

Limehills School Newsletter

10 February 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora Limehills Families and Friends

Little did I know, as I was teaching Standard One at Limehills School nearly 30 years ago (Sam Scott's class :-)), that I'd be here today penning an Acting Principal's message! It's great to be back, and a real privilege to be standing in for Jim for the next 3 terms. I thank him for all the time and work he put in to help my transition into the role. I wish him well for some quality refreshment time, and hope that my envy isn't too dark green when he sends me pictures of his latest big fish!

A huge welcome to my fellow 'newbie staff' Darnelle Darlison (Deputy Principal), Kate MacKay (Room 3 teacher) and Amber Osborn (Room 5 teacher). They bring with them many skills and strengths to contribute much to our staff team and children's learning, and it's great to have them aboard. We are also pleased to have Belinda Brown, Angela Frazer, and Prue Collie back as our part time, classroom release teachers.

It's been enjoyable getting to know (and re-acquaint with) the staff over the past 2 or 3 weeks. They've all done a fantastic job preparing our ship for this week's sailing, as has Trev Caldwell with all his grounds and maintenance work. And thanks to the Pulley team for the excellent front gate re-vitalisation work on Monday!

Touching lots of wood, lockdowns are behind us and we can enjoy a RIPPER of a year, starting this term with events such as Triathlon, Bikewise, Athletics and EOTC trips and camps.

I look forward to getting to know all the Limehills tamariki, meeting parents, and being a part of this fantastic school community this year.

Ka kite ano

Andrew Watson
Acting Principal

P.S. Best wishes to Kerri as she tackles the Coast to Coast this weekend in tandem with husband, Chris. Go Team Brand!

What's On Diary

2021
TERM 1:

February

15-18 - Bikewise
19 - School Triathlon
19 - Touch starts
21 - Central Western School Swimming Champs
23 - BOT meeting
25 - Junior Meet & Greet - 3.30-4.00pm
25 - Senior Meet and Greet 4.00-4.30pm
26 - Southland Secondary Triathlon

March

5 - Limehills/Dipton Athletics
12 - Central Athletics
23 - BOT meeting
27 - Southland Athletics

April

2-6 - Easter holiday
6-9 - Stewart Island Camp Year 5
12-15 - Stewart Island Camp Year 6
16 - Term 1 ends

May

3 - Term 2 starts

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE



Thanks to Amy for producing this colourful sign that welcomed everyone back to school yesterday morning. Remember your sunhat this term.



WELCOME

Yesterday we started our school year with a Mihi Whakataui in the school hall to welcome new staff and students to the school.

Darnelle, Kate, Amber and Andrew.

Isla, Murphy, Manawa, Reed, Alexander, Isabella and Ashton.

ALERTS!!

- We've attached a communication guideline for you to stick to your fridge.
- Please email the office with any set bus or after school care arrangements for Term 1.
- Please ensure any changes to these default arrangements are emailed through to the office before 2.30pm.
- If you are having any problems registering or using Kindo or the school app, please contact the office.
- Sports registrations via myKindo -
 - ✓ Touch - registrations close Friday 12 Feb. Starts Friday 19 Feb.
 - ✓ Central Western Swimming - Sunday 21 February at Central Southland Community Pool starting 9.00am. Registrations close 16 Feb, \$5 per event.
 - ✓ Y7/8 Junior High Spring Baseball League - registrations close Tuesday 16 Feb. \$50 per player - Tuesday nights starting 2 March.
- Sausage sizzle starts next week, Thursday 18 February. A great Wellington camp fundraiser and an easy delicious lunch. Please order via Kindo before 9am on the Thursday morning.
- Subway orders have restarted and can be ordered directly online through the school lunch programme on Subway Express. Wednesdays and Fridays only.
- Please remember to email the office with any changes in medical, contact or emergency contact information.
- Thursday 25 February Classroom Meet and Greet - Junior 3.30-4pm Senior 4.00-4.00pm.

JUBILEE MEETING

Next year we celebrate a fantastic milestone, our wonderful school will be 150 years old. We are starting to organise commemorations and celebrations and would like to warmly invite anyone who would like to be involved in the organising committee to a meeting on **Thursday 25 February in the school staffroom at 7pm.** Please send any apologies to Pete Hammond at merryfieldfarm@xtra.co.nz or 027 2297271.

Baleage

A huge thank you to the Roskam family who mowed our school field and to R Jack Contracting who baled it during the school holidays. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

The bales are for sale at \$85 each. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase some bales.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS

Hot Shots Tennis is the national starter tennis programme for New Zealand children. The Hot Shots programme involves smaller courts, shorter racquets and softer balls which creates a fun environment for beginners.

Central Southland Tennis are once again running Hot Shots this term, on Thursday afternoons, beginning on 11 February. There are two sessions: 3.30pm-4.15pm and 4.30pm-5.15pm at the John Street courts in Winton. The cost is still to be confirmed but is likely to be \$30 for the six weeks.

If your child is interested please contact Jenni Cubitt via email qbandjen@xtra.co.nz and let her know which session you would prefer.

5-8 YEAR OLDS
WEDNESDAY
3:30pm - 4:15pm
6 weeks beginning
17 FEBRUARY

BADMINTON FUN AND GAMES
Our Shuttle Time COMETS programme is designed to keep our young players active and entertained - there are a lot of games, a few balloons. Hand eye coordination, motor skills and basic racket skills.

COMETS
SOUTHLAND BADMINTON HALL - SURREY PARK
\$18

9-12 YEAR OLDS
WEDNESDAY
3:30pm - 4:15pm
6 weeks beginning
17 FEBRUARY

BADMINTON FUN & LEARNING
Our Shuttle Time ASTROS programme is designed to introduce the next age group of players to our sport. Still a lot of fun and games - but a few more skills than our COMETS programme. Hand eye coordination, motor skills and basic racket skills.

ASTROS
SOUTHLAND BADMINTON HALL - SURREY PARK
\$18

Email badmintonsouthland@xtra.co.nz to register.
Player registration closes on Friday 12th February 2021

We supply rackets and shuttles, players only need to bring themselves and a bottle of water!!

Badminton Southland - 21 Surrey Park Road, Glangerry
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