



Strath Taieri School

Newsletter

13 NOVEMBER 2023

WEEK 6 TERM 4

Principal Comment

Kia ora parents and whānau,

I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend and made the most of this lovely weather we've had over the past few days. We had a great day at Teacher Only Day today and enjoyed collaborating with the Macraes and Lee Stream teachers about our cultural responsiveness, and then with our whole teaching staff on our writing and assessment framework.

Thank you very much to all the parents that came along and helped out at the working bee last Tuesday. The tidying up of the tree debris looks great!

What a great day we had on Wednesday at Dress Up Book day! The kids all outdid themselves and the standard has been set very high this year. There were so many creative and fabulous costumes. Check out for some more coverage!

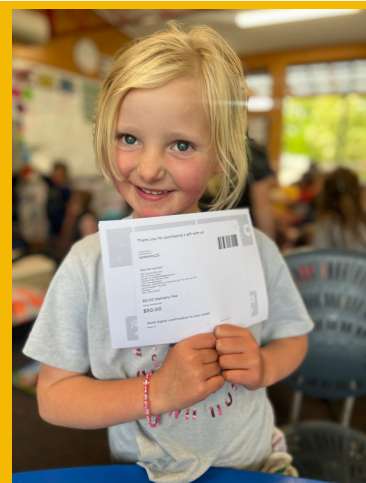
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This week we have our Science Roadshow trip on Friday coming up which will be a great day. Check bags tomorrow for transport lists and information about it.

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



We had some very cute and distracting guests join us on our Teacher Only Day. Welcome Roxie & Rufus to our school family!



Congratulations!

Congrats to Chloe who was the first winner of our whole school reward this term – a \$50 movie voucher! Have a great time Taylor family!

DRESS UP BOOK DAY!



ROOM 1 TEAM PIWAKAWAKA

1st: Harry Houdini - Hudson

2nd: Cowgirl Barbie - Chloe

3rd: Butterfly - Pippa

Spot Prize: Spiderman - Ruhaina,
& Where's Wally - Arthur



ROOM 3 TEAM RURU

1st: Fantastic Mr Fox - George

2nd: Mary Poppins - Issy

3rd: Wednesday Adams - Rosa

Spot Prize: Julia the Outback Vet -
Tessa, & Slinky Malinky - Digby



ROOM 5 TEAM KAREAREA

1st: Little Red Hen - Archie

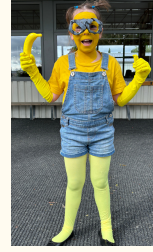
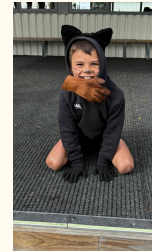
2nd: Miss Frizzle (Magic School Bus) -
Georgia

3rd: Fancy Nancy Clancy - Briar

Spot Prize: The Alice in Wonderland group:
White Rabbit - Annabelle S, Alice - Lexie,
Queen of Hearts - Lucy, Mad Hatter - Madi

TEAM RURU

WE HAD A RANGE OF CHARACTERS IN TEAM RURU FOR BOOK CHARACTER DAY. WE HAD A WOLF, MARY POPPINS, FARMER BEAN, SLINKY MALINKI AND MANY OTHER AMAZING CHARACTERS! YOU ALL LOOKED AMAZING!!



TEAM RURU HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT FRACTIONS THIS TERM. WE TRIED OUR FRACTION SKILLS OUT WITH MAKING AND CUTTING UP FAIRY BREAD.



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

TROPHIES

It's that time of year again when we are asking for any school trophies from 2022 Prizegiving to be returned

so we can get them engraved for this year. Please return ASAP to the Office.



BOOK FAIR

This week is the last week that the Book Fair will be in the library so if you're after some Christmas shopping then pop on in and have a browse.



Strath Taieri PTA Christmas Hamper.

It is that time again, the PTA are putting together Christmas hampers for our Christmas raffle.

Could each family please donate items to fill up the hampers.

All donations can be left at the school office.

Raffle tickets will be out soon.

CAMP MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Room 5 Team Karearea parents at 4.30pm on Tuesday 21 November. This will be to outline the upcoming camp at Camp Columba in Pukerau at the end of the term. Any questions please see Kirsty.





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 by Monday 20 November.

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 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 R5 Camp Meeting Sport at Strath 3-5pm 	22	23 Mrs Bankshaw in R5	24 Mrs Glass in R3
Term 4 Week 8	27	28 Board Meeting 6.30pm 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