

Newsletter

DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA. GREETINGS TO YOU ALL

Our Alert Level 2 status has reminded us all that we need to continue to “play it safe”. We must focus on what we can control – hand washing, wearing masks on public transport, social distancing and contact tracing, to ensure that we keep ourselves, our families and community safe. Thank you everyone for the part you have all played in making sure your children are happily back at school and making the most of learning opportunities. COVID is going to be around for a while and we are all going to have to find ways to sustain ongoing planning and preparedness. The recent Auckland cluster outbreak reminds us that this is our new norm, and that to maintain good health and wellbeing, we need to be positive, resilient and responsive by building on the things we can continue to do and achieve. Your children are certainly showing this “can do attitude” at school which is great.

Our Kapa Haka group continues to meet and practise weekly for their performance in Week 10. Lunchtime games in the Senior Hub are proving to be popular, along with code and chess clubs. The choir has been enjoying singing under the guidance of teacher Sarah Luke, so there are plenty of options for the children during their lunch breaks. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our plans for Community Crusaders this term and while this was disappointing for the very keen senior students who had signed up, the health and wellbeing of our senior friends at Ripponburn Rest Home is much more important at this point in time.



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REMINDERS

- **Thur 3 Sept, LAST DAY to register for SOK’s Ski Programme (see page 4 & attached)**
- **Tues 8 Sept, Dunstan Zone Cross Country, Alexandra**
- **Tues 15 Sept, CO Cross Country**
- **Thur 17 & Fri 18 Sept, SOK’s Ski Programme**
- **Tues 22 Sept, Evening Polyfest Performance**
- **Thur 24 & Fri 25 Sept, SOK’s Ski Programme**
- **25 Sept, Last Day Term Three**
- **Mon 12 Oct, First Day Term Four**

Kārearea Hub headed out to the Otago Polytech Campus on Bannockburn Road last Friday to investigate the ways they use water. It has been another busy two weeks.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE - OUR COVID 19 RESPONSE

2020 was due to be an ERO review year for Cromwell Primary School. However, instead of carrying out an evaluative review, ERO staff have been interviewing a number of staff members to find out how we responded as a school during the COVID 19 Pandemic. They are very interested to hear our story, our journey so far and what we are doing for our learners and our wider school community. They are also interested in hearing about our people, our students and their whānau. Student wellbeing is a strong focus in this work.

Conversations have already been completed with the BoT Chairperson and Principal. This week ERO has interviewed our Leadership Team and a group of teachers to help deepen their understanding of our response during these unprecedented times.

It has been a very positive process and we have been able to reflect deeply on our readiness to move learning online, the challenges and successes of our home learning programmes, what we learnt about our students during this time and what implications this may have for our students' learning in the future.

What we have shared with ERO in our meetings will contribute to national reporting about schools' experience of the COVID-19 context and learnings for the system.

“LESSONS FROM LOCKDOWN”

Following the COVID 19 Lockdown and leading up to our school's involvement in the ERO Inquiry into schools' experience of the COVID-19 context and what has been happening since then for staff and students, I have facilitated a series of workshops at school. These have involved our teachers, our leadership team and groups of children for the purpose of gathering voice which has helped to inform my thinking and to prepare our school's summary report detailing our response. I have also been doing further reading about the key lessons we need to be thinking about, as we look towards the future of schooling.

Derek Wenmoth, a well-respected and future focussed NZ educational consultant has concluded from his extensive reading about lessons schools have learnt from Lockdown that the following key elements of learning design must be considered by schools who are keen to redefine what learning could look like, now that we know more about what really worked for our students:

- A blended (or hybrid) future for all learners – designing our system to create greater flexibility for teachers and students to have choices with a mix of in-class and virtual/online learning activity.
- Address the issues of inequity at a system level – these run far deeper than simply providing devices and internet connection, which is a good place to start. To genuinely achieve a more equitable system we must be prepared to take a system view – and to find ways of enabling those who have, to support those who have not.
- Design learning to provide for greater autonomy and independence for learners

- actively promote self-managing strategies and build greater student agency by reducing the emphasis on content delivery and coverage for exams.
- Continue with the use of online platforms – extending the ability of learners to engage purposefully with their learning beyond the bounds of the current school day and providing opportunities for greater parent/whānau engagement.
- Challenge our definitions of success for learners, and explore different ways of assessing learning.
- Actively challenge the existing structures of our system and expectations of learners and be prepared to remove any that have been exposed as barriers to what we know works best for them.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER SMMC (SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASS) 2020 CONCERT

Central Otago Young (Orchestral) Musicians Demonstration Concert

3:30pm Cromwell College Auditorium (tbc)

On Sunday 13th September the SMMC Community Orchestra is again coming to Central Otago to support a combined demonstration concert involving pupils from the SM Music in Central Programme, alongside members of both the Central Otago Regional Orchestra and the Central Otago Regional Training Orchestra.

This is a great opportunity for children possibly interested in learning an orchestral instrument to come along and enjoy items by violin and cello pupils and a Combined Orchestra.

THANK YOU

The Garden Club spent last Tuesday lunch time helping Mr Dave empty a trailer load of garden compost. A huge thank you to Jeanine Ellis from Cromwell First National Real Estate for donating the trailer load. There will be lots of seed raising and and vege planting happening over the next few months.



JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

We have rescheduled our Junior Cross Country Race for Thursday 15 October. This is the first week back after the school holidays. The postponement date is Friday 16 October. Year 0-2 children will race between morning tea (11.15 am) and lunchtime (1.30 pm). Year 3 children will race after 2 pm.

