



6 May 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a warm April School holiday period it was. Hopefully everyone is happily back at school and back into normal routines again now.

ENVIROSCHOOLS HUI HOSTED AT OUR SCHOOL

Our school was busy today hosting teachers from all over Dunedin and beyond for a Hui all about Enviroschools' programmes, with a focus on reflection. The children enjoyed being part of this special event by taking part in a Mihi Whakatau to welcome our visitors and also by hosting a little tour around our school showing all the environmental projects we have been working on over recent times.

THINKING OF STANDING FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

As this year is a BOT election year we will be asking for parents willing to be elected to the School Board of Trustees to put their names forward soon. We will be electing five parent representatives and one staff representative.

Nomination forms have been posted out to everyone on our voting roll and nominations must be received by noon 20th May into Irene Cron, our Returning Officer. At the same time any potential nominees should submit a brief statement about themselves that can be included with voting papers.

If there is going to be an election because we have more than 5 nominees voting papers and candidate statements will be posted in the week of the 23rd of May and voting papers must be returned to School by mail or by dropping into the Ballot Box at school by noon on the 3rd of June.

Information books are available at school if you want to find out more about being a Trustee. Just pop in and collect one from Irene.

What do trustees do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Here are some specific things the board does:

- Sets the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and Monitors the board's progress against them.

- Monitors and evaluates student progress and achievement.
- Oversees the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum And administration.
- Ensures that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are Identified, planned for and met.
- Fulfils the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appoints and supports the principal and assesses their performance.

What Skills do trustees need?

Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communication skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing the school's performance are in place. Check out [www.trustee-electrion.co.nz/becoming -a-trustee](http://www.trustee-electrion.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee) for more information regarding trusteeship.

Who can become a trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Your school will be happy to help you find out more about standing for election or nominating someone else.

How is a board elected?

The school staff and parents elect boards of trustees every three-year.

All parents of students who are enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

SICKNESS IN THE SCHOOL

A Vomiting and a diarrhea bug has affected a few families in the last two weeks of last term.

Please remember that children should not return to school for 48 hours after their last vomiting or diarrhea incident. If we all stick to this rule it will be the best way of making sure nasty tummy bugs don't spread through the School and we all keep as well as possible.

PARENT ASSEMBLY DATES THIS TERM

Friday 3rd June - Lead by Tui Class
Friday 1st July - Lead by Rata Class

Assemblies start at 2.15pm in our new Learning Hub – Tutahi (A place where we stand together)

OTAGO MUSEUM TRIPS THIS TERM

In week 6 and 7 this term we have organised to take our classes into the museum to do a learning programme related to our Term's Inquiry on Insect and Animal Communities.

The dates are organised as follows:

Tuesday 7th June

- Tui class (Mrs B) 10.00am – 11.30am at Museum
(Leaving on the bus at 9.30am)
- Karearea Class (Mr. Direen) 11.45am – 1.15pm at Museum
(Leaving on bus at 11.15am)

Friday 10th June

- Kowhai class (Miss Crampton) 10.00am – 11.30am at Museum
(Leaving on bus at 9.30am)
- Toroa class (Mrs Ward) 11.45am – 1.15pm at Museum

Monday 13th June

- Kakano class (Miss Brown) 10.00am – 11.30am at Museum
(Leaving on bus at 9.30am)
- Rata class (Mrs Wells) 11.45am – 1.15pm at Museum
(Leaving on bus at 11.15am)

Tuesday 14th June

- Korimako Class (Mr. Mitchell) 10.00am – 11.30am at Museum
(Leaving on bus at 9.30am)

We would love to have parents to come and help with the supervision and learning on our trips so if you would like to come with your child's class could you please fill in the return slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – FRIDAY 8th JULY

The school will be closed for instruction Friday 8th July, which is the last day of term to allow the teaching staff to all attend a course on Writing that day. We will work an extra day in December to make up for this at the end of Term 4. This is a great way for us all to attend an extremely useful piece of professional development without it costing the school a lot for relievers. It is many years since we had a Teacher Only Day in school time so we are hoping by giving families lots of notice you will be able to make alternative arrangements.

