

# Newsletter

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

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

## The Curriculum Refresh

The New Zealand curriculum is currently being reviewed and refreshed. This new curriculum will mean clearer priorities for teachers and a more holistic approach. This year the New Zealand histories curriculum was trialled and will be ready for Nationwide implementation in 2022. The national guidelines, and each curriculum area will be refreshed over the next few years. As each part is carefully rewritten, it will be trialled in schools. Feedback will help to refine the ideas. If you would like to know more about the curriculum refresh here is my [short video](#) explaining it. This diagram shows the OECD vision for education in 2030. It was created by policy



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## REMINDERS

- Fri 1 Oct, Non-Uniform Day
- Fri 1 Oct, Last Day Term 3
- Mon 18 Oct, Term 4 Starts (Welcome Back Mrs Brooks!)
- Mon 18 to Fri 22 Oct, Literacy Week
- Fri 22 Oct, Character Dress Up Day
- Mon 25 Oct, Labour Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri 5 Nov, School Gala

writers, educational leaders, parents and students from around the world. This will help shape curriculums here and around the world. You can find out more about the [OECD vision](#) online.

## AKO WRITING PROGRAMMES

I have spent time in Ako this week looking at writing. Recently staff attended a Teacher Only Day with Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey. It has been great seeing the focussed writing lessons all our students have been involved in. One really effective way to extend writing skills has been workshops with a very specific teaching focus. The students seem highly engaged and enjoy working on whiteboards with a very clear focus. I watched a lesson focussed on using descriptive language in persuasive writing in Ako 1. I also watched Ako 2 working on constructing complex sentences.

### Ako 1's Persuasive Writing

For writing, Ako 1 have been learning about the techniques and strategies a writer uses to persuade their audience.

We have completed a sale Pitch for 'Cheesy Finger Grips' which have incorporated rhyme, rhetorical questions and personal pronouns. We are currently writing house advertisements with a focus on descriptive words (adjectives) to sell a house.

Here are some examples. Would you put an offer on any of these houses?

Come and enjoy the **sophisticated** contrast of **navy** blue exterior finished with a black roof. 1138 square metres of **glorious** section all for you. A neighbourhood so **friendly** yet the cedar fence makes it so private. The **glowing** deck is perfect for family game nights on those **warm** summer days. Wouldn't you want a house like this?

Indy

Don't get me started on the exterior. With its truly **divine** outdoor fireplace and pizza oven, **marble tiled** floor and elegant built in table, you won't want to miss out. Oh and the lawn with its **glamorous** hedges and fruit trees. It's like having your very own orchard in your backyard.

Josh H

This **family** house is the house for you. Located in the outskirts of Auckland in the suburb, Bombay, on **three** acres of **open** land you won't want to miss this steal. There are 3 **spacious** bathrooms with an **open** set up ideal for a family of five. 10 mins away is Bombay school. This family wants to move to a smaller, less busy life so don't delay on booking a viewing time today. As soon as you set foot into this house you will love it.

Cory

To warm us up for writing we practiced making complex sentences using different conjunctions. We wrote our sentences on whiteboards and challenged ourselves to use interesting vocabulary.

The man sat in his tent  
(as) he sipped his cup of milk  
(When) the man sat down in his tent he looked at the crystal clear sky.



While the tramper lies on the thin sleeping pad he watches the endless peaks disappear in to the distance

while wearing protective gear, this tramper was waiting for his water to boil so he could have a hot milo!

(As) I relaxed, looking towards the baby blue sky I thought about the long walk on the snowy mountain peaks tomorrow.

While having coffee on the rugged rocky mountain tops, I saw a thar in the distance.

where	although	when	because	while	after
before	since	as	so	that	as though
until					

(As) I was staring out at the ridged got butifull mountain range, I felt like I was in a scene in a cinema.



## SUNSMART

Today we are focussing on being Sunsmart. The money raised from the sausage sizzle will be used to help fund a new shade sail for the senior playground. Our school gala will also help with this too. Today we ran a colouring competition during break 2. We also gave out spot prizes for students wearing sunhats. Next term, wide brimmed sunhats are compulsory at break times.

