

5 NOVEMBER 2023

WEEK 5 TERM 4

Principal Comment

Kia ora parents and whānau,

Outstanding job by every single one of our kids on Friday at the Athletic Sports. They all did themselves proud and gave it their all. I had a lot of great feedback from other teachers and parents about how well behaved our kids were and how they all pushed themselves to finish events and do their best. Outstanding job kids - you should all be so proud of your efforts. Congratulations to Rosa, Lexie, Madi, George, Edward, Tim & Konner who all qualified for the Otago Athletics Champs in a couple of weeks.

The other piece of positive feedback I got constantly received on Friday was how great we all looked in our new t-shirts. A big thank you to Charlotte Dykes who has spent a lot of time over the past two years sorting new merinos, sunhats and now t-shirts. Thank you so much Charlotte for all the research and effort you've put in as it hasn't been a straightforward task!

On Wednesday we had a group of students travel to Port Chalmers to the Dunedin Primary Schools Triathlon - and boy did they go great guns! Amazing results from every athlete:

Edward - 3rd in Y5 boys individual
Annie S - 9th in Y6 girls individual
Tim, Archie, Lexie - 2nd in Y5 mixed teams

This week we have the Book Fair running for 2 weeks in the Library as well as Book Dress Up day and Assembly on Wednesday.

Have a fabulous week ahead!
Kia pai te wiki,
Lisa Bankshaw

TEACHER APPOINTMENT

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Katie Glass has been appointed as a permanent part-time teacher starting in 2024. She is an experienced teacher and one of our regular relievers who is well liked by all the children and staff. She was a standout candidate with experience in teaching the middle school as well as being a Maths Specialist Teacher. Next year she will be teaching 3 days a week in Room 3 Team Ruru.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Glass to our school community!



**SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE
THIS TUESDAY so don't
forget to brush your hair
& teeth that morning!**

Notices

SPRING CLEAN!

The Strath Taieri PTA are having a table at the Car Boot Sale on MacKenzie Clan Day 26th November.

If you have been doing some spring cleaning, have items that are collecting dust or you no longer use this is the perfect opportunity to declutter and support the school.

PTA will price items unless otherwise requested. All proceeds to the School PTA.

Items already donated include: puzzles, clothes, sports equipment, kitchenware, books, platters, baby gear, household items, camping equipment, furniture, kids clothes, office supplies and much much more!

Any items not sold will be donated to Charity or come and collect your items from the stall before the end of the day.

Please contact Kylie 022 544 3306 or Anna 027 469 4230 to arrange drop off at the school PTA shed before 24th November

WORKING BEE!

From **4pm this Tuesday 7 November** bring a rake and help tidy up the debris from the tree trimming. Any help would be greatly appreciated!



THANK YOU!

The tree trimming has been finished over the weekend and it looks so good. The kids will now be able to use the flying fox without getting annoyed by branches!

It's like we've got a new playground area with the bark chips aswell.

A HUGE thanks much go to Sean Leslie, Steve Knowles, Alistair Tisdall, Gilby and Lindsay Carruthers.

We appreciate all your time and effort over the weekend getting this job done.



Team Karearea News

The excitement was real! As Robyn delivered the parcel to our class, there were actual squeals from all of us!

We are super excited to be reading the 3rd book of the Wild Robot Series.

There were many children who appreciated the smell of a new book and and we all couldnt wait to start reading. I had to promise children I wouldn't start until after the triathlon!



Athletics action - what a day! So proud of our wee school and every single child did their best. Amazing sportsmanship was displayed and there was plenty of healthy competition as well!





Highland Games



As part of the upcoming Highland Games in Middlemarch on **SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER**, we would like to see if there are any children who would like to compete in an inter-school Highland Games challenge against Lee Stream and Macraes Schools. They will complete a series of fun activities. If your child would like to participate in this then please let Mrs Bankshaw know.

There are also a number of other sections that children can enter aside from the Inter-School Challenge such as:

- Colouring competition - these are available in the school office.
- Lego building competition
- Talent Quest



Please see the posters attached in this newsletter or contact Ian & Linda McKenzie.

INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE

Inter-school Highland Games challenge general information:

Each team will have an adult available who is responsible for them. Helpers welcome. Solid footwear must be worn.

Competitors will all be coached by the Heavyweight Champions prior to each challenge.

- Competition will be run from 10 – 12pm, teams assemble in the showing at 9 30am for demonstration and practice.
- Teams of up to six students, age and year mix to be decided by schools, so long as all three schools have the same mix.
- * Each competitor will compete in each of the FOUR disciplines i.e., Farmers Walk, Stone Put, Caber Toss and Junior Stones.
- All attempts will be measured and recorded, (only the best attempt per competitor per game will be counted in final score)
- Competitors will be ranked in each section i.e., longest/quickest to shortest/slowest. Points will be awarded to competitors according to their rankings i.e., 1st = 1pt, 2nd = 2pts.
- Team totals will be collated from individual scores, with the team scoring the lowest total declared winner.

There will be an opportunity for non-team members to 'have a go', there will also be novelty games added such as 'hurl the haggis', a relay race, and tug of war if time permits.

Prizegiving is scheduled for approximately 12.45pm providing the challenge has been completed



St Andrew's Day Highland Gathering competitions, Sunday 26th Nov

Entries close Monday 20th November

Entrants must still be attending school up to year 13 and be resident in the Strath Taieri, Macraes- Moonlight area

Maybe you are an artist? Create and enter a Scottish themed art work



a band?



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Maybe you sing, or play an instrument? Play in



Great at speeches?

If you would like to give a short performance in the hall, tell us what you would like to do. We will choose a reward on the day, it may be for the funniest speech, the best song,

or

the bravest performance, might even be just for entering!

Show us what talent there is in our community!

Email us, middlemarchgames@gmail.com with your name, age, year and school, and which section you are entering

St Andrew's Day Highland Gathering, Sunday 26th Nov, ENTRY FORM

Entries Close Monday 20th November please return to your school, or scan and email to middlemarchgames@gmail.com

An email entry to this address will be accepted so long as all the details asked for on this form are included.

Please note, secondary students living within in the Strath Taieri Community may enter any section apart from the colouring in competition, which is for pupils of Strath Taieri, Lee Stream and Macraes Moonlight Schools only. An entry form is not required for the colouring in competition, but entries must be delivered to school for pick up by Monday 20th November.

Name	Age
Year	School

Please tick which section you wish to enter

Colouring in competition from supplied pictures

Scottish themed art work

Singing, solo or in a group

Instrumental, solo or in a group

Speech competition.

You may gain extra points for including a Scottish theme in each section.

If you have Scottish ancestry, wear something with your family tartan? The Scottish Shop in Stuart Street has a great range of ribbons.

Term 4 Calendar

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
Term 4 Week 5	6	 7 School Photos Sport at Strath 3-5pm 	 8 DRESS UP BOOK DAY!  Assembly R3 at 2.15pm	 9 Mrs Glass in R1	 10
Term 4 Week 6	13 TEACHER ONLY DAY No School	 14 Mrs Bankshaw in R3 Sport at Strath 3-5pm 	 15 Mrs Glass in R5	 16 Mrs Russell in R1	 17 Science Roadshow Rooms 3 & 5 
Term 4 Week 7	 20 Mrs Russell in R1/3	 21 Otago Athletics Mrs Glass in R3 Sport at Strath 3-5pm 	 22	 23 Mrs Bankshaw in R5	 24 Mrs Glass in R3
Term 4 Week 8	 27	 28 Sport at Strath 3-5pm 	 29	 30	 <u>DEC 1</u>
Term 4 Week 9	 4 Mrs Russell in R1/3	 5 Sport at Strath 3-5pm 	 6 Room 5 Camp	 7 Room 5 Camp Room 1 Class Trip	 8 Room 5 Camp
Term 4 Week 10	 11 Christmas Craft Day 	 12 Sport at Strath 3-5pm 	 13	 14  Prizegiving Last day of school	 15 NO SCHOOL