MID YEAR REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Reports will be sent home in the second to last week of term and then we plan to hold follow up meeting meetings for parents, teacher (and children too if you wish) in the last week of the term, probably on Tuesday and Wednesday of that last week. We just

thought we would give you a heads up so you could mark the 5th and 6th of July in your diaries.

POOL KEY REFUNDS

I hope you enjoyed your access to the pool if you bought a School Pool Key for this past season. The \$10.00 bond refunds are available from the office when you return your key. Just pop in and see Irene in the office anytime.

KIDS DISCO – FRIDAY 20TH MAY

The Home and School have booked a kids disco for Friday 20 May at the Macandrew Bay Hall. Magic kids are again providing the DJ and disco equipment for free, which we appreciate very much. The cost is \$5.00 per child, which gives them entry to the disco, a drink, chips and a glow stick. The disco will run from 6pm to 8pm. The kids always have a great time and we hope to see as many of them there as possible.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE DATES FOR THIS TERM

Friday 27th May & Friday 1st July. Orders need to be in on the order sheet included in the newsletter by 9.00am on the Wednesday before the Sausage Sizzle. Sausages cost \$2.00each, Juicies cost \$1.00 each.

CRAFT ITEMS, CONTAINERS WANTED:

If you are having a clean out over the holidays, please feel free to donate any of the following for a craft stall at the school fair:

- beads (for kids to make bracelets)
- patterned cotton fabrics (for making bookmarks, sandwich wraps, headbands)
- bits of broken crayons (to remelt into colourful recycled crayons)
- small plastic containers to use on the stall (old hummus/dip containers the perfect size)
- scraps of coloured fur, coloured feathers, coloured furry balls, pipe cleaners (to make rock pets)

Please hand in to the office.

CHILDRENS WRITING CORNER

Experimenting with writing complex sentences Toroa Class

The squirrel

I was climbing the tree with the lingering taste of an acorn in my mouth. Hearing the thud of talons landing on bark, I fled up the bow of the branch. Hungry eyes with powerful wings flew towards me and I raced towards my drey. The comforting smell of musty leaves surrounded me but it did little to protect me. So, i leapt. I leapt into nothingness.

By Millie

The Squirrel

Just a nice peaceful day, listening to the birds while enjoying the sun peeking through the trees. As I watch, the leaves rustle and I catch the scent of a bird of prey. Suddenly, the branches beneath me begin to vibrate and shake violently. All of a sudden a hawk comes whizzing towards me. Sprinting along the branches, I spy a potential hiding spot. As the hawk draws closer, I disappear into the drey.

By Hugh

The Squirrel

Enjoying life as it is, the squirrel jumps about searching for acorns. A hawk glares at him. Running for his life, before leaping into his drey in search of safety. Thudding onto the ground the squirrel makes a run for it, flying and leaping trying to escape.

By Jemma

The Squirrel

The squirrel is watched and while he collects his food the hunter gets confident. The hunter is ready to strike. Darting through the trees, the eagle is catching up. The eagle is out of luck, the squirrel scampers to safety.

By Maddy

DATES TO REMEMBER IN TERM ONE

20 th May	School Disco
27 th May	Sausage Sizzle
30 th May	BOT Meeting
3 rd June	Parent Assembly
7 th June	Museum Trip – Tui & Karearea
10 th June	Museum Trip – Kowhai & Toroa
13 th June	Museum Trip – Kakano & Rata
14 th June	Museum Trip – Korimako
27 th June	BOT Meeting
1 st July	Sausage Sizzle
1 st July	Parent Assembly
5 th July	Parent Interviews
6 th July	Parent Interviews
8 th July	Teachers Only Day

Bernadette Newlands
PRINCIPAL

NOTICES

MESSY CHURCH FOR MAY!

