

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Whānau

Kia ora Koutou

We are already half way through the term and a busy one it has been.

As you will now all be aware Mr Snell our principal of 13 years has left us. We are all very sad to see him go and wish Stephen and his wife Susie all the best.

Mr Snell has had an enormous impact on our school over the time he has been with us and has also worked hard within the community to form strong relationships to bring people together. Mr Snell was always focussed on getting the best outcomes for our children. He was the force behind the Kahui Ako being set up and has always worked hard to ensure the best possible outcomes for the tamariki in our whole community.

We are going to have a relaxed farewell for him next Wednesday 17 March in the form of a BBQ at school starting from 5pm onwards. Anyone in the community who has had anything to do with Mr Snell and would like to say goodbye are welcome to attend.

I will be acting Principal until a replacement is found. The BOT will begin the process of appointing a new principal shortly. We have a strong leadership team with Miss Hutchings, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Greatbatch and a wonderful dedicated group of teachers and support staff. There will no doubt be some changes but please continue to come and talk to us if you have any concerns about anything and we ask for your support at this time.

We also have some other staff changes. Margaret Streater has now been replaced by Mrs Sharalee Clarke in the office.

We also welcome Mrs Jill Lindsay to our school as a Teacher Aide. This is a fixed term position and she will be working 4 days a week for a few hours each day.

Nga Mihi
Caroline Gyde
Acting Principal

Dannevirke South School Swimming Sports

HELP!! We need timekeepers for the DSS Swimming Sports on Friday 19th March from 9.15 to 2.30pm.

Phone the school office on 374 8915

No experience necessary.



CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
2021	
Fri 12 Mar	Teacher Only Day—School Closed
Wed 17 March	Farewell BBQ for Mr Snell 5pm
Fri 19 Mar	South School Swimming Sports Yr 4-8
Mon 22 Mar	EPR08 interschool comp
Tues 23 Mar	Weetbix Tryathlon
Tues 23-25 Mar-	Whanau Contact evening
Thurs 25 Mar	Interschool swimming
Mon 29 Mar	Photolife Photos
Tues 30 Mar	SOS Meeting
Fri 2 April	Good Friday
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday
Tues 6 April	School closed
Fri 16 April	Term 1 Finishes
Mon 3 May	Term 2 Starts

Forms to return to the school

office:

- Netball notices
- Immunisation forms
- Updated student contact details
- Whanau Interview forms



Teacher Only Day Friday 12 March

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday 12 March. Staff will be involved in Professional Development to improve the teaching of writing.

We have these Teacher Only Days because they were agreed in the Teachers Collective Agreement. All schools will be utilizing these at different times.

Easter Tuesday 6 April

Please note that the school is closed on Tuesday 6 April after Easter.

Bus Tickets

Bus tickets are now available to purchase from the school office.

Technology Fees

Technology fees are the only school fees that still need to be paid by caregivers. Students are provided with materials for the technology programme and the cost of these fees cover the cost of materials.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Teacher Only Day Friday 12 March 2021
- ⇒ Te Puawai DHS Technology Tuesday or Thursday—bring covered shoes.
- ⇒ DSS Dental Clinic closed until March Ph. 0800825583
- ⇒ Install App on your smart phone - Kiwischools
- ⇒ Technology Fees to be paid

THUMBS UP TO

It is wonderful to have such a caring community and we appreciate all your support



- To the person who handed in an eftpos card to the office
- Mr Snell for all he has done for South School
- Caregivers who have offered to coach or manage sports team
- People who have paid their technology fees
- Considerate drivers dropping students to school

AGRI-KIDS

Agri kids is a good way to get started on farming. Anyone can enter, you don't even have to come from a farming background. You get put in teams of three and do fun challenges. Every year we travel to a different place to compete. This year it was in Hastings.

At the start we were very nervous but once we started we were no longer scared. This year we put a chain on a motorbike, put our hands in different mystery boxes, played memory match, did a 2 page quiz, oil hazards, figuring out what side a nait tag goes on a calf and putting each different event in the right seasons. This year we had 9 teams from Dannevirke South enter and it was lots of fun. We think you should enter agri kids because it is a fun kids farming challenge. Paige, Kade and Jennifer



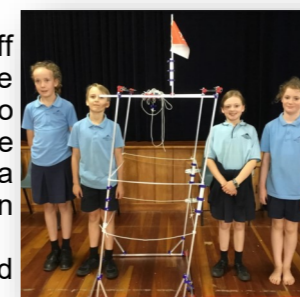
Epro8

Epro8 is a science and engineering competition where schools from around New Zealand compete to be the Epro8 champions.

This year we were the South Einsteins, and we built the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

We had to launch fireworks off the structure. Obviously we couldn't use real fireworks so we used party poppers. We made a contraption using a crankhandle, a reel and an axle

Alice, Connor, Jennifer and Molly.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hockey in Palmerston North

The opportunity to play 11 a-side hockey on a full-size turf is a huge step in the development of our young hockey players, building confidence and skills. Dannevirke Junior Hockey is looking to send a combined team of Yr 7 & 8 players to compete in the Manawatu Hockey competition.

We seek expressions of interest for the Manawatu Hockey 2021 competition to play 11 a-side game on the full turf in Palmerston North on Friday nights term 2 and running into term 3.

If your child is interested in playing hockey in Palmerston North please let us know via email to

dscjuniorhockey@gmail.com

All other players in years 0 – 8 will have the opportunity to play in our local inter-school Dannevirke competition on Friday nights in Term 2, more details to register coming soon.

DANNEVIRKE LIBRARY NEWS 2021

Book Club for 8-12 year olds returns for Term 1.

Thurs 25 March 4pm-5pm A book someone else picks for you

Thurs 15 April 4pm-5pm A classic LEGO FUN

For ages 5+ We supply the Lego. You supply the imagination and skills! Free drop-in sessions Wednesdays after school

JAB RUGBY

Pre season training starts for all year 7 and 8 students (11, 12, & 13 year olds) that are wanting to play rugby this year. Aaron Satchwell will be facilitating these trainings. These sessions start on Wednesday 17th March from 4.30pm onwards at Rugby Park. This will run for a consecutive 6 weeks. Boots, mouth guards and drink bottles are required for trainings.

Rugby registrations officially close on Friday 16th April 2021. Register your child now on

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/141756>

WEEKLY NETBALL SKILLS AND DRILLS.
SESSIONS FOR YEAR 7 & 8 PLAYERS
WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 3.30PM
SEE YOU AT THE NETBALL COURTS.

WELLBEING SERIES—TARARUA REAP.

SKYLIGHT TRUST. Facilitator Heather Henare.

Do you know a child or tamariki that seem sad, anxious, isolated and depressed?

Free workshop Tararua Reap Thursday 18 March 2021 at 6pm