

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Whanau,

### Welcome to our new staff

A very special welcome to Angela Potgieter who has started in Ruma Tekau ma Rima this term. Angela has come all the way from South Africa to join our team.

Donna Mason will begin in Ruma Tahī this coming week due to new entrant enrolments. Donna came to us from First Years Preschool and we are looking forward to having her on board.

### Attendance:

Current research shows that student achievement is related to good school attendance. At primary school attendance is really important, as much of the learning is building on the previous days work.

**Attending regularly is defined as attending over 90% of half days.**

### South School Attendance Term 1 2019

68.5% of students attended regularly in Term 1 2019.

Year 1 students have the highest regular attendance of 85.7%. Year 6 had the lowest % of students attending regularly at 60 %. More boys attended regularly than girls, particularly in Years 7 and 8.

### Comment on attendance

Clearly we can do a lot better. It is very concerning when we compare attendance levels to student achievement. As an important part of improved student wellbeing, we need to work with our community. Our staff and board are now reviewing all aspects related to student attendance and our parents/whanau will be part of this. We need to look at ways of providing whanau with a meaningful voice on this issue.

**In the meantime if you have any great ideas or would like to talk with us about attendance please contact your class teacher or you can make a time to discuss with Caroline or myself.**

We look forward to improving student attendance so all students have the best opportunity to succeed.

### BOT elections

**A reminder that this year we are looking for new people to join our Board of Trustees. This can be a very rewarding job for parents/whanau and we encourage you all to read the attached flyer and think very seriously about putting your name forward. Nominations close at noon on Thursday 30th May and you should have all received a nomination form in the mail.**

**Stephen Snell, Principal**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
<b>MAY</b>	
Monday 13th	7pm—BOT meeting
Tuesday 14th	dTap vaccinations for Year 7 HPV vaccinations for year 8 Vision and Hearing 5.00 pm EPro8 semi final Year 7 & 8 EPro8 semi final Year 5/6 Palm Nth
Wednesday 15th	Hearing Education Teams 1 and 2
Tues 14/Wedn 15	<b>PINK SHIRT DAY</b>
Friday 17th	Young Leaders Day for councilors
Monday 20	Hearing education for seniors
Thursday 23	SOS sausage sizzle at lunchtime
Friday 24	Nominations close at noon for BOT
Thursday 30th	
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 3rd	<b>Queen's Birthday—school closed</b>
Friday 21	SOS Disco
Tuesday 25	5 pm Te Tipu whanau celebration
Friday 28	Mid Year Reports go home
<b>JULY</b>	
Friday 5th July	SOS sausage sizzle Last day of Term 2 First day of Term 3
Mon 22nd July	Term 3 ends
Friday 27th Sept	Term 4 begins
Monday 14 Oct	Labour Day
Monday 28 Oct	School Prize giving
Tuesday 17th	School finishes at noon
Wedn 18th Dec	

### RADIO CHECKS

This morning we recommenced our school radio checks with the Tararua District Council.



Oliver, Charlotte, Hannah & Jacob

Our councillors will all be involved over the coming term in this weekly call up from the Civil Defence unit at TDC to all the schools in Tararua.



### KiVa antibullying programme Laughing with Others..

Laughing with others happens when you tell a joke, say something funny or laugh at a mistake you have made. Being able to laugh with others makes you feel happy. It makes you think that you might try that action or skill again so you can get better at it. This helps you become a better learner.

## REMINDERS

- ⇒ Please ensure that you have our school app on your phone if at all possible. This is available free from the app store
- ⇒ Please remember to keep your contact numbers up to date with the school office.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ School canteen every Friday in the school hall—please remember to write your child's name and room number on all orders
- ⇒ School assembly held every Friday at 2.20 pm.

### SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC - PHONE 374 7361

*The dental nurses are due to leave South School in a few weeks so please contact them immediately if you have any dental concerns about your children.*



### Autumn Leaves by Ruma 4

*My leaf is beautiful. It is yellow as the sun and it is spiky. It's shape is an oval. It spins around like the wind. It has black dots in the middle. Caleb*

*My beautiful autumn leaf is as gold as the sun. It's colours are green, gold and yellow. The green is on the top, the gold in the middle and the yellow at the bottom. My leaf is heart shaped and is sort of an apple shape. Whenever I drop it the leaf spins around like a tornado. The stems are bright yellow. Liam*

*My beautiful Autumn leaf. It has a red stem with a little bit of green at the back. My leaf is as green as green grass. My leaf is very delicate and jagged. It has crispy edges. Haylee*

*My leaf is as green and yellow as tree's leaves and very pretty. It is spiky and it flutters around. I love my leaf. I found my leaf outside on the grass under a tree. Addison*

**Children leaving school early:**  
School closes at 3.00pm If you are picking up your child before this time please ensure you call into the school office and sign your child out on the VisTab.

## SPORTS

### NETBALL

#### Draw for Saturday 11th May

**9.00 am** Court 2—South Blue v South Black  
**10.00am** Court 1—South White vs Norsewood and court 2—Huia vs South Silver  
All Fun Ferns (4 vs 4) meet for registration and skills on Court 5  
**11.00 am** Court 3—St Jo/South C vs Huia Harriers  
**Attention all interested Year 7, 8 and capable Year 6s netball players! There is going to be a Dannevirke Rep Trial next Saturday the 11th at the netball courts starting at 3pm with a skill/drills session followed by a trial! The selectors will be there to watch the whole process and select girls for a Year 8 Rep team and a Year 7 Rep Team! We are also looking for two coaches and two managers for these teams! If any parent is keen please get in touch with Michelle Ross-Veale!**

### JAB RUGBY—starts this Saturday

### HOCKEY

#### Draw for Friday 10th May

#### Funsticks:

Blue v Red—Turf 1, Yellow v Green—Turf 2 at 3.50pm  
**Mini**—Ruahine v South Orange Turf 2 at 4.30 pm  
Norsewood v South Yellow on Turf 2 at 5.00 pm  
**Kiwi**—South Green v South Red on Turf 4 at 4.30 pm  
**Kwik**—Ruahine v South Black at DHS at 4.30 pm and  
Nswd/Weber vs South Blue at DHS at 5.00 pm

#### Draw for Friday 17th May

#### Funsticks:

Red v Yellow on Turf 1 and Blue v Green on Turf 2 at 3.50 pm  
**Mini**—South Orange v Norsewood on Turf 1 at 4.30 pm  
South Yellow v Ruahine Tigers on Turf 2 at 4.30 pm  
**Kiwi**—South Red v Huia Green on Turf 1 at 4.00 pm and  
South Green v Huia Yellow on Turf 4 at 4.30 pm  
**Kwik** = South Blue v Ruahine at DHS at 4.00pm and South Black v Norsewood/Weber at DHS at 4.30 pm

### BADMINTON

Dannevirke primary and secondary badminton starts Monday 6th May and runs for Terms 2 and 3.  
5-6.30pm, Dannevirke Sports Centre, Anderson Street.  
Subs - \$25 primary, \$45 high school. Non-marking shoes please, racquets available. Contact: Fiona Saunders 021 117 4560 or Hilary Hirst 027 282 6732



**The Dannevirke Theatre Company** is performing **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** from 23rd May to 1st June in the town hall. Tickets available from Dannevirke Information Centre

### Makotuku Progressive Assn—Quiz Evening

**Where:** Makotuku Hall

**When:** Friday 24th May at 7.30pm

Finger food provided. BYO. \$40 per team of 4. Entries to Lorraine 3741745 by Friday 17th May. Fundraiser for hall.