7.30am yummy breakfast – (by the new kitchen)

8.00am Songs, story, activities, good exploring fun

8.45am finish!

Everyone most welcome!

Any enquiries – Phone Jo 0276628233, Shelia 4761143, Elizabeth or Trinnie 4761343

FIREWOOD FOR SALE - MACANDREW BAY SCOUT GROUP FUNDRAISER

Semi dry pine delivered 15th or 22nd May

\$70 per cubic metre including delivery to Mac Bay & surrounds

Pensioner special price – \$60 per metre

Cash in advance or on delivery

To order please contact Hannah Lawrence

03 476 1543 or 021 071 9972

Email hvrjlawrence@slingshot.co.nz

Please advise number of metres and delivery address when placing your order

First in first served!

If you are elderly or infirm and would like Scouts to stack your firewood for free please ask when placing your order

Funds raised will be used to restore and maintain the Scout Hall

Sea Lion Swim Club

Ten years experienced coaching at all levels from beginner to elite.

Available at physiotherapy pool Dunedin for children and adults.

Programmes are custom-made to suit the needs and goals of each individual.

Class numbers will be restricted to ensure both quality and full attention.

Offered are 5 and 10-week programmes 30-minute sessions to be run on Tuesdays or Fridays after school till 7pm.

Lessons commence on Tuesday 3rd of May and Friday 6th of May.

The classes are winter based so the physio pool temp of 34 would keep both adult and children comfortable.

To confirm bookings and secure placements please phone/txt Ryan Dowling

027 896 1726 email: ryan.dowling@yahoo.com

MUSEUM TRIP

Name: _____

Childs Name: _____

Room: _____

I would like to come on the bus with my child Y / N

I will take my car and meet the class at the Museum Y / N

SAUSAGE SIZZLE Friday 27th May

Name: _____ Room: _____

No of Sausages @ \$2.00each _____

No of Juicies @ \$1.00 each _____

SCHOOL FAIR HELP

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone no: _____

Stall I can help on: _____

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL DONATIONS

\$25.00 per term per child or \$100 for the 4 terms per child

Name of child/children _____ Rm _____

_____ Rm _____

Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL ACTIVITY DONATION – This helps pay for school trips, performances and education outside the classroom.

\$10.00 per term per child or \$40.00 for the 4 terms per child

Name of child/children _____ Rm _____

_____ Rm _____

Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____

kai(nga): eat / food

E *kai* ana te pēpi i ngā rīwai.

The baby is *eating* the potatoes.

- this is an example of an active sentence

E *kainga* ana ngā rīwai e te pēpi.

The potatoes are being *eaten* by the baby.

- this is an example of a passive sentence

Kainga tāu āporo!

Eat your apple!

- this is an example of a command in simple passive form

He *kai* pai te kūmara.

Kumara is good *food*. (Kumara is good/healthy food.)

- this is an example of a classifying sentence



ART Classes for Children

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Kerry Mackay and Pamela Brown
Artists and Art Educators,
registered teachers

Afterschool art classes *For Young Artists children 6-13*, who *love* to paint, draw and sculpt.

Now held at Dunedin Intermediate Art Room. Thursdays 4:00-5:30 in 5 week blocks.

Check out our website www.theartdept.org for more info about fees, content, and Kerry and Pamela's teaching philosophy.



SIGNING HAPPILY EVER AFTER



A practical fun 90-minute workshop for parents, grandparents, teachers, librarians, and anyone telling stories to young children.

Come along and learn how to sign simple songs, rhymes and chants to enhance your storytime. Handouts provided plus tuition from passionate Dunedin signer and NZSL interpreter, Brydee Strang.

