

WEEK 3, TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Notices:

2023 Term Dates:

Term 1: 7th February to 6th April

Term 2: 26th April to 30th June

Term 3: 17th July to 22 September

Term 4: 9th October to 20th Dec

School closed for the following dates:

Teacher Only Day 24th April (day 1 of 2 days from the MoE to train for the NZ Curriculum Refresh, 2nd day tbc)

Anzac Day 25th April

Kings birthday 5th June

Labour Day 23rd October

Teacher Only Day 20th November

No Assembly this week

Upcoming events:

February

24th CSC Triathlon

March

7th Athletics at Dipton School

9th Athletics postponement

15th Central Athletics

21st 7.30pm Home & School meeting at Limehills School

22nd Southland Kids Lit Quiz

23rd Steel Netball visiting

25th Southland Athletics

April

6th End of Term Assembly

Illness Reminders:

If your child has been ill with either vomiting or diarrhoea they are required to stay home for 48 hours after their last episode. This advice comes from the Ministry of Health.

If your child has cold/flu symptoms you may need to test them for Covid-19 and they will need to stay home until they are well, whether they have Covid-19 or not.

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have had a great start with the weather and are very fortunate to have had stunning weather for our school Tryathlon. Thank you to everyone who came along. The tamariki were stunning and showed great perseverance & sportsmanship! Hopefully the weather will be just as good on Friday, for our students competing at Central Triathlon. Goodluck to you all!

This year we are very fortunate to have many Professional Learning Development opportunities for our staff. Taylor and Hunter will both be in Dunedin this Friday upskilling for their new leadership roles in school. All of our teachers will continue upskilling with MiTey & sharing this knowledge with our tamariki. They have really benefited from the skills they have learnt last year and we look forward to developing this further. I am learning Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori L1 over the next 14 weeks. Kathy is learning new skills & knowledge to lead Aotearoa Histories at School. Kathy was very fortunate to be awarded a Ministry sabbatical in Term 3 where she will be deepening her knowledge and understanding. All teachers will be developing their knowledge with the Curriculum Refresh this year & continuing with PLD with Active Southland to enhance our P.E & Health curriculum.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff at Limehills School. Please remember to keep sending your tamariki with their sun hats, water bottles & hi-vis vests. Ngā manaakitanga,

Whaea Kat

Tumuaki (Principal)

Paid Union Meetings for Teachers.

On Wednesday the 1st of March we ask that all parents pick their children up from school at 12:30pm. All of our teaching team will be attending NZEI union meetings on this day.

Thank you very much for your support of the Limehills teachers.



Enviroschools:

It was a case of taking more than your togs when Max and Hunter Legg went on holiday to the Catlins over the summer. These motivated LHCEN2 (Limehills Generation 2) rat trap builders took their traps to the Catlins' Farmers Market. They certainly are showing how dedicated they are to achieving their ultimate goal of helping NZ become pest free by 2050!

Lost Property:

We are already seeing a pile of lost property starting to stack up. We ask that you label your child's belongings with their name. This makes it easier to return lost items. Lost property will be displayed at the end of the week on the picnic table near the office. We would really like to reunite the owners with their lost property.

Contact Details:

It is crucial for us as a school to have up to date contact information. Please ensure the office has updated details or the correct details. A form will be coming home with your child shortly, please return the form to the office. Thank you.

Principal

Certificates:

[Awarded for Excellent Leadership](#)

- Amy McDonald

[Awarded for Respect](#)

- Terrence Alonso
- Austin Gill
- Olivia Moss
- Max Legg
- Ari Leatherby

BE SEEN - Wear Hi-Vis

Please send your child to school with a hi-vis vest to ensure they are seen and safe with our busy bus & vehicle traffic!

Colgate Games 2023

In January Zara and Henry Mitchell and Ferguson Hammond competed over 3 days at the South Island Colgate Games held in Timaru as part of the Winton Athletics Club team.

This event has over 800 children aged 7-14 from all over New Zealand and even some from Queensland, Australia compete in running, jumping and throwing events.

Day one got off to a great start with Ferguson jumping a personal best of 1.56m in high jump to take out the gold medal. He also gained silver in the 1500m on day 3.

Zara competed in the long jump, sprints (60 and 100m), shot put and discus throws. Henry competed in shot put and discus, achieving a personal best in shot put.

The best part of Colgate's, according to the kids, is making new friends, supporting your teammates, having fun and the opportunity to watch some top athletes in action.



Junior School News



[Wednesday Waiata:](#)

The students had so much fun riding their bikes at school last week. Whilst learning how to keep themselves safe when riding their bikes.

[Bikewise:](#) The Junior school have been enjoying coming together on Wednesday afternoons to do some waiata. Miss A and Mrs T have been jamming on the guitars too!

In light of the heart-breaking incident earlier this week the Home & School committee would like to organise a care package for the Frew families. We are aware that they currently have plenty of food to nourish them so have decided that the collection date will be Friday 10th March. If you would like to contribute, please drop your packages to school by 3pm on 10th March and the committee will then deliver them to the families.

Many thanks, Home & School Committee.

Kathy has informed myself & the Board at the end of 2023, she has decided to retire from full time teaching as she is looking forward to some new adventures/challenges next year. Kathy intends to be available for relieving in the Central Southland area while also using time to travel and tramp. We wish Kathy all the very best and hope she will still be a familiar face at Limehills School!