## WINNING IDEAS COMPETITION

Cromwell Primary has two groups of students presenting proposals tonight at the finals of the Winning Ideas Competition. This competition is being run by Connect



Cromwell. There is a pool of money which will be allocated after the presentations this evening. The Cromwell Primary School Lake Group are seeking funding to

makeover an unloved part of land near Lake Dunstan. They want to run a driftwood sculpture design competition. The winning designs will be constructed in conjunction with a local artist. There will also be information boards created, which will tell some of the history about our lake and share information about the extinct species which used to live here. Megan Phillips, from the Lake Dunstan Trust, has been working with us on this project. The Cromwell Primary School Pantry Group are wanting to make over the community pantry and create better signage. They would see this as a good opportunity to relaunch the pantry and raise awareness.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for their support during Term 3. It has been a very busy term with a few surprises thrown in. It has been a pleasure to have acted as the principal during this time. I have enjoyed the work much more than I expected to. The staff and community at Cromwell Primary School are very passionate about ensuring our students have everything they need to succeed. I feel very lucky to have been leading such an amazing school.

**Kia noho haumarū - stay safe**

**Kia atawhai - be kind**

**Ngā mihi nui - thanks very much**

Danella Smallridge

**Acting Principal**

## NEW ENTRANTS - COHORT ENTRY

As you may know we have had Cohort Entry at Cromwell Primary School since 2016. Cohort Entry means that children start our school in groups at the start or middle of each term. The Ministry of Education has seen the benefits of this entry policy and is now promoting this option to all schools in New Zealand. At the start of the year there was a law change which means that parents no longer have the right to ask for their child to start on their fifth birthday or another chosen date. When parents enrol, they can choose another agreed cohort start date if the date suggested doesn't suit their family. **We will be placing children in the first cohort intake after their fifth birthday unless parents request otherwise.**

## NEW ENTRANTS - INNOVATION - SUPPORTING STUDENTS SETTLING IN AT SCHOOL



Our NE teacher Holly Curran has liaised with Ako teachers to set up a peer support initiative. We now have some senior students supporting them in the morning. A roster has been set up and they have 3 Ako students coming for a week at a time to help settle children in the morning. They also pop back in the afternoon for 15min to help build a relationship with the children. The NE teachers have found this to work extremely well. The Ako buddies read with the children and help them settle into an activity. This initiative has been so successful that the teacher aide is now able to work on other learning support.



## ENVIROSCHOOLS

Last week some of the keen garden club members helped to plant 5 native trees gifted to us by EnviroSchools and the Trees that Count School Initiative, grown by Haehaeata Natural Heritage Trust. We wish to thank Mr Dave and Jeanine Ellis from First National for the load of compost they donated to the school. It came in very handy when planting these trees.



## KEEP NEW ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL



A big thank you to Charlotte T and her mum – Rebecca who came to help with the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean Up Day on Saturday. Butchers Drive is looking amazing with all the rubbish picked up and lupins removed.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sophia K for her awesome research into garden shed designs using recycled materials. Highly commended award went to Amelia B for the excellent design her and her dad worked on. Mr Dave and Mrs Caughey are finalising plans this afternoon. Any parents able to donate time or materials to this building project please contact Barbara Caughey or Mr Dave. We aim to work on it before the end of the year.



## NEW ARRIVALS - WELCOME

We have welcomed to school recently— Riley B, Georgia H, Journey-Leigh M, Mark Allan S and Marina S. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Cromwell Primary School!



## KAREAREA TEAM CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Year 3	Boys	Girls
1st	Isaac W	Milly L
2nd	Lukas M	Lily H
3rd	Maxwell M	Lottie F

Year 4	Boys	Girls
1st	Levi C	Quinn L
2nd	Jack C	Eden K
3rd	Lucas S	Angelina M



## T-BALL

Would your child like to play T-Ball for Cromwell Primary School? We will need Parent/Caregiver support to run a team. Tuesdays after school 3:30 pm or 4:30 pm depending on the draw at Molyneux Park, Alexandra (you would be responsible for getting your own child to and from Alex). This starts November 2021 and runs until March 2022. There are two grades - Y3/ 4 - T-ball and Y5 / 6 - Introduction to Softball. Cost is (approximately) \$10 per child. If you have a child who is interested in playing T-Ball for CPS and or you can help with coaching, please email Andrew Ede on [andrewe@cromprimary.school.nz](mailto:andrewe@cromprimary.school.nz) by **Thursday 14 October**.

