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West Spreydon School Newsletter

Thursday 24 May 2018

Roll: 331 Boys: 157 Girls: 174

Absences in the last two weeks: 114 Lateness: 52

Important Dates

May

- 24 Winter Sport - Seniors
- 25 Assembly Room 11
- 28 Samoan Language Week
- 31 Winter Sport

June

- 1 Teacher Only Day
- 4 Queens Birthday - Holiday
- 5 Choir Practice
- 7 Winter Sport - Seniors
- 8 Assembly Room 13
- 14 Winter Sport - Seniors
- 15 Mufti Day - When I grow up
- 20 Experience Hillmorton Yr 6 9.15-12.30pm
- 20/21 Juniors to Ferrymead
- 22 Assembly - Room 1
- 26 NZEI Meeting for Teachers
- 28 Winter Sport
- 29 Welcome Hui - Jared and Nicky

July

- 2 Dancing Like the Stars Evening
- 3 Student Lead Conference 3.30 - 7 pm
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- 5 Winter Sport - Seniors

Up and Coming Events:

- South West cross country zones are on 30th May at Haswell Quarry. We have 6 students who have qualified and will be competing. Good Luck to Amelia Quinn, Hudson Major, Fraser Ferguson, Rebekah Pratten, Conn Anderson and Toby Langrell. Any questions please contact Whaea Lydia.

- Year 5/6 South West Zone basketball competition is being held on 12th June at the Wharenui Sports Centre. Students will be notified if they have been selected. Any questions please contact Matua Matt.

IMPORTANT HEALTH & SAFETY NOTES:

SICKNESS

Unfortunately we have a bug going around that is affecting students and staff.

Symptoms vary from person to person they are:

- Headaches
- Temperature
- Aching muscles
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Continuous coughing

Bed rest, keep hydrated and see your family doctor if you are concerned

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



Principal Says

School Safety and the Wellbeing of Staff, Parents and Children.

Two weeks ago some of you were unsettled by an incident where we had to escort a parent from the school grounds. When an adult becomes abusive or threatens staff, children or other parents we may issue a Trespass Order which means that that person cannot come onto the school grounds for two years. It is lodged with the police and can result in prosecution if the person persists in breaching the order. You will be aware that we had a nasty situation a year ago and the Board of Trustees hired security guards to keep that parent off the grounds after several breaches of the order.

These incidents are unpleasant and worrying for staff, and for children and parents who witness them. Unfortunately, it is now a fact of life in many schools in New Zealand.

Lasi Pau has continued to breach the trespass order that was issued in February of this year. Her mother knowingly drives her to school so she can walk onto the school grounds and continue her harassment of staff. Children in the class have been frightened by her and we have been advised to smarten up our vigilance around her.

If you see Lasi on the school grounds, please call 111 and notify the office immediately. Please do not approach her and try to handle the situation yourself.

Thank you to one of our dads who brought flowers in for us after the last scene. The little kindnesses make a huge difference.

Barrington Mall Awards

The Kahukura COP schools have partnered with Jill Kearns, Retail Manager of Barrington Mall to create a certificate for each term to be awarded to one child from each school. This term's focus is on Creativity. At the end of the year one child will be chosen from the seven schools to be the supreme winner of a special award. This is a very generous gesture from Jill and reflects the values of the Mall owners whose values include giving back to the local community.

Community and Public Health

year. The symptoms are headaches, nausea, high temperatures, tummy cramps and/or vomiting and diarrhoea. Sometimes it is a combination of them all, or just a few of the symptoms.

The Board will be pursuing independent assurance that our buildings are not contributing to our susceptibility to sickness because this was a continuous pattern last year too. In the meantime, please do not send your child to school if he/she is sick. You also need to keep him/her at home for 48 hours after the symptoms have gone.

Principal's Blog

I do still add to my blog on a regular basis. You can see photos and a little by-line on school events if you are wondering what has been happening in the school recently. <https://principal-westspreyonschool.blogspot.co.nz/>

Celebrate the Successes.

We know that many of your children are involved with clubs and activities out of school. If they have had a win or been in an event, please give us a photo and a small paragraph to explain what has taken place and we would love to show case that either in the newsletter or on the electronic noticeboards.

Coaches feel free to send in those photos and sports results.

I was so fortunate to be able to attend two after school basketball matches last week. I love seeing the children compete and it was a joy to see how their skills have grown. The Thursday team won their match and there were some fantastic defence and attack moments on the court. The coach told me about one of the players who just wanted to give up last year and yet this year was a star performer.

Our year 5/6 Basketball team, coached by Dave Langrell, has been entered in the Year 7/8 competition. Our year 5/6 team is really a year 3/4/5/6 team and in the first half of the game they had the much older boys wondering what had hit them. They lost by about 8 points in the end but it was a nail biter!

