

Newsletter



DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

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

We hope you enjoyed reading our “Special Edition” Newsletter last week which introduced our awesome 2021 team of 35. The beginning of the school year is very busy for teachers with a number of additional meetings being arranged with parents. These meetings help to ensure that everyone is clear about how things have been set up for our individual learners and it also provides an opportunity for parents to share important information they may have with us. We hope that everyone has followed the link to the video presentation shared with you last Friday by your child’s teacher about how things will work in their classrooms in 2021. It is important that every parent finds the time to watch this short video, as it will definitely help you understand what is expected of your child/children at school this year. You are also welcome to call in and introduce yourself to classroom teachers before or after school at any stage. It is important for your child to know that there is a connection between home and school. Education is a partnership between home and school and your active involvement with your child’s education will give them the best possible opportunity to succeed at school.

‘You’re off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way.’ Dr Seuss

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REMINDERS

- Mon 1 to Fri 5 Mar, Ako Swimming
- Mon 1 to Fri 5 Mar, H2 Bike Week
- Tues 2 Mar, K Team Bike Ride
- Fri 5 Mar, 5.30pm - School Community Picnic, SoK’s providing free sausages, BYO picnic basket & refreshments
- Mon 8 Mar, School Athletics Day (Year 3-6)
- Wed 10 to Fri 12 Mar, Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba
- Mon 29 Mar to Thurs 1 Apr, Year 6 Camp, Dunedin

MIHI WHAKATAU WELCOME

Yesterday we welcomed all our new students and their families to Cromwell Primary School at our Term 1 mihi whakatau. There is always quite a large group to welcome at the beginning of the year and it was lovely to share kai with whānau afterwards.



LEARNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS WEEK 4

This week provided the first formal opportunity for families to meet with teachers with a focus on children as learners. We appreciated the preparation parents had done prior to these meetings, by making notes on the document shared by class teachers last week. Education is a genuine learning partnership when parents are able to share information that they have about their child as learner. We introduced this format when we returned to school after the 2020 Lockdown and after reflecting on the success of these sessions we were keen to make this an annual part of our education partnership.

EOTC ACTION IN TERM 1

- **Week 6 – Year 5 Camp Columba (Pukerau)**
- **Week 9 – Year 6 Dunedin Camp**
- **Hārewa Team** has organised a range of activities throughout the term
- **Kārearea Team** has been busy working with our Police Education Officer Gary Milford on the Bike Safety Programme. This is great preparation for the rides they have scheduled next week.



‘Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wide world but themselves’

Anon

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

There has been great excitement this week with the installation of the new double climbing rig near the senior playground.

Many classes have spent time outside during this week, watching the rig being assembled. Safe fall wood chip will go in over the next two days and the fencing will be taken down on Monday. Once this has



happened, all classes will have a special time allocated to them to try out the new equipment. Proceeds from the 2019 SoKs Fair were combined with a grant from Central Lakes Trust and funding from the government (Schools Investment Package) to purchase this awesome equipment for the students.

OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAMME 2021

Special Choir: Ms Luke will be taking the choir this year and she will let children know when she is going to get started. This will be after Ako Senior Hub Camps have been completed. The choir is invited to sing in the local community on a number of occasions throughout the year.

Guitar: Sessions with Pete Stevenson held on Thursdays have already commenced. We usually have approximately 50 children involved. Pete organises the children into groups of 4 or 5, with new students being kept together and returning students being grouped according to their playing ability. Students must have signed consent from parents. We have restricted guitar to Years 4-6 children because of the large number of interested children. Children who were involved with guitar last year will also take precedence, if we have large numbers wanting to learn.

Saturday Morning Music Lessons (SMMC): Johanna Hansen is responsible for this tuition every Thursday. If your child is interested in learning violin, cello or clarinet, please contact Wendy or Kate (445-0264). Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Kapa Haka: Mary-Anne Tamati, our specialist Te Reo teacher provides Te Reo language support for students and teachers every Monday afternoon. Amber Nepe and Claire Lincoln are the staff members in charge of our Kapa Haka Group. All our senior Māori students will be encouraged to participate in this activity.

CURRICULUM CORNER: STARTING SCHOOL

Everyone in the family has to make adjustments to routines once school starts. Establishing workable routines helps everyone cope with their own responsibilities while easing things for others in the family. At the start of the school year, put in place a family plan for bedtimes, morning routines and after-school chores, commitments and homework. A plan will help the family function smoothly, ensure important priorities are met and keep everyone happy and healthy for a successful year.

