

Tuesday 1 March 2016

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau of Sherenden and Districts School,

Teachers have developed excellent class and learning routines over the past four weeks. I have the opportunity to visit classes and be part of their learning programmes. I have been impressed with the engagement and positive attitude from our learners from the Junior room through to the Senior room. A special welcome to our new Junior students and their families to Sherenden School. It is pleasing to see our new learners settle in so well. Thank you to Ms Perry for creating a positive and welcoming class atmosphere.

This year our school is on a ICT contract and will be working alongside CORE education. This is an exciting opportunity for the staff and school as we will be integrating the “digital learning tools” into our class learning programmes. This will allow teachers to be more innovative in the way they currently plan and give students the opportunity to explore, create and collaborate in their learning tasks. We also are looking forward to Room 1 to be utilized as another learning space. The juniors are looking forward to personalising their new room and having their own special place. This will allow us to establish a learning hub in the middle space of the new teaching block. Exciting times ahead!

We have scheduled our Parent/Teacher meetings for Thursday, 17 March. A notice will be sent home during the week. The teachers are looking forward to discussing your child’s current achievement, learning and personal goals. I look forward to meeting all of you on the evening.

Regards
Shanthan Naidu
Principal

Weekly Updates:

CAMP

The senior students at school are getting excited about the up and coming school camp at Finlay Park. Please visit <http://www.finlaypark.co.nz/> for more information about our exciting camp. The seniors will leave for camp on Sunday, 6 March at 12.00 pm. Please be here by 11.15 am in order to get bags packed and students organised into buses. Thank you to Cathy Sherwood, Marcus Ormond and Leigh Hudson-Coe for assisting us with the camp organisation. I would also like to acknowledge Ms Sarah Leonard and the work she has done behind the scenes in organising the camp.

JUNIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

We had a fantastic turn out of parents and members of the community on Tuesday, 23February. The junior swimming sports was a huge success. The students had a fun and enjoyable afternoon, and were well supported by their teachers. A big thank you to Ms Perry and Mrs Reid in putting together the organisation for the event. Well done to the house captains for organising races and providing the necessary guidance to our junior students.

TECHNOLOGY ROTATION—2016

Taradale Intermediate—Our Year 7 and 8’s and have been scheduled in for week long tech blocks, 5 consecutive days of 4 hours instruction giving a total of 20 hours instruction each term, according to the schedule below.

Term 1	Week 7	March 14-18
Term 2	Week 3	May 16-20
Term 3	Week 7	September 5-9
Term 4	Week 6	November 14-18

HATS

Please ensure your child brings a hat to school everyday. Hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4.



IMPORTANT DATES	
1 March	BOT Meeting— 5pm-7pm
6-9 March	Senior School Camp—Finlay Park, Cambridge
12 March	Waiwhare Sports Day
14 March	Taradale Intermediate—Technology Rotation
17 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
24 March	Cluster Swimming Sports (Napier Aquatic Centre)
25 March	Easter break (Good Friday)
28 March	Easter break (Easter Monday)
29 March	Easter Break (Easter Tuesday)
15 April	End of Term 1

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