



Strath Taieri School Newsletter

3 MARCH 2024

WEEK 6 TERM 1

Principal Comment

Kia ora parents and whānau,
We had another fabulous visit from Harold and the Life Education bus! What a great couple of days we had and even got a visit from Big Harold which was outstanding to see him presenting awards to the Talent Quest kids. This weeks sees our annual Swimming Sports. Please see the timetable on the next page. **We are also asking for parents to make a relay team or two to compete against the Year 7/8s so if you're keen bring your togs along on Wednesday and let me know!**

There are a couple of forms still outstanding for Cyber Safety agreements and 2024 Permissions so if you could please get these back to the office asap that would be much appreciated.

Ngā mihi,
Lisa Bankshaw

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
Thank you so much!

A huge thanks to Willie Jones and his helpers for catering for a Cavalcade trail all last week. We really appreciate the time, effort and organisation this takes - it's a big job! Thanks for all the donations of baking and eggs also. The funds raised from this catering help fund a third classroom to be open this year.

Overall Winner: **TALENT QUEST** **MYAH!**

A fabulous group of R5 girls took initiative and off their own backs, organised a school Talent Quest last week. There were so many great acts and a range of talent on display such as dances, singing, magic tricks, and hunting reenactments. We were also lucky enough to have Harold attend prizegiving. Well done R5 girls - great leadership!





WATER SAFETY

This Friday 8 March, Min is going to be doing water safety with the kids. **If anyone has a life jacket at home could they please send it along on Friday.**

Thanks so much to Min who, once again, has run lessons for our school. It's very evident to see the progress and confidence they have all gained. Thanks also to Karen Dunn who has volunteered her time to help take groups down and make sure they're all changed and ready. We couldn't do it without you!

ASSEMBLY

THIS Thursday 7 March, at 2.15pm in Room 5 Team Kārearea.

Swimming Sports certificates will be presented, and representatives from the Lions Club will be there to give out prizes for the Vege Growing competition. We'd love to see you all there!

TRIATHLON



The Strath Taieri Connect Trust are organising a triathlon from **1pm on Wednesday 13 March** with us, Lee Stream and Macraes Schools.

The age groups will be Year 1-2; Year 3-4; Year 5-6; Year 7-

8

CLICK HERE for the sign up form for the Triathlon.

LIFE ED BUS

On Thursday and Friday Harold came to school and each class got to spend time with Harold and Pip and Rachel. Team Ruru learnt about caring classmates and my favourite part was when Harold sung us song and when I won a toy Harold at the Talent Quest. Thank you for teaching us new things Harold and you are cool!

• *By Issy Bankshaw*



SWIMMING SPORTS

We will have classes as normal and break earlier for lunch, then head down to the pool. School will continue at the conclusion of the Swimming Sports (although you are more than welcome to take your children home at the end - just let a teacher know) and the buses will still be running (if needed) in the afternoon.

If you are able to help time the two length races then please let me know.

We can't wait for you to see all the children's fabulous swimming skills on display! Any questions then please contact Lisa.

Timetable

(these are all approximate times)

11.50pm	Early Lunch Kids take school bags down to the pool and leave out the front of the building.
12.20pm	Lee Stream and Macraes Moonlight arrive at the pool. Strath kids walk down to the pool. All kids get changed and ready to swim!
12.30pm	SWIMMING SPORTS START Width races then Bomb competition. When finished these children can get changed.
1.00pm	Length races then Bomb competition. When finished any non-relay children can get changed.
1.45pm	Relays
2.00pm	Finish MMS and LSS head home

PIWAKAWAKA NEWS

What an epic few weeks we have had in team Piwakawaka. We have watched a house go through the village and completed some awesome writing about what we saw. We have had Harold back up to teach us all about our feelings. We have learnt that some feelings are heavier than others and he taught us some strategies to help manage and cope with these. We love learning with Harold and always enjoy our time with him and Pip. We are still focusing heavily on our handwriting and have jumped straight into our Pr1me Maths journey which we are thoroughly enjoying.



Term 1 Calendar

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Term 1 Week 6	4 MARCH After School Sports	5 MARCH	6 MARCH SWIMMING SPORTS 	7 MARCH Assembly 2.15pm 	8 MARCH Year 7&8 Tech 
Term 1 Week 7	11 MARCH After School Sports	12 MARCH	13 MARCH ST Connect Schools Triathlon 	14 MARCH Miss Howell at a course Mrs Becker in RI&3	15 MARCH Year 7&8 Tech Mrs Becker in RI&3 
Term 1 Week 8	18 MARCH After School Sports	19 MARCH Future Ferns Day Board Meeting 6.30pm 	20 MARCH	21 MARCH	22 MARCH Year 7&8 Tech 
Term 1 Week 9	25 MARCH Otago Anniversary NO SCHOOL	26 MARCH Room 3 Team Ruru CAMP! 	27 MARCH Room 3 Team Ruru CAMP! 	28 MARCH	 29 MARCH Good Friday NO SCHOOL 
Term 1 Week 10	 1 APRIL Easter Monday NO SCHOOL 		2 APRIL Easter Tuesday NO SCHOOL 		5 APRIL Year 7&8 Tech 
Term 1 Week 11	8 APRIL After School Sports Year 8 GRIP 				12 APRIL Last day of Term 1 Year 7&8 Tech 

SCHOOLS IN SKATES



OVERVIEW

Ice skating is a fantastic skill to learn and will build a child's confidence and motor skills.

The Schools in Skates programme is specifically targeted at children in years 3-6 with plenty of games and free time included in each session.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A fun, 1-hour session per week
- 6 sessions per class over 6 weeks
- Skate hire and coaching

OUTCOMES

- Learn the basics of ice skating
- Kids gain confidence by stepping outside their comfort zone
- Improved basic motor skills combining balance and coordination
- A great time! Ice skating is super exciting and provides a unique experience that's difficult to replicate.



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