Strategies:

1. Consider how many activities children can realistically manage. Homework, music lessons, clubs, scouts, sports, dance and speech lessons are all important in building a rounded personality and for developing the 6Cs, but children of all ages can become stressed if they take on too much. School demands can vary from year to year and should be taken into account when decisions are made about which activities children will sign up for.
2. Ensure school-age children get enough sleep. Both the brain and the body need sleep to refresh, recharge, and function effectively. Establish bedtime routines and stick to them throughout the year. When children know you are serious they will organise themselves around the times you have set. Well-rested children are healthier. Parents also need some quiet time to themselves in the evening.
3. Maintain a master calendar. The school provides a Term Calendar (attached to the newsletter) which shows all main events happening at school each particular term. You may choose to buy a large calendar and keep track of everyone's programmes and events. Checking, maintaining and up-dating the calendar can become a routine and help everyone see and respect the busy lives every family member leads, including Mum and Dad.

HEALTH & SAFETY NEWS

- **Highlighter Vests: a reminder that it is compulsory for all children travelling on school buses to wear a highlighter vest. Please support the school by ensuring your child has a vest in their school bag for daily use.**
- **Hats:** we are still reminding a significant number of children about the compulsory wearing of hats in Terms 1/4. It has been good to see lots of hats being purchased from the office. We remind parents that caps are not suitable for wearing at school – we expect children to wear either the new school hat or the old navy hat with a brim. Please ensure these are clearly named!!
- **Footwear:** there are lots of bees on our grass areas, so please remind your children that they must wear shoes at school, especially in the playground to avoid this.
- **Drink Bottles:** please ensure that your child has a named drink bottle for their water. We encourage the regular drinking of water at school.
- **Good family rules to promote safety include:**
 - ◇ never accept a ride from a stranger, make sure a parent knows where you are at all times, don't reveal personal information to strangers (including online) and keep the door locked and don't answer it if you are home alone.
 - ◇ No, Go, Yell, Tell. These four words are part of the National Crime Prevention Council's advice to parents for teaching children about strangers. This phrase teaches children to yell "No!" if approached by strangers, run away quickly, yell for help and tell a trusted adult what happened. Even young children can learn these four words and what to do.
 - ◇ Most children will grow up without having any trouble with strangers, but it's best to be prepared. Teach your children to be aware of the people around them and follow basic safety rules. Doing this will help them have confidence to know how to keep themselves safe. Start today!

NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter will be emailed once a fortnight (hard copies will be provided for families without internet access). A huge amount of time is spent preparing the fortnightly newsletter as it is our main form of communication with home. Please let us know if you do not receive a copy each fortnight. Notices will be emailed on the alternate week, as there is always information for families from school. Newsletter weeks in Term One will be Weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 8,10.

UNIFORM NEWS

A reminder that our new school uniform service is available from Metrografix (Tanya Reddy 445 4533) and second hand uniform is available through the SoKs Facebook Page.

We remind parents about the following expectations:

- Boys – plain navy socks only (Cromwell College socks are also fine)
- Girls – plain white or navy socks or navy tights. (no leggings that show underneath dresses)
- No coloured t-shirts underneath polo shirts or dresses.
- No plastic shoes (crocs etc), jandals, skate shoes please
- Regulation shorts purchased through the uniform service only.

We appreciate the effort parents have made to have their children looking great in their uniforms and taking pride as a Cromwell Primary School pupil. We have almost 100% of children wearing the uniform correctly and it does make a difference. Thanks so much everyone.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE – AVAILABLE DAILY

After school care is available from 3:00pm-5:30pm every day. The programme is based in Ako Senior Hub currently and is supervised by Linda Bell (Coordinator) and Tracey Coles. Costs are \$10 per day, per student for permanent bookings and \$12 per day, per student for casual bookings. Supervisors assist children with their daily reading and homework tasks which we know helps busy parents out. Students are able to use the computers for spelling & basic facts reinforcement and they can also play games do craft activities, read or play outside.

SOK'S FAMILY PICNIC—5 MARCH

SOKs family picnic night Friday 5th March 5.30pm onwards. Come along and celebrate the opening of the new climbing rig playground, bring a picnic. There will also be a free sausage sizzle and a chance for parents to find out more about SOKs and what we do!

