesterday to find several children rolling on the floor laughing and the rest shrieking loudly at Matua Jared's antics with toothpaste. There was more toothpaste visible than Jared's face. He was teaching them how to write a procedure about cleaning your teeth, and showing them how important it is to give every instruction clearly and in sequence.

Room 05 has a new teacher and we are pleased to announce that Whaea Lou Nuualiitia will be joining us as their new teacher. Lou is a mum and brings another perspective on children and their learning. Lou knows Angie and Lucy so already we have the beginnings of connection to our school.

When we create a strong sense of community and whanau there is a downside when people decide to leave. We feel the loss when families move on, and we know that you feel the loss when teachers move on. That's the nature of the profession. Life and expectations change and each of us must make the decision about what is best for us.

We are so sorry to farewell the families who have siblings of older children, who cannot enrol here this year because of the zone. The board recognises the stress this decision has placed on our lovely families and we all wish there had been a better outcome. Once you are a part of the West Spreydon Whanau you are always part of our whanau. Go well.

Best wishes to Whaea Angie as she leaves for her sabbatical in Term 3. No doubt she will enjoy the sunshine in Samoa as she works amongst local schools and villages to complete her study. What a life.

Yahoo it is the holidays. The shortest day is behind us. I'm hoping that all of our staff have a chance to recover from the myriad of bugs available free of charge in our school and get plenty of rest and family time, with a lot of fun inbetween. I wish you and your families the same.

See you all next term.

Marriene



Next Meeting

7pm Monday 23 July in the staffroom. All welcome!

Email: wssfriendswhanau@gmail.com

Bank details

For all Friends and Whanau run fundraisers the bank account details are:

West Spreydon School PTA
12-3482-0034345-00



Keen to Help??

Are you wanting to help the school out in some way but time is limited / meetings don't work for you / don't want to become a Friends & Whanau member? We are wanting to establish a database of people who are eager to help with a variety of activities that may arise. This could be anything from baking to gardening to...well, anything! Please email wssfriendswhanau@gmail.com with your contact details. If you have any specific skills or have a preference of when you can help (eg evenings/weekends only) feel free to mention. Thanking you in advance.

Pie and Lamington Fundraiser ***Orders/payment due Friday ***

Ask family and friends, even work mates to support West Spreydon School with these scrumptious pies and lamingtons from The Naked Baker. Extra order forms are available in the office foyer.

All orders and payments are due in by 9am Friday 6th July to the pta dropbox. Delivery date Thursday 2nd August.

Entertainment Book

****Only 2 books left!****

Purchase the book or app before 31st July and go in the draw to win a Britz campervan or Maui motorhome holiday worth \$1,800! Details on Entertainment Book website.

Perfect for school holiday activities and awesome value for money! See display book in the office if you need convincing.

Up and Coming Events:

**AUG
02**

Nathan Wallis, X-Factor Education is a specialist in brain research, an educator and an inspiring speaker.

We are very fortunate to have Nathan Wallis speak to our community. If you haven't heard Nathan before or you are keen to hear him again (there's always something new to learn) then come along to his talk. Nathan will be speaking about the brain development for children aged 5 - 12.

CASHMERE PRIMARY
TE PAE KERERU
SCHOOL HALL

7.30PM - 9.00PM

This is a great opportunity for parents and whanau to understand how their child learns & develops.

NATHAN WALLIS**CHILD
BRAIN
DEVELOPMENT
SPECIALIST**

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<p>CHRISTCHURCH 7:00–8:45pm, Friday 13 July The Piano, 156 Armagh Street</p>	<p>GREYMOUTH 6:30–8:15pm, Saturday 14 July Regent Theatre, 6 MacKay Street</p>	<p>HOKITIKA 2:00–3:00pm, Sunday 15 July Regent Theatre, 23 Weld Street</p>
<p>WANAKA 7:30–9:15pm, Monday 16 July Lake Wanaka Centre 89 Ardmore Street</p>	<p>ARROWTOWN 7:30–9:15pm, Tuesday 17 July Athenaeum Hall 33 Buckingham Street</p>	<p>MOSGIEL 11am–12:15pm, Thursday 19 July Burns Chapel at Holy Cross Centre 89 Church Street</p>

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Christchurch South Intermediate Open Night – Thursday 2 August from 6.30 – 8.00pm

As well as enjoying the displays and information during the evening, meet with students, staff and members of the Board of Trustees on Week 2 of Term 3. You will be able to see classroom displays, as well as our Technology rooms, Visual and Performing Arts rooms, Science Laboratory, Library and Multimedia Suite. Enjoy also our Performance Group and Physical Education displays. For further information please see www.chchsouth.ac.nz or contact us by email at principal@chchsouth.ac.nz or by calling 332 2408.

5-13 year olds out of South West Baptist Church in Spreydon (244 Lyttelton Street). Split into age based programmes and with a leader to child ratio of 1:5 your child will have a lot of fun and be very safe. These holidays we are visiting places like the Court Theatre, Canterbury Badminton, Megazone and much more! For more information and to enrol your children go to www.sharp.org.nz.



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