We are hoping to be back at Covid-19 Alert Level 1 by then. If we are still at Level 2, there will be an opportunity for parents to watch from the greenways around our field and/or join us online for a live stream of the race. We will send a reminder message out in Week 1 regarding things students will need, race timings and parent involvement.

KAHIKATEA PLAYGROUND VALUES AWARDS

Ariana C (2), Sophia H, Amelia B (K5), Charlotte W (2), Harper N, Layla W, Beau H, Hugh M, Meya B, George C, Oliver H, Fin C, Peyton E and Eva O (H4)

Thank you for making a difference in our school!



The School Enviro Team were disappointed this week to find so much food waste in the chook food and rubbish bins at school. Please remind your children if they aren't going to eat it take it home.



SOK'S SKIING

Ski dates for this year's programme are: 17th & 18th; 24th & 25th September. Registrations to be submitted NO LATER than 3rd September (registration form attached to newsletter). Please submit form to both wanaka@cardrona-treblecone.com (they will send payment link) **and** shazbaznaz@gmail.com

Parent prices are –

Lift pass \$40 – must be on the parent list & purchased on day of programme

Ski set \$30 – must be on the parent list & purchased on day of programme

Please note: There are **no** parent lessons this year

SCHOOL LUNCHES...

Subway Tuesday: Please **order and pay online**. Visit www.subwayexpress.co.nz (you will need to register if you haven't already) and click on the School lunch option. Choose Cromwell Primary School from the drop down list. Choose your sub and then work down the list to select or deselect cheese, salads etc. On the last page is a box where you can make additional notes (eg..no sauce). The subs ALL come with sauce by default. You will have to do a separate order and payment per child. At this stage you can't order school lunches via the app.

“Kumi's Sushi at Highlands” Fridays:

Vegetarian or Teriyaki Chicken—\$5 for 6 pieces or \$6 for 8 pieces. Exact money & details in a named envelope. Please use purple bag service.

UNIFORM

New Uniform can be purchased from Tanya at Metrografix. Tanya is in the Metrografix office from 9am until 2:45 daily. If uniform is needed outside this time please call and arrange a time that suits.

E-mail: tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz, telephone 03 4454533, cell: 027 6213582.

- House T-shirts are available for \$20
- Highlighter Vests can be purchased for \$10 each
- Boys School Socks, lovely quality nice dark navy - available in twin packs \$9.00 per pack (so \$4.50 a pair).
- School hats with the house colours (\$18) - pre-ordering available now

Second-Hand can be purchased on-line on the “Cromwell Primary School Second-Hand Uniform Buy/Sell Page.

[Second-Hand Uniform Link](#)



KELLY SPORTS **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

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BOOK ONLINE AT
KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ



DRAMA CLASSES FOR 2020

Mondays

7-10 year olds: 3.30 - 4.15pm
11+ year olds: 4.15 - 5.00pm

Please contact Kylie Hodkinson
kyliehodkinson@gmail.com
or Cromwell Drama on Facebook

Cromwell Drama



WIG WEDNESDAY

9 SEPTEMBER

Hair Apart are doing \$5 express 15 min dry haircuts for kids under 12 at the salon for Wig Wednesday. Bookings can be made or just arrive but is a first in first served basis. All proceeds to the Child Cancer Foundation

‘Education is not the learning of the facts, but the training of the mind to think’

Albert Einstein

TERM PLANNER - TERM 3

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
TERM 3 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	20 July	21	22	23	24	25/26 Jul
20 July - 24 July	Term 3 Commences Ako - Swimming	Ako - Swimming	Ako - Swimming	Ako - Swimming	Ako - Swimming	
2	27	28	29	30	31	1/2 Aug
27 July – 31 July		Cuppa for Kapa Haka			Waste Free Wanda Performance 12.45pm Mufti Day	
3	3 August	4	5	6	7	8/9 Aug
3 August – 7 August	Chess Tournament Year 5-6 SOK's Meeting, 7.30pm	School & Family Photos	Whakatau 10:40am		Cupcake Day Assembly 11:30am – 12:30pm	
4	10	11	12	13	14	15/16 Aug
10 August – 14 August		Y4 - Y6 Cross Country	PP Y4 – Y6 Cross Country	Junior Y0 – Y3 Cross Country Sausage Sizzle	PP Y0 – Y3 Cross Country	
5	17	18	19	20	21	22/23 Aug
17 August – 21 August	Kārearea - Swimming	Kārearea - Swimming	Kārearea - Swimming	Kārearea - Swimming	Kārearea - Swimming	
6	24	25	26	27	28	29/30 Aug
24 August – 28 August		Dunstan Zone Cross Country (POSTPONED)			Assembly (TBC) 11:30am – 12:30pm	
7	31	1 September	2	3	4	5/6 Sept
31 August – 4 September						
8	7	8	9	10	11	12/13 Sept
7 September – 11 September		Dunstan Zone Cross Country (RESCHEDULED - TBC)				
9	14	15	16	17	18	19/20 Sept
14 September – 18 September		Central Otago Cross Country - TBC		SOKs Skiing	Assembly (TBC) 11:30am – 12:30pm SOKs Skiing	
10	21	22	23	24	25	26/27 Sept
21 September – 25 September		Polyfest Performance - PM		SOKs Skiing	SOKs Skiing Final Day Term 3	