SOK'S AGM

SOKs AGM Monday 15th March 7pm in AKO 2. All welcome to attend. Nominations are welcomed for supporting roles on the committee. For any queries apologies or nominations please email soks@cromprimary.school.nz

AKO SWIM SAFETY SESSIONS

Ako swim safety sessions Week 5 Monday 1 March- Friday 5 March - Friday. Students will need swimming gear, goggles and a towel. Plus a carry bag for swimming gear.



EOTC WEEK IN H3 TOTS ON TOUR!

A wonderful week spent visiting the local Cromwell Swim Centre for a fun swim, the local library and Old Cromwell Town.

We toured the Mall on our way to the library and refined our Perceptual Motor Skills by rolling down the bank at the recreation field on the walk back to school.

Our Tots on Tour of Old Cromwell Town was a great opportunity to explore our local area. We stopped by CELCI on the way to say hello to our future class friends. We enjoyed visiting the Old Town particularly the old school and finding the fairy doors. We ended our Tots on Tour with an ice cream outside the local dairy and a play at the park.



NEW ARRIVALS - WELCOME

We have welcomed Clover, Paisley & Jett S and Deklan T to school this week. We hope you all enjoy your time with us at Cromwell Primary School!



WALNUTS FOR SALE

\$5 per bag (cash only)

Please ask at the School Office

Cromwell Primary School Garden

Produce Sale

Friday 26th February

1.30-2pm

2.45-3.15pm

Items for sale:

- **Corn on the cob \$1 each**
- **Zuchinni 50 c each**
- **Bag of gourmet lettuce \$1.50**
- **Bags of herbs \$1 each**
- **Parsley**
- **Mint**
- **Chocolate mint**
- **Pineapple Sage**

Walnuts \$5 per kg

GET INVOLVED



JOIN SOKS

Just by joining SOKS you are advocating on behalf of all children (including your own) and no further commitment is required!

And IF you can...



BE CLASS REP

You can be a *Super Hero* that provides a link between parents and the school.



★ **"SOKS"** stands for **"SUPPORT OUR KIDS"**

We are a great bunch of parents and teachers (similar to a Parent Teacher Association) that meet once a month to discuss current matters that affect our students, we organise events to raise money for the school, and we decide on how our fundraising is spent.



WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

- ★ **BENEFIT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN** – research shows that children perform better and behave better when parents are involved at HOME and at SCHOOL.
- ★ **STAY INFORMED** – getting involved keeps you in the loop and plugs you into what's going on at the school.
- ★ **CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS** – SOKs connects you to other like-minded parents, as well as the teachers and staff, helping build community.
- ★ **BE A SUPER PARENT** – by getting involved, you show your student(s) the importance you place on education. If you value it, they will too.
- ★ **YOUR VOTE COUNTS** – by becoming a member, you have a voice in decisions of how fundraising is spent.
- ★ **HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOL BETTER!**



Anyone is welcome to attend our AGM on Monday, 15 March at 7pm in the Ako2 classroom - or email soks@croprimary.school.nz for more info

We would love to see some new (or familiar) faces there!
Nominations are now open for supporting roles within the committee.

FINANCES

- School Costs will be billed to your child's account. A statement will be sent out monthly that shows the items billed and payments made.
- Please pay by internet banking (03-1735-0004162-000). Please put name and what it relates to as the reference and/or e-mail Tegan to advise. If you are unable to pay by internet banking, payment can be made by cash or cheque. Please place cash/cheque in a named envelope and specify what the payment is for on the envelope. The envelope can be given to the classroom teacher to come to the office in the purple bag. If dropping the envelope to the office, please put envelope in the post-it slot. **We do not have eftpos.**
- **We have limited cash, so please endeavour to pay the exact amount of cash.**
- **You can pay regular amounts to cover costs e.g \$5 per week if NE-Y2, \$10 per week if Y3&4, \$15 Y5&6.**
- Should you require assistance to meet school costs, please contact the principal or Tegan in the office as there is assistance that is available.

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 (\$20) - pre-ordering available now

SCHOOL LUNCHES...

Heat Ups:

There will be no heat ups until further notice.

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, Tuna & Mayo —\$6 for 6 pieces or \$7 for 8 pieces. Please order before 9am on Fridays via the link on our School Facebook page.



Cromwell
Primary School
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Let them sparkle
& make dreams come alive

Fun weekly dance classes at Cromwell Presbyterian Hall. Start from 1 Feb.

