

Thursday, 12th November 2020

Kia ora, Sherenden and Districts Community,

Hopefully the grounds are dry enough for an exciting day at the athletics tomorrow, Kirsty has sent out the timetables of the different year groups order of stations they will follow and we are all pretty excited for the day to go ahead after missing out on cross country. The kids have practised really well on the different techniques required for the various track and field events and hopefully many of you can get along to support your children as they give their best in these events.

Next week our school will be starting the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme which we do every 3 years as part of our school policy. I have included the website on this newsletter for parents who may want to look up any further information about the programme that is covered by schools nationwide. This website includes a lot of the commonly asked questions from parents around the programme and the answers that stress the need for kids to be aware of appropriate behaviour with their friends and from others. After looking at the website, please get in touch with your child's teacher if you would like clarity on any aspects of the programme.

Quite hard to believe, but we only have 4 more weeks of school following this week. When school finishes on the 11th of December, we have a few school projects that will be undertaken. Firstly we will have the forestry block behind the school getting cut and milled which is going to make for quite a different view and potentially a bit more wind on certain days. However, next year it will be very exciting as a school with the kids to begin the school project of planting and designing this area for the future. We also have our solar panels being installed the week of the 14th and a huge thank you from the school must go to FOSS who have agreed to contribute \$5,000 to this change, allowing our school to undertake a healthier environmental option to powering parts of the school and also saving the school valuable money over the long term with our power costs.

Look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the Cluster Athletics.  
Haisley Robson, Principal

**VOLUNTARY DONATIONS**

The School Board has set the Voluntary Donation at \$60.00 per child. This donation contributes to the maintenance and up-keep of the school as well as aiding the purchase of books and materials.

Our little school is rocking along and without these donations many of the opportunities/curricular activities and support which our children receive would not be possible. We are very fortunate that our donation is only \$60 as opposed to \$100-\$250 as it is for many schools of a similar decile.

Donations can be paid into the School Account.

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS  
(3/4 year olds)

**Friday, 27th November 2020  
9.30—11.00 am**

**COME INTO SCHOOL**

**And meet**

**Miss Tui McIntyre (Junior Room Teacher)**

Tui will go through some fun learning activities that you can do with your child to help ensure they experience an enjoyable beginning to their learning at Sherenden and Districts School

**Followed by Morning Tea at 11.00 am**

**RD9 CHRISTMAS COUNTRY MARKET**

**Saturday, 5 December—10.00 am til 4.00 pm**

**Waiwhare Community Centre—Free Entry**

A big variety of stall featuring Christmas items, plants, books, preserves with a range of metal, wood and craftwork. You'll find burgers, waffles, a limited vegan range and iced drinks in the food court. And of course, a coffee cart.

*Come and enjoy some country hospitality.*



MATAPIRO HALL

DISCO for all Year 7, 8 and 9 Children living in RD9

**Friday, 20 November 2020**

In aid of Hall Funds—email has been sent to year 7/8 parents

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Without the support of the following businesses and individuals we would not have realised the fantastic amount of \$8400. Please support these businesses if you can:

Xcav8 (Brent Taylor), Thornhill Horticultural Contracting Ltd, Logan Earthmoving (Jasper Logan), Pakowhai Autos (Scott Gallop), BOSS Refrigeration (Leigh Shergold), FMG Insurance, Kaweka Contracting, Harris Pumps and Filtration, Stephenson's Transport, Splash Planet, Farmlands, VJ Distributors, Blackburn Winery, Roosters, Clark Products, ASB, Vets One, Animals Like Us Ltd, Jo and Matt Harris, de La Terre Winery, Dalton Street Kitchen, Aerospread Agri Aviation Logistics, Alpha Domus Winery, Gifford Devine, Motoland, Wild Game Salmis, Mark and Amanda Watson, Cape Kidnappers, Cann Family, Hauora Clays and River Kennels

**JUNIOR ROOM POETRY**

**THE TREE**

Branches—waving in the wind  
Leaves—scattered around me  
Birds—singing to the earth  
Roots—tangled around my feet  
Blossoms—raining down on the ground

**By Archie and MJ**

**THE GLOW SHOW**

Darkness—everywhere in the theatre  
People—yelling and screaming  
Sea creatures—waving on the stage  
Music—singing to the animals  
Lights—dissolved in the dark  
Stage—all black and still  
Seats—all still

**By Hazel and Harper**

**THE FARM**

Paddocks—full of mud is sloppy slimy  
Fences—surrounded everywhere  
Sheep—nibbling green grass  
Farmer—shooting pheasants  
Sheds—rusty and dusty

**By Toby and Felix**

**THE FARM**

Paddocks—rattling around the mud  
Fences—shocking like electric power  
Sheep—baaing loudly  
Farmer—working hard to look after the animals  
Sheds—holding all the tools

**By Poppy and Max**

**Keeping Ourselves Safe information - google "Keeping Ourselves Safe NZ Police" any queries get in touch with class teacher.**

**Sports results**

1/2 Netball lost to Frimley  
3/4 Netball drew with Lucknow  
3/4 touch won against Te Mata  
5/6 touch won against Pukehamoamo  
7/8 boys touch lost to HNI

**Minty Ormond –Cheerleading Sensation**

As part of the Bay City Cheerleading under 10 team, Minty recently travelled to Auckland to participate in the National Championships where her team finished 3rd place. Outstanding effort Minty but be sure to keep away from those All American quarterbacks.



**SCHOOL FLEECES**— these are usually available from The Warehouse online but we have found another source locally—Stitchery House Embroidery in Hastings and Napier if you are having trouble sourcing one. The price at the moment is \$29.79.

**Upcoming events and dates**

16th November	School Photos
20th November	Assembly at 2.00 pm in the Hall
24th November	Inter- School Athletics (selected pupils)
8th December	End of year Prize-giving—5pm. School will finish at 1pm that day.
11th December	Last day of School— Finish at 1pm