

Community Newsletter 016

Kia Ora

This term has seen some significant steps forward with our physical environment. The Block B upgrade was completed on time and on budget thanks to the hard work of the contractors involved. Photos can be seen on our website of the project as it happened. We took the opportunity to 'plant' a time capsule which I'm sure will be uncovered at some point in the distant future. The second building project sees the entire school being re-cabled to enable faster network connections for our technology. This will meet our needs for at least the next 25 years.

In June Otautau and Riverton schools hosted the Southland Primary Schools Cross Country. This event witnessed approximately 1000 people (runners and supporters) descend onto Holt Park. On what was at that point in the year, most probably the coldest day, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and loved the course, which had plenty of mud, obstacles, water and hills. This was successful in large part due the number of parents who turned up and manned a post, ensuring runners were safe and went in the right direction.

Enjoy the break, thanks for your support.

Kia Kaha
Ben Witheford
PRINCIPAL



new on that interweb thing...

- > Can Genius Be Learned Or Is It Preordained? - On the Principals Blog, linked from the school website.
- > 10 000 hours - it takes hard work to get good... - On the Principals Blog, linked from the school website.
- > The iTech's are up and running - On the school website
- > Photos from the Junior Westgate maths programme - On the school website

facebook...

We have joined the face book generation. Visiting facebook.com/otautau will take you to our page. We use this for quick notices, updates and pictures from the school. Make sure you 'like' us when you get there.

OTAUTAU SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
8TH October 2011
Rugby, music, meat on a spit
WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFO!!!

Year 7 Technology:

Things I remember from technology: a coping saw will cut around shapes & drilling is hard work. Important things to revise: file the metal and sand it so it is safe to touch and drill slowly but not too slow or the drill will jam. Using a coping saw might help me build things on the farm. I will be able to choose the right tool for the right job.

By George Burnett



I remember some technology rules: wear safety glass when cutting metal & don't wear loose clothing. This is important so the clothing does not get caught in the equipment. I could tell people I know so they don't have an accident. This knowledge will make me safer when I'm building things.

By Carly Foy

THUMPIN' THURSDAY

Thanks to the PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) who organised a successful, Thumpin' Thursday for Jump Rope for Heart foundation. The smiles and rosy red cheeks from the children showed us that it was a great afternoon, even with a location change due to the weather.

The highly anticipated Jump off for Mr Witheford was very popular with over 70 guesses logged. There were only three people who successfully guessed that MrWitheford would jump 36. Congratulations to Hannah C, Jimmi Knapp and Kayden Jackson
The multi day raised \$156.40 for the Heart Foundation well done!

Term 2 has seen us enter teams in a Rippa Rugby Tournament to promote the World Cup,



and the Push Play Aerobics Comp. All teams did very well!

We have also had Lorne from Sport Southland, teaching us to Run, Jump and Throw!



Room 8 is Gr8 News

Room 8 was very fortunate to visit the Gruffalo play in Invercargill at the Civic theatre with Room 6 and Room 4 (a big thank you to FoS and the parent helpers for making it happen).

After learning the song about the Gruffalo and seeing other children acting out the Gruffalo, Room 8 wanted to be YOUTUBE stars. Tim and Zacson think it would be great to get over a million hits, so come and check out the world famous, YOUTUBE Stars, which can be found on our class blog.



Room 5's descriptions of a special place @

It looks like paddocks of grass for ages. It's all muddy with rocks everywhere. It's all rough like sandpaper when you rub your hand on it. It feels like it's bumpy when you drive on it on the motorbike. When you go down the road you can feel the wind coming through the trees. It smells like animals have been there for years and you can smell rotten silage. Getting down the lane you can smell fresh grass just been chopped. It sounds like the wind is carrying all the sound. It sounds like trucks driving and mowers chopping the fresh grass. It's a farm!

Josh Brown

It looks like lime ice cream everywhere with amazing scaly trees all around me. Once I touch it it feels like sap running all over my hands. The sap is very sticky and the tree trunks are spiky. It smells like heaven because of the fresh air. I love the fresh, odourless smell all around me. It sounds like the wind rustling through the trees. The rustling sound is like joy as well as the wet squeaky grass. Where am I?

Bailey Jackson

I am looking at my mysterious dreamland. It looks like a big giant marshmallow melting on the mountains like snow. Plus the water feels as cold as ice when Jack Frost wants to freeze the town. I can hear the water off the lake shifting back and forth after jet boats have zoomed past. My mysterious dreamland smells as fresh as a daisy popping out to say hello. My dreamland is Queenstown!

Kayden Jackson

Room 3

Room 3 has had an awesome term highlighted by getting into our new class. We all really like its bright fresh colours, more space and that we don't get interrupted all the time! Below are some reflective comments that we recorded into the computer. Sam and Mrs H selected them we hope you enjoy them.

Shinika

My M.S.C. is that my maths is going really well because now I know my times tables and divided-bys. When I do my maths it is really, really fun.

Brad

My M.S.C. is my writing because I am putting in more descriptive words than I used to. I use to put in BLAHH words. I am much happier with what I am writing now.

Baile

My M.S.C. is my reading because I am reading harder books now and a lot more books. I find that the stories are more interesting

Andre

I have 2 M.S.C.'s. My first one is my writing, I have written two stories about a wild lux and the other about some run away sheep. The second one is about maths, I know more time tables and it makes answering the questions easier.

Aimee

My M.S.C. is my Lexile reading because I am now reading and passing books at my level where as before I was only passing stories at a lower level. I have done this by reading more and thinking about the story.



Keas

Keas is a group for boys & girls aged 6-8. We meet at St Andrews Scout Hall on Tuesday at 3.30pm. We welcome you to come along and see what activities we do. We are currently looking for leaders in all groups - Keas, Cubs, Scouts & Venturers. Please contact Julie 027 8445759

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