Preschool - Thurs 2.15pm & Sat 9am
Ballet - Sat from 9.45am
Jazz - Thurs from 3.30pm (5-10yrs)

Register online at dancewanaka.co.nz
Enquiries to 021 575 569

dance
WANAKA

4 week squash programme
Start date: 8 March - 29 March
Mondays 3.30-4.30
12 spots only
8-12 years
\$20

Learn basic skills, Court layout, how to play & how to score.

Contact: Kylie Murdoch 021334809 ph or txt

Cromwell Junior Netball Club

Annual General Meeting
Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.00pm
Five Stags Restaurant, Barry Avenue, Cromwell

All current committee members and anyone with Year 0-6 children wanting to play netball this year are encouraged to attend.

We are also looking for new committee members and coaches for the upcoming season. If you are interested and would like to know more, please come along to the meeting.

For more information email cromwell.junior.netball.club@gmail.com

We need YOU!




Keen to Play Soccer this 2021 Season??

Registrations for Cromwell Junior Soccer Club for all boys and girls aged 4 – 16 are now open until March 15th.

For more information and a link to register please visit the clubs website at <http://www.sporty.co.nz/cjfc/home> or contact the club at cromwelljuniorfootballclub@gmail.com

Cromwell Drama



DRAMA CLASSES 2021!

Mondays
7 & 8 Year Olds @ 3.30-4.15pm
9+ Year Olds @ 4.15-5pm

Please contact **Kylie Hodgkinson**
kyliehodkinson@gmail.com
or Cromwell Drama on FB

TURN UP THE MUSIC

A SUNDAY RECITAL
Piano, Cello, Violin, Trumpet & more!



28TH FEBRUARY SUNDAY 1.30 TO 3.30PM
Queenstown Memorial Centre

QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Turn Up The Music Trust presents a musical collaboration from their talented music teachers.
Bring the whole family along to enjoy two hours of wonderful Piano, Violin, Cello, Brass and more.
Queenstown is truly blessed to have such wonderful musical talent in the basin.
Get your tickets now at eventfinda.co.nz
Adults \$23.00 | 13-18yrs \$10.25
13yrs & under FREE!

www.turnupthemusic.co.nz | info@turnupthemusic.co.nz

Cromwell Junior Rugby Club 2021

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN



Under 5s to Secondary / Under 18s

If you played last season you should have received an email with the link to sign up for this season
New players or previous players that did not play last season register using the link below:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/141745>
Any enquires email - cromwelljuniorrugby@gmail.com

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS FRIDAY 5TH MARCH

Coaches & Managers needed for the upcoming season please contact the CJRC President - Brad Morton on 0276625857 or email cromwelljuniorrugby@gmail.com to register your interest.

TERM PLANNER - TERM 1

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	1 February	2	3	4	5	6/7 Feb
3 February - 7 February			Term 1 Commences			
2	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 Feb
8 February - 14 February	Waitangi Day Observed School Closed					
3	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 Feb
15 February – 21 February	H1, H3 & H4 Water Funday	H3 Swimming	Kārearea Team Bike Safety	H4 Library Visit		
4	22	23	24	25	26	27/28 Feb
22 February - 28 February (Learning Partnership Meetings)		Kārearea Team Bike Road Skills	Mihi Whakatau 10.40am	H4 Swimming Sausage Sizzle		
5	1 March	2	3	4	5	6/7 March
1 March – 7 March	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming Kārearea Team Bike Ride H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week H1 Library Visit	SoK's School Community Picnic, 5.30pm Year 5-6 Swimming H2 Bike Week	
6	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 March
8 March - 14 March	School Athletics Day (Year 3-6)		Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba H1 Swimming	Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba	Year 5 Camp, Camp Columba	
7	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 March
15 March - 21 March	SoK's AGM 7pm Ako 2 Dunstan Zone Athletics (Year 4-6)					
8	22	23	24	25	26	27/28 March
22 March - 28 March	Otago Anniversary Day School Closed	Teacher Only Day School Closed		H1 & H4 Walk to Old Cromwell		
9	29	30	31	1	2	3/4 April
29 March – 4 April	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin CO Athletics (Year 4-6)	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin	Year 6 Camp, Dunedin H1 Library Visit	Good Friday School Closed	
10	5	6	7	8	9	10/11 April
5 April -11 April	Easter Monday School Closed	Easter Tuesday School Closed				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17/18 April
12 April -16 April		Kārearea Team Queenstown Walk	Kārearea Team Queenstown Walk	H4 Library Visit	Final Day Term One	