

## PRINCIPAL COMMENT

### To Parents/Caregivers

Some of our senior students have described all the things they like about our school and what needs to be improved. Our kids have got such great ideas and some of the things they like about school include: positive attitude, assembly, teachers are very clear about expectations for leaning, hut building, technology at the high school, school leader activities and brain food breaks during class.

Improvements they would like are better toilet facilities (including the top field), better place for leaving scooters and to keep working towards zero bullying at school.

The issue here is that young people can make a difference and all these topics will be looked at by staff and the Board. For example, senior classes are investigating strategies for reducing bullying and at school assemblies we include role plays and discussions about bullying.

We will continue encouraging students to learn about how they can make our school a better place for everyone. The school councillors and house captains will be discussing these issues at weekly meetings we have where they will also learn about how they can work with the students, staff, Board and community to improve the way we do things.

We want the community to have a say on matters that affect your child. **You now have an opportunity to comment on our break times and a survey form is attached to this newsletter for completion and return as soon as possible. Next week our Anti-bullying procedures will be published for your comment.**

#### What a great idea

Two of our teachers, Destine Greatbatch and Laura Bridge, have got together with students and formed Physical Activity Leaders (PALs). This group of Year 6 students are organising lunchtime games for children and the first session this week was hugely successful. PALs will have their own badges and it's an excellent way of involving younger students in leadership. Well done Destine, Laura and students

**Stephen Snell**

**Principal**

**Dannevirke Netball Centre** are now calling for applications for Year 7 and Year 8 Representative Team coaches and managers. All expressions of interest, or for any enquiries, please contact Robyn Evans 374 6180 or Tina Todd 374 5278 or email dvkenetball@gmail by 9 March 2012.

**Team 4 camp planning** and preparation is already underway for 2012. Some families choose to pay little amounts often. Prices are still being finalised but if you would like to set up an Automatic Payment to start paying for this, please contact the school office.

## TERM DATES

DATE	EVENT
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Saturday 25th	Tararua Kid's Triathlon 9.15 Wai Splash
Wednesday 29th	Student, Teacher & Parent Conferences
<b>MARCH</b>	
Thursday 1st	Student, Teacher & Parent Conferences
Friday 2nd	Team 1 & 2 Tabloids
Friday 9th	Mt Bruce—Team 1
Saturday 10th	9.00-12.30 DSS Hall— <b>RUGBY WEIGH IN</b>
Wed 14th	South School Swimming Sports
Monday 19th	<b>A.G.M. for S.O.S.</b> 7pm in the staffroom
Thursday 22nd	Inter School Swimming Sports
Tuesday 27th	Class/Individual photos
Wednesday 28th	Vaccination Dose 1 Year 7 HPV Dose Year 8 girls
Thursday 29th	SOS Sausage sizzle
Friday 30th	Inter House Sport
<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 2nd	SOS meeting in staffroom at 7pm
Thursday 5th	Term 1 ends
Friday 6th	Good Friday
Monday 23rd	Term 2 begins

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

On Wednesday 29th February and Thursday 1st March the school will close early at 2.15pm. Please ensure your children are picked up on time so that PTS interviews can start on time.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This week the Board held their first meeting for the year and matters dealt with included:

Mrs Di Traynor has resigned because her family has left the district. Di was responsible for Board fundraising and her work saw substantial amounts of funding raised providing additional resources for our children. These included large subsidies for senior camps, the school production and musical instruments. We are all grateful for the work Di has done and wish her and her family all the best.

Ministry approval for our 5 year Property Plan is expected within a week. The Board will then be able to progress with classroom refurbishments.

Review of the Charter has begun and is expected to take two terms including community consultation. **Please visit our website for the 2012 Charter Document.**

The Board were given a run down by Maggie McNeil about the use of ICT's in the digital class. Rm 17 are now preparing to use devices that access the internet for learning content.

**Message from the "Tooth Fairy"**  
Squirt a "pea" size amount of toothpaste on your toothbrush  
**Dental Clinic Phone 374 7361**



## REMINDERS

- Visit school web site [www.dannevirkesouth.school.nz](http://www.dannevirkesouth.school.nz) regularly for school happenings.
- CANTEEN OPEN MONDAYS & FRIDAY ONLY
- SWIMMING TOGS — Teams 3 & 4
- Assemblies every Monday 2.20pm
- Friday banking at school from 8.30-9.30am
- SUNHATS need to be worn this term. New sunhats can be purchased from the school office—\$9 each
- School donations \$10 per child per term
- Please ring in daily for absent children .



