

Friday, 2 December 2016

Kia Ora, Sherenden and Districts Community,

We are now in December and many are in the countdown to Christmas (some possibly counting down to the last day of school). Last week the White Ribbon Riders visited school promoting the anti-violence campaign and it was an outstanding experience for our students. Massive thanks to Deb Higgins for organising the riders to come to our school and to all our parents who helped with baking, setting up and helping on the day. The students had an amazing experience talking with the riders and the feedback from the riders about the our schools welcome, hospitality and particularly our students was very complimentary. We look forward to continuing to support this campaign in the upcoming years.

Class lists have been made for 2017, which have been included along with today's newsletter. Some of the teachers are having a slight change next year with Ms Leonard taking the middle room for 2017 and Mrs Reid and myself sharing the senior room for 2.5 days a week. We believe the middle room getting the same teacher each day of the week to support their routines will have a real benefit for our students. All staff are very excited about the change and are looking forward to the challenge of 2017.

Tuesday, 13 December we have the School Prize-Giving in the Sherenden Hall at 5.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there to support our prize winners, the class items and our final farewells to our leavers. Again, we hope many of you can come across to the school grounds following the Prize-Giving to enjoy some food and drink together following what's been a very busy year. We hope people can bring along a chilli bin of their own food and drink to enjoy together and we will have sausages, onions and bread available for \$1.00 on the school barbeque (please feel free to bring along meat for yourself to cook on the barbeque as well).

No Assembly next Friday as we have the musical item in the School Hall at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 7 December by the students who have received private tuition from Campbell Lovett this year. We hope you all can come along and support our talented students in action.

It is a busy time ahead over the next few weeks and we look forward to having you part of it .

Haisley Robson
Principal

LIBRARY BOOKS:

Please return all school library books so that the stocktake can be undertaken during the holidays. Many thanks.

NB: The correct Sherenden and Distirct's School's Bank Account number which is held at the Taradale ASB: 123479 0026870 01. It would be appreciated if all school accounts could be paid by the last day of term so that our end of year accounts can be finalised.

SWIMMING POOL KEYS:

Swimming pool keys are available from the office at \$10.00 for school families and \$20.00 for community members until the last day of school on Thursday, 15 December. (New green keys are being issued.)

CHURCH SERVICES: The following church services will be held at **Saint Georges Church**, Crownthorpe:

Carol Service, Sunday, 11 December at 4.00 pm

Christmas Service, Saturday, 24 December at 6.00 pm.

The **Annual Puketapu Family Christmas Pageant** will be held on Sunday, 4 December at 5.00 pm at the park like surroundings of the Puketapu Church. For further information please call Jo 8743757 or Fi 8443807

Builders Wanted !

We require some boxes to be made to store our Big Books. Please contact school if you are able to build some of these over the summer. They are about 50cm high by 20 cm, as you can see in the image they are a basic shape. This could be a fun holiday job for some dads and kids.



CASUAL SCHOOL BUS PILOTS

- Do you enjoy driving?
- Have a full car licence?
- Enjoy the company of children?
- Have some spare time?

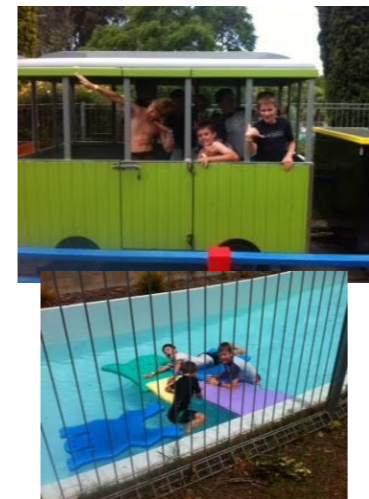
Then this maybe the opportunity for you!
Obtain a 'P' Endorsement and become a Casual School bus driver accompanying students and teachers on school excursions when required.

For more info please contact Jillian O'Sullivan,
Sherenden Bus Society, 8742809.
Many thanks.

WRR Pics



Some Senior Room Splash Planet Pics



CHRISTMAS PARTY - Waiwhare Community Centre Christmas Party at 2.00 pm Saturday, 17 December. Santa will be arriving with presents and lollies for the kids. Parents please bring a \$5-10 present by 2.00 pm. Santa will be arriving at 3.00 pm.

Upcoming Events and Dates

Friday, 2 December	Middle Room visit to the Pheasant Farm—Composting and sustainability
Wednesday, 7 December	Musical performance in Sherenden Hall, 2.00 pm (Guitar students)
Thursday, 8 December	Years 4-8 Optimist Yachting
Friday, 9 December	Years 4-8 Learn to Surf Day (Waimarama Beach) also Junior Room Fun Day
Tuesday, 13 December	End of Year Assembly/Prize-Giving — 5.00 pm in Sherenden Hall
Thursday, 15 December	Last Day of School— Finish at 1.30 pm