## KAHIKATEA PLAYGROUND VALUES AWARDS

Well done to the following students for demonstrating our school values in the playground: Merida A (2), Georgia D (4), Sophie W (2), Isla K (4)Emme H, Violet C (2) Shania C-M and Jolene B (H1), Charlotte W, Harper N and Phoebe L (H2P), Ella G, Emily K, Charlotte T, Oliver H, Beau H, Frankie P, Alex M, Ted L and Dylan -Rose M (H2K) Maya D, Sophie G and Indie P (H5)

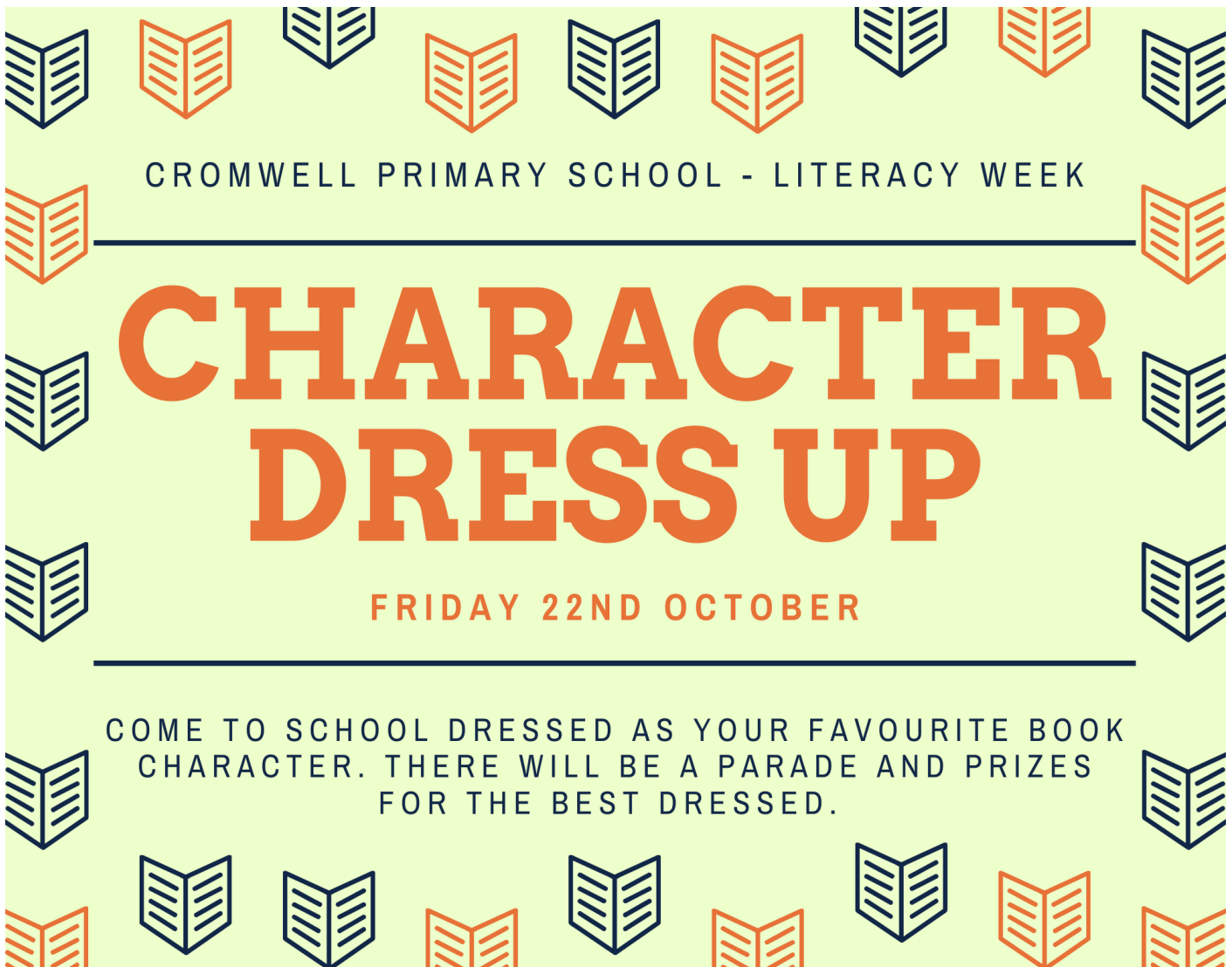
Thank you for making a difference in our school!

