

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

*Dear Parents/Whanau,*

We have had a busy few weeks with the EPro8 challenge and both the South and the Interschool swimming sports.

### EPro8 Challenge

Two teams in the EPro8, one junior and one senior have made it through to the semi-finals to be held in Palmerston North next term. We congratulate these children and wish them the best for the event.



**"South Smarties" Year 5/6 team**  
*Bayly Castles, Dani Simmons, James Bettles and Ryder Fowler*



**"Mad Scientists" - Year 7/8 team**  
*Isaiah Lawson, Alvin Kim, Ewan Geertson and Brayden Paewai-Stoney*

### SWIMMING SPORTS

Our swimming sports was successful although we do have some concerns around the number of children now not taking up the opportunity for the school swimming lessons. We will shortly complete a review around how swimming happens at Dannevirke South. Thank you to those parents who have made contact with us to give feedback around these events.

Congratulations to all those who entered the swimming sports, some of our students did exceptionally well at the interschool.

### PLAYGROUND OPENING and ANZAC SERVICE

On Friday 12th April, the last day of term, our community are invited to a wonderful student led celebration to open our Junior Playground followed by a school ANZAC service.

12.30 pm Junior Playground official opening  
1.00 pm Lunch for adults attending and optional SOS sausage sizzle for students  
2.00 pm ANZAC service

Come along and join with us for these important events.

### LOCK DOWN:

At present we are reviewing our lockdown procedures. Please remember if we have a proper lockdown you will always be informed via the app and kept updated.

### STAFFING

Next term we welcome back Anna Murphy to teaching at our school. She will spend two days each week in Room 1 as well as being the ORRS teacher.

Mrs Angela Potgieter has arrived from South Africa and will be taking up the position in Room 15 with our Year 7 and 8's. We warmly welcome her and her family to our community.

**Caroline Gyde**

*Acting Principal*

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
<b>APRIL</b>	
Friday 12	Last day of Term 1—ANZAC service
Monday 29	Term 2 begins
Monday 3rd June	Queen's Birthday
Friday 5th July	Last day of Term 2
Mon 22nd July	First day of Term 3
Friday 27th Sept	Term 3 ends
Monday 14 Oct	Term 4 begins
Monday 28 Oct	Labour Day
Tuesday 17th	School Prize giving
Wedn 18th Dec	School finishes at noon

### Te Tipu Evening

Last Tuesday Te Tipu held an opening evening to showcase some of the wonderful work that has happened this term. We shared our Mihi's, art work and photos from nature school. It was fantastic to see so many people and the response was really positive. As a result we have decided to hold another one next term.



### ROOM 4 ANZAC STORIES

On April 25th, it is ANZAC Day when we remember those who died in the war. Poppies are important because poppies were grown where soldiers had the war. By Addison

ANZAC Day is sad. People died in the war. Soldiers were on war boats. They landed in Turkey. By Samson

### South School Junior Playground Opening

**This FRIDAY 12th APRIL starting at 12.30pm**

Karakia tūwhera

Mihi / Korero

Waiata tautoko

Te Kakano students korero

Te Kakano students waiata

Cutting of the ribbon



**ANZAC SERVICE to follow at 2.00 pm**

## REMINDERS

- ⇒ ANZAC service/Playground opening—this FRIDAY
- ⇒ Very last day for Rugby registrations—Friday
- ⇒ SOS Sausage sizzle Friday for children
- ⇒ Some netball fees to be paid—no money—no sports uniform
- ⇒ Please keep checking your child/ren's hair for head-lice as they are still around.
- ⇒ VisTab in office to be used for ALL visitors/leavers
- ⇒ BOT electoral roll form to be returned
- ⇒ Please remember to keep your contact numbers up to date.
- ⇒ **If your child is going to be late or away please contact the school office on 374 8915, text 027 506 4860 or send a message via the school app.**
- ⇒ No canteen this Friday

### Health Survey Feedback

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to provide feedback on our Health Curriculum. We have looked at all of the comments and found some ideas were already included in the curriculum and others required giving feedback to teachers of particular year groups. However there were three further areas that emerged - First Aid, Mental Health and having a bicultural component. These topics will be explored further with the staff over the coming weeks. A copy of the revised curriculum will be included in the school newsletter in due course.

The classroom that returned the highest percentage of forms was Room 3, hope you enjoyed your ice block!

### VisTab—for visitors to school.

A reminder to ALL parents/caregivers who are picking up their children early or visiting the school to please call into the school office and mark your presence on the school Vis Tab. (even if you are only dropping something off to your child). This is a Health and Safety requirement and must be adhered to. It is not good enough to just tell a teacher that you are taking your child away from school.

### KiVa antibullying programme

A vitally important part of the KiVa programme is giving all children the confidence to report KiVa cases to duty or class teachers, whether they are the victim or witness bullying. Children become aware of the different roles in the playground- bystanders, bully, victim, supporter of the bully. The bystanders are encouraged to support the victim and seek help from others like Councillors, House Captains or adults.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Term 1 Digital Literacy Holiday Programme

This programme is for 8 years and older.



Use Google Maps and QR codes to find amazing landmarks in New Zealand and the World. Limited devices available or bring your own.

Register now for this free holiday programme at the Dannevirke Library on 06 374 4255

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Enclosed with this newsletter, is a colouring competition being run by the Dannevirke Theatre Company to help promote their upcoming show of "Beauty and the Beast."

There will be three age groups and a prize for each group. The age groups are 3-6yrs, 7-10yrs and 11-13yrs). They will each receive an Adults ticket and a Childs ticket to the show as well as having their photo taken with the cast or lead character of their choosing after the show they came to view.

These can be returned to school after the holidays.

The show runs in Dannevirke from 23rd May to 1st June in the Town Hall.

### ANZAC DAY CONCERT

The Dannevirke Community Board will be hosting their annual ANZAC day concert in the Dannevirke Town hall on Thursday 25th April starting at 3.00 pm.

Gold coin admission. All welcome



### MAGPIES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This holiday programme is for 7-12 year old children, giving them an opportunity to develop their skills as rugby players and be coached by current and up and coming Magpie players.

To be held at Rugby Park, Dannevirke on Friday 26th April. Player registration including a limited edition Magpies Training T-shirt is \$60 and with no T-shirt \$40. Queries to Krysten 027 3871260 or duffy@hbrugby.co.nz

### MUSICAL MELODIES—Ruth Appleton (ATCL IRMT)

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