I love seeing the whanau there to support the players: parents, grandparents, siblings, family friends, cousins and aunts and uncles.

Jared has been so thrilled with the numbers of parents coming to support their children at code club. He says that the level of collaboration and team problem solving between the children and adults is heart-warming. That's just the way it is meant to be. Good work everyone. Thanks to the teachers too who give up precious time to support learning outside of school hours.

Vancouver NPDL Deeper Learning Conference

Jared was a presenter at a conference in Vancouver in the school holidays. He was co-presenting with Cade from South Intermediate School and Chris from Thorrington School. Apart from the fabulous experience of being in British Columbia, Canada, Jared and his colleagues were able to put our schools on the international stage and talk about some of the learning that our children are doing here in lil' ol NZ.

Well, another week is closing in and there is a lot on. Thank you to all volunteers and helpers and to our teachers and support staff who go the extra 10 miles to make this school a lovely place.

Stay well
Marriene Langton

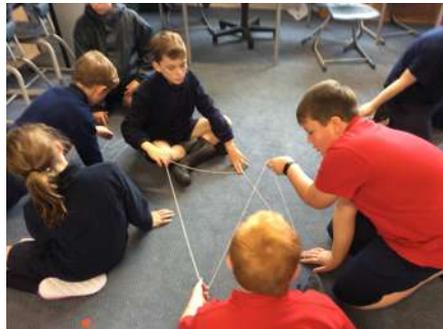
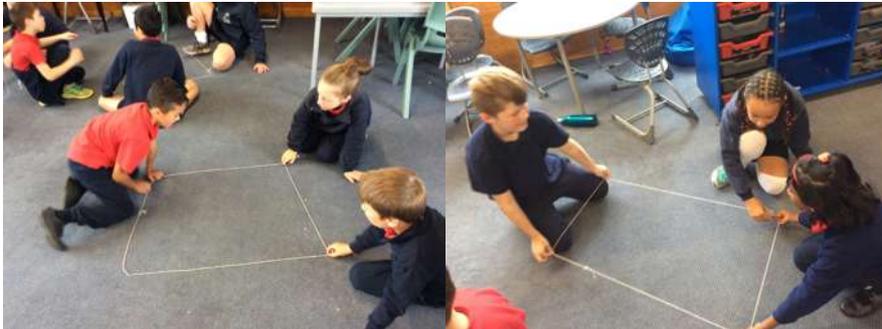
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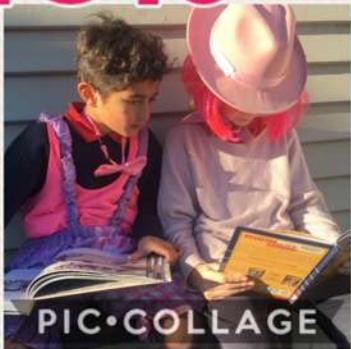
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN ROOM 4

The sound of pens writing on paper filled my ears as Ruma Wha wrote down their Captured King Julius and Medieval stories. In our stories our King Julius was stolen and we had to write the ending of how we rescued him. In our Medieval story we had



As Matua Matt sorted us into groups he gave us a small piece of string. We had to make a square with the string and explain how we knew it was a square. Afterwards Matua Matt gave us a circle made out of paper. He said we were going to prove Whaea Angie wrong by changing a circle into a Polygon. First we made a triangle, then a trapezium and then a pyramid. So we proved her wrong!

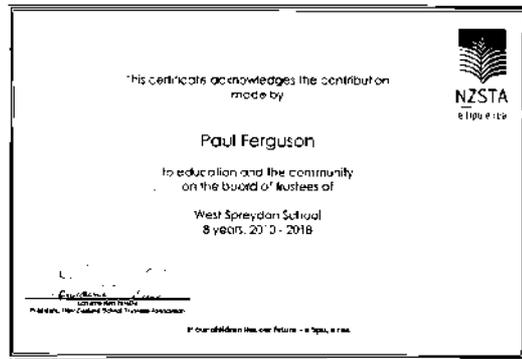




PIC•COLLAGE



Duane Major and Paul Ferguson have been recognised by the NZ School Trustees Association in their long standing support of our school community.



Thank you Duane and Paul for your ongoing support around the school.



Next Meeting

Friday 8 June at 9am in the staff room. 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.

Mufti Day

Friday 15th June: Mufti Day

“When I grow up I want to be...”

Let your imagination go wild and your wishes come true by dressing up for your chosen career.

Gold coin donation on the day.

display book in the office if you need convincing.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/93p4607>

Lucky Book Club

Books ordered will be handed out this friday!



Hillmorton High School | Te Kura Tuarua o Horomaka

OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 24 May | 6pm - 8pm



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