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**Newsletter**  
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## From the Desk of the Principal

Kia ora everyone,

Welcome to week 7 of Term 4! We hope you have all coped ok in the extremely windy weather we have been experiencing. I have noticed there are a lot of tree branches down around the city. We are all looking forward to summer starting next week and the weather being a bit more settled, hopefully.

As we approach the end of the year there are a lot of activities lined up for our students. Coming up first is tomorrow. Our enterprise students are holding a stall at the South Dunedin Town Hall between 10am and 11.30am. The students have put a lot of hard work into this and would love if you could come and support them, grab a bargain and even get some Christmas shopping done.

Next week is Adventure Week. Activities have been organised for Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The class teacher will be in touch with further details. This is a reward to cap off a difficult but amazing year our students and staff have had.

The school Disco will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. There will be a shared takeaway dinner followed by a DJ Disco. All family members are welcome and whilst the children are enjoying the disco there will be an opportunity for a short meeting for parents/caregivers about the new format of the online narratives and assessments. By the end of the year you will receive an email with your log in details for you to set up for viewing the narrative reports as we move online. Thank you to the teaching staff for all their hard work, the draft narratives look fantastic and are a real improvement on our previous printed reports. A huge thank you to Anna Taylor for all her hard work getting these organised and set up.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December we have our Leavers Assembly starting at 11.30am. This will be followed by a bbq lunch, Santa will then visit and give the school students a gift. All families and friends are welcome. BBQ lunch provided. There will also be a gluten free option available.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December is our "clean up" day. School finishes at 12 noon with the students being picked up between 12-12.30pm (Go Bus has been notified). There is no programme for the students on this day and you are welcome to keep your child at home, please notify the Office as per the usual absence procedure if you do choose to do this.

Class photographs were taken 2 weeks ago; I must say they all look fantastic. You have until this coming Friday (27<sup>th</sup> November) to get your order into the Office. Orders will be sent home once received back before the end of the Term.

The start date for students for 2021 is **WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**.

Take care until next time!  
Matt

## COMING UP

- **Adventure Week 30<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December**

- Monday: Moana Pool & Picnic at Woodhaugh Gardens
  - Wednesday: Leap
- Friday: 10 Pin Bowling & School Disco

### TERM DATES 2020 & 2021

Term 4: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Teacher Only Day - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Term 1: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Term 4: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Stat days:

- 8<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Otago Anniversary
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday
  - 6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Tuesday
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day

## Market Day

The Sara Cohen Base Micro-Enterprise groups have been working hard and are ready to take their products to market tomorrow. Please feel free to come to the South Dunedin Town Hall tomorrow between 10 and 11.30 and get some Christmas shopping.



Painted pots with plants



Recycled toys, fridge magnets and seed strips



Felted soaps

## Friday outings with Manuka The Aquarium



## The Butterfly House



## Bus trips



Enjoy the holidays everyone! From Manuka



**Physiotherapy:**

Nate is having fun crawling over a swiss ball while working on getting his core strong! His lovely classroom staff are now taking him through his programme daily to help him achieve his goals.



**Speech Language Therapy:**

Alex is learning to use a communication device called Proloquo2Go to support his communication with others. Here Alex is greeting his class in the morning. Alex has been learning how to use his communication device during some of his favourite activities such as books and bubbles!



**Occupational Therapy:**

Brooke has been lucky to have some occupational therapy students support our individualised programme at the physio pool. Brooke has been enjoying spending time in the water this term after a long break. She's been floating independently and been able to play with her favourite rings while in the water while completing some physiotherapy exercises.