*'In a world where you can be anything, be kind'*

*Anonymous*

## LITERACY WEEK 18TH - 22ND OCTOBER

Coming up in Week 1 of Term 4 we will be having a school wide Literacy week. There will be a range of activities around school including; writing workshops, author visits, lunch time activities and lots of opportunities for children to read. The week will end with a book character dress up day on Friday 22nd October. So get thinking about your amazing costume!



CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL - LITERACY WEEK

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# CHARACTER DRESS UP

FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

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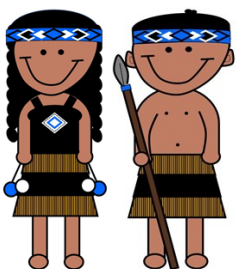
COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER. THERE WILL BE A PARADE AND PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED.

## SOK's Ice Block Friday's – Term 4

**SOK's will be selling ice blocks every Friday after school**  
**\$2 - cash only please**

## LEARNING TE REO WITH DANELLA

I am no expert but I enjoy learning new words and phrases.



**Kei hea tō pukapuka?** Where is your book?

**Kei runga i taku tēpu.** It's on my desk.





# SUNSMART

On Thursday 30 October Cromwell Primary School got SunSmart. We had a sausage sizzle to raise funds for a new shade sail over our senior playground. We ran a colouring competition and there were spot prizes for children wearing sunhats.

## Get Spotted 2021



Sunhats are compulsory in Term 4.





SAVE THE DATE - CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA, FRIDAY 5TH  
NOVEMBER, 4 - 7.30PM

This year we are holding a School Gala in place of our bi-annual School Fair, but rest assured we still have lots of entertainment lined up including the Thomas train, an inflatable obstacle course, pony rides, side show games, and some good old fashioned family relays as well as some exciting new stalls. This is our major fundraiser for 2021, so please add it to your calendar.

PLANTS WANTED

For our famous **Plant Stall at the School Gala.**

Veges, perennials, annuals, native . . . large or small . . . indoor or outdoor . .  
. cuttings or grown from seed (time to start sowing).

Anything you provide us to sell would be highly appreciated.

For all queries please email Barbara Caughey(K5 teacher)





## 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](http://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.



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Primary School  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Paediatric Occupational Therapists can help with....**

Behaviour problems  
Mental Health issues  
Emotional Regulation  
Gross and fine motor delays  
Reading or writing issues  
Sensory processing  
Social skills  
Poor attention  
Hyper or Hypoactivity

[Dynamicdevelopmentots.co.nz](https://dynamicdevelopmentots.co.nz)



### CROMWELL CRICKET CLUB

Junior Registration and Info Day -  
Cromell Sports Club Thursday September 30  
3:30pm to 6pm

Registrations are now live at CricHQ at this link & won't close until mid-October <https://registrations.crichq.com/register/178561>

Fees for all Juniors are **\$50**

Superstar Soft-ball cricket commences Friday October 29

Saturday Hardball cricket commences Saturday October 30

See our Facebook page for more or contact Sandy Wilson @

0275441595 or [sandywilson100@gmail.com](mailto:sandywilson100@gmail.com)



## FREE in Term 4

**Golf lessons for school pupils**

**Coached by Cromwell**

**Golf Professional Willie Moore**

**Sponsored by the Eagles Golfing**

**Society of Otago Inc**

Held at Cromwell Golf Club — All sessions 4-5pm

Years 1- 6 : Tuesdays October 19 to December 14

Years 7-13 : Wednesdays October 20 to December 15

Contact Willie 445 0165 or 021 521 901 to book in

No need to have your own clubs.