### LEADERSHIP CAMP—by Lauren Carr

On Thursday the 9th February all of the fantastic leaders of South School, councillors and house captains, took a trip to Riverside Motor Camp, destination Wairoa, for a great bonding experience, and to show off their amazing leadership skills.



On the three and a half hour bus ride to Wairoa, we had many stops, but the best stop by far was Laser Force. Two teams, house captains vs. councillors, all had guns (I'm sure the teacher's were a bit uneasy about that!) and two VERY competitive matches, but house captains won both games. Well done Cody and Rory for having the best scores, both games!

After many toilet stops, Miss O'Brien and the gang all arrived at Riverside Motor Camp! We all unpacked our gear and went down to the community pool for a swim!

After the swim, we went to a local school, Te Aho (to shine in Maori) and befriended a little student who went to the after school program. We all brought a game and we got to know each other. That was a great experience. We also met an amazing man called Joe Tapeti, who taught us a can-do attitude and brought out the leader in us all.

We went home and had a hard earned rest. Then we all had supper, and went to bed, except for a CERTAIN FEW who woke Miss O'B up at 4:30am. Not pretty...

In the morning, all of us who slept, had a rude awakening from those who didn't sleep at 6 in the morning. We all had a shower and went to the High Ropes course. We did the high ropes course to bring all of the leaders out of their comfort zones as they were EXTREMELY HIGH! All of us conquered our fears on that camp and we were all extremely proud of ourselves and each other.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### DANNEVIRKE TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE for 2012

**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT—MINI & MOD 6yrs – 12yrs**  
SKILLS & DRILLS, followed by AGE GROUP LEAGUE TOUCH  
Tuesdays 4.00pm - 5.15pm - Coronation Park  
**U/13s** -Wedn 14<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00pm – 5.30pm—Coro Park  
Then every Monday - Wednesday onwards  
Round 1 Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> Manawatu Arena  
Friday Night Footy starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> March  
**U/15s & U/17s**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.00pm – 7.30pm at Coronation Park  
Sundays 2.00pm – 3.30pm – Domain  
Round 1 Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> Manawatu Arena  
Wednesday Trainings starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday Night Footy starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> March

### NZRL Roots Carnival 03<sup>rd</sup> March

RUBEN WIKI in attendance AGAIN Manawatu Arena  
Please feel free to contact for inquiries: - Shamyus Edwards  
021 029 75976 or Pastor Charlie Tuhua 021 265 714

### GIRL'S BRIGADE

Girl's Brigade is a faith-based programme for girls aged from 5 years upwards. There are games, singing, crafts, drama and fun for all ages. Girl's Brigade meets in Knox Church Hall, Swinburn Street, Wednesday evenings, starting at 5.30pm to 7.00pm (during term time). The first meeting for the term is Wednesday 8th February. For more information please phone Jane Dempster ph 374-8795

### LIONS YOUTH TALENT QUEST

The Lions are looking for talented youth from ages 8 to 18 years to strut their stuff for a Gala concert, to be held at the Dannevirke Town Hall and hosted by Mr. Jon Fletcher, on Saturday 26th May 2012 at 6.30pm. Entry forms and further details can be acquired from your local Lions Club or the Dannevirke Information Centre.

### GROWING GORGEOUS BOYS INTO GOOD MEN

St Joseph's School are hosting Celia Lashlie at the Hub, 7pm on Thursday 8th March. A researcher and social commentator, Celia worked for 15 years within the Prison Service, starting in December 1985 as the first woman to work as a prison officer in a male prison in New Zealand. She now works on a number of projects all of which are linked to improving the lives of at-risk children and empowering families to find their own solutions to the challenges they face. In September 2004 she completed the "Good Man" project. The project, which facilitated discussion within 25 boy's schools in New Zealand, aimed to create a working definition of what makes a good man in the 21st century. What arose from the project was a significant insight into the minds of teenage boys and what they are feeling at this period in their lives. Celia has some challenging suggestions for parents and for women in particular to rethink the way they interact with the men in their lives—their sons and their husbands. Tickets are available from St Joseph's school office @ \$15 each. For more information visit [www.celialashlie.co.nz](http://www.celialashlie.co.nz)