COST: \$10

BOOKINGS: Limited numbers

Phone Kaitrin on 425 8959 / 0274609885

Sunday 15 May | 2.00pm – 3.30pm
4th Floor | City Library

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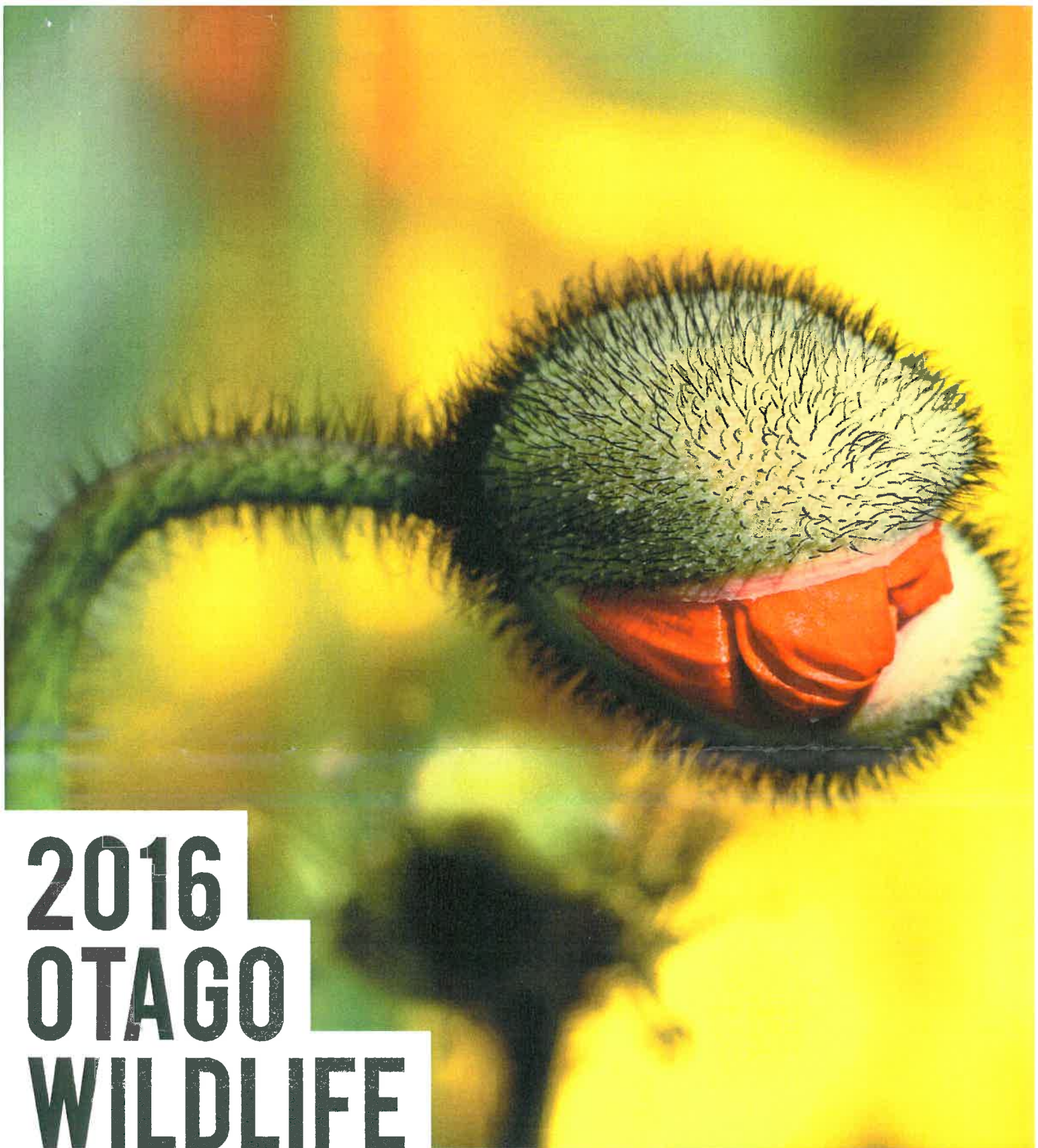
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