Bring your friends, water bottle, suitable footwear and a sunhat!



Cromwell Junior Football Club

## Summer Soccer Sevens

**What:** 7 a-side social soccer

**When:** Starting Friday Oct 29th and running for 6 weeks until Friday December 3rd

**Where:** Alpha Street Reserve

**Why:** Because we love Soccer/Football!!!!!!

**Who:** For any boys and girls aged 4-14

**How:** Please register here <https://forms.gle/fGq69bXR88b75x676>

**Cost:** \$20

\*\*\*Summer Soccer will only proceed under Covid Level 1\*\*\*



## Kids Run

1.00pm Saturday 20 November  
2.2km run | Ages 5 -12

Starting at Queenstown Gardens and finishing at Queenstown Rec Ground. Sign up to complete the Kids Marathon Program.  
Enter online at [queenstown-marathon.co.nz](https://queenstown-marathon.co.nz)

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\*SPECIAL RATE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY ONLY. PRE-BOOKINGS NOT AVAILABLE. SPECIAL RATE APPLIES TO QUEENSTOWN, WAIKATO & CENTRAL OTAGO RESIDENTS. PROOF OF ADDRESS REQUIRED. MINIMUM NUMBERS & HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS APPLY.



## TERM PLANNER - TERM 3

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	26	27	28	29	30	31 Jul/1Aug
26 July - 30 July	Tern Three Commences			Cookie for Kapa Kaka SOK's Sausage Sizzle		
2	2 August	3	4	5	6	7/8 Aug
2 Aug - 6 Aug	Partnership Meetings  SOK's Meeting 7pm, Ako	Partnership Meetings	Partnership Meetings  Ice Skating K5	School Photos Partnership Meetings SOK's Sausage Sizzle	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	
3	9	10	11	12	13	14/15 Aug
9 Aug - 13 Aug		Ice Skating K Hub, K1 & K2 Parent Ski Briefing (Ako) 7.30pm	Ice Skating K1, K2 & K5	Parent Ski Briefing (Ako) 7.30pm SOK's Sausage Sizzle	School Council Cupcake Day Fundraiser	
4	16	17	18	19	20	21/22 Aug
16 Aug - 20 Aug		Ice Skating K Hub, K1 & K2 School Skiing Year 5/6	Ice Skating K Hub & K5 School Skiing Postponement Date	Ako Team Cross-Country SOK's Sausage Sizzle		
5	23	24	25	26	27	28/29 Aug
23 Aug - 27 Aug		School Skiing Year 5/6	School Skiing Postponement Date	K Team Cross-Country SOK's Sausage Sizzle		
6	30	31	1 Sept	2	3	4/5 Sept
30 Aug - 3 Sept	Mihi Whakatau 10.35am BOT Meeting, 6.30pm Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair	Scholastic Book Fair SOK's Sausage Sizzle	Otago Museum Starlab Scholastic Book Fair	
7	6	7	8	9	10	11/12 Sept
6 Sept - 10 Sept	SOK's Skiing SOK's Meeting 7pm, via Zoom	Dunstan Zone Cross-Country (Year 5/6)	Wig Wednesday	PP Dunstan Zone Cross-Country	Hārewa Team Cross-Country	
8	13	14	15	16	17	18/19 Sept
13 Sept - 17 Sept	SOK's Skiing		Wig & Wacky Hair Wednesday		K Team Cross Country	
9	20	21	22	23	24	25/26 Sept
20 Sept - 24 Sept	SOK's Skiing	Mihi Whakatau 10.40am		CO Cross Country (Year 5/6) Sausage Sizzle	PP CO Cross Country Hārewa Cross Country	
10	27	28	29	30	1 Oct	2/3 Oct
27 Sept - 1 Oct	SOK's Skiing			Ako Cross Country Sausage Sizzle SunSmart Day - BYO Sunhat	Final Day Term 3  Non-Uniform Day	