Dear Families

TEACHER ONLY DAY – A reminder that the school will be closed next Friday 16th May for the teaching staff to review our curriculum.

Reading Together Programme – This begins on Wednesday 21st May, from 3.15-4.30pm, in Room 2, for the junior parents who are taking part in this programme.

Kapa Haka – We welcome back Ana and Kopua this term to take Te Reo Māori, Tikanga and Kapa Haka with all the children. This will take place every Tuesday in the hall between 9.00-10.00am. Parents are welcome to come and join in.

Our Learning – This term we are completing a chemistry topic called ‘Actions and Reactions’, which will focus on experiencing a variety of science experiments.

For writing the children will be learning to write reports that also link in to our science topic. Each class will complete writing/reading programmes which will include regular homework each night.

In maths the children will be learning about algebra patterning, addition and subtraction, and time. For visual art the children will be enjoying print-making, and for Phys Ed gymnastics is the theme. This will also be supported by regular visits from the Sport Activator. Nearer to the end of the term we will also go to the St Bernadettes Gymnasium in town again.

These are our main topics, although we will continue with others such as oral and visual language, spelling, handwriting, music, fitness and last but not least Positive Ed.

Parents Group Meeting – The next Parents Group Meeting will be next Monday 2 June at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

BOT Meeting – This is next Tuesday 13th May at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

HPP Reading Programme – We would like to set up the HPP Reading Programme in the school again. This has proven to give excellent results for children’s reading and oral language. It relies on parents to come into the school for at least one hour per day, three days a week, to work one-on-one with a child. It is a very simple programme to run and we would provide training and support throughout. If you are interested in finding out more about this programme please contact me.

‘Dancing Like The Stars’ – All the Year 5 & 6 students will be involved in this exciting programme this term. We have a professional tutor, Swaroopa Unni, coming to the school twice a week to teach the children Indian Dance. Nearer to the end of term the children will perform their dance at a show involving other schools in the programme. Further details on the date of the show will come when it is finalised.

Netball – The first game for the season is next Tuesday 13th May. The draw is not yet available.

Miniball – A note has gone out confirming the team. The first game is next Thursday 15th May.

T-Ball/Futsal – Please return all sports uniform items you may still have as soon as possible.

Hot Lunches – The Parents Group’s hot lunches will begin again next Wednesday 14th May. An order slip is on the next page.

Vandalism – There has been more vandalism at the school over the holidays. If you see anything happening please contact the police.

Dates to mark on your calendar:
* Friday 16 May – Teacher Only Day
* Monday 2 June – Queen’s Birthday
* Friday 4th July – End of Term 2

Steve Turnbull
Principal

ABSENCES – please PHONE 488 2204 or TEXT 027 391 9985 by 9.00am with the reason your child is absent (sick etc)

Lucky Book Club – The next Lucky Book Club order for 2014 was distributed today and closes next Friday 16th May. Please return money and orders to the office.

Clever Cats – This Friday May 9th at 1.30pm

Enrolment forms and more information available at the school office. Enrolments close 1st June
**The FIFA u-20 World Cup Trophy Tour**
The FIFA u-20 Football World Cup is coming to New Zealand next year and to celebrate a Year-to-Go the trophy is on tour. There are lots of fun free activities accompanying the trophy including a massive inflatable goal, inflatable football pitch, kicking wall, photo boards and plenty more. All activities are suitable for kids of all ages so come along and get involved.

The trophy tour will be in **Dunedin on Wednesday 21 May 2014** at the following venues:
- Lower Octagon – 8am - 9am
- University of Otago Union – 11am – 1.30pm
- More FM Arena (Edgar Centre) – 3.30pm – 6pm

**HEALTH CORNER - Water safety**
Lots of summer activities take place around water, where unfortunately too many children drown (on average 15 children each year).

- **It is vital children are closely supervised when they are near water:** Children can become unconscious after only a couple of minutes with their head under water.
- **Young children can drown in very shallow water.**
- **No child should get in a boat without a lifejacket**, even a short trip in a kayak or a dingy.
- **Make sure your child can swim.** Swimming lessons through the school may not be enough for all children.

For more information go to [www.safekids.org.nz](http://www.safekids.org.nz)

Your public health nurse is: Suzanne Wilson – Ph 4769878

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**HOT LUNCHES Next Wednesday 14th May – HAMBURGER $2.50**
Please return this order slip, with money, to the school office by **TUESDAY morning**

Name: __________________________ Name: __________________________ Name: __________________________
☐ Hamburger @ $2.50 ☐ Hamburger @ $2.50 ☐ Hamburger @ $2.50

Total enclosed: $________________

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**Public Astronomy Season 2014**

**Dunedin Astronomical Society**

Beverly-Begg Observatory, Robin hood park, Dunedin

https://sites.google.com/site/dunedinastromony/

You are invited to come and spend an evening with the stars and to explore the universe…

**Public open nights from 11th April - September**
Friday 8pm and Sundays 7.30pm - $5 Adults - $3 Child

**Introduction to Astronomy Course 2014**

If you would like to learn more about astronomy and know where things are in the sky on those beautiful, clear evenings then this is for you! Our popular course runs for 4 Tuesday evenings from 13th May 2014, cost $30 each.

**GROUP BOOKINGS WELCOME. ALL ENQUIRIES TO:**
dunedin.astronomy@gmail.com

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**MINI-MOD Rugby League**

‘Have a Go’ Days 2014:
- 12pm, Sunday 11th May (Skills)
- 12pm, Sunday 18th May (Tackling)
- 12pm, Sunday 25th May (Tournament)

**All Weather Conditions**
- Boys and Girls: Years 4-6 and Years 7-8
- Kensington Oval, Princes Street
- Bring: Waterbottle, Mouthguard, Shorts, Socks and Boots (League Top provided)

**Dunedin MINI-MOD Rugby League**

Competition Starts: 15th June 2014

Contact: grantotagotouch@xtra.co.nz
0212868262

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**EASY LUNCH**

* EASY LUNCHES – These are available every day - Regular $3.50 / Large $4.50
* Dominoes PIZZA slices (Meatlovers or Hawaiian) can be ordered every Friday for $2.70

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**LUNCH ORDERS**

Together We Learn and Grow