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E te whanau - kia ora tatou

Things are really picking up pace around here - in bright sunshine too! Southland Football and Touch Southland have had their respective development personnel here working with the kids; while Cricket Southland held a very well-attended opening day at Queen's Park; four Waverley Park teams participating: three teams of girls and one of boys. The jam-packed Queen's Park grounds made for some interesting fielding arrangements... f'rinstance you're at silly-mid-off; but turn 180 degrees - you're instantly at long-onfor the game on the neighbouring pitch!

In addition to all that; the choir headed off to their first *ILT* Sing Out rehearsal; and Tu Pakari (rooms 4 & 11) hosted local MP Sarah Dowie.



Kids working with the development team from Southland Football...



...and Touch Southland



Spot the MP...



The kids of Tu Pakari posing with MP Sarah Dowie - who proved to be as dab a dabber do-er - as ever dabbed. (Remember 'The Flintstones' ... anyone?)

Your school still needs vou!

We are still desperately looking for people to help with road patrol. If you are available to help (you choose your day) then please contact our office. Many thanks.



Choc fish season starts well...

The chocolate fish season opened with a hiss and a roar; global consent and personal details update forms have come pouring in. However, we are still a distance from reaching the bag limits - please do your bit:

Give both completed and signed forms to your child to hand in to our office team to who will hand over a highly sought after chocolate fish. Thanks.

BETTER FUNDING BETTER LEARNING NZEI PPTA

Boards of Trustees have had their govt funding frozen; yet costs invariably increase (eg: support staff are to receive a small and long-overdue rise in pay rates). So: does a Board fire one in order to be able to pay the others?

Go to <u>http://betterfunding.org.nz/</u> to sign the petition; keep up with the campaign at https://www.facebook.com/betterfunding/

What else is happening?

February

27 Board of Trustees - 7.00pm

March

- 06 Rotary Club Y4 dictionaries presented
- 08 Dreamweaver junior classes @ no cost: ILT funded Maori whanau hui - 6.00pm in the hall
- 14 WPPA meeting 7pm
- 28 Phoenix Zone athletics

April

- 03 Board of Trustees 7.00pm
- 08 Southland Athletic Championships
- 11 ILT Sing Out week starts
- 13 Term 1 ends 3.30pm

Lost sweatshirt...

Elliot Cunningham has lost his named zip jacket (size 14). Can you please check the labels on your children's sweatshirts to make sure they have not picked up the wrong one by mistake? Thanks.

Useless but quite interesting ...

- Tropical rainforests in the Amazon have their soil nutrients periodically replenished by the Sahara Desert. Wind blows dust particles all the way from the desert, across the ocean, to the tropics where the sand and its associated nutrients help the fertility of the rainforest.
- □ The size of a speck of dust is halfway between an atom and the Earth.

Nga mihi nui, Kerry Hawkins & staff

Wyndham Races & Family Fun Day - Sunday 12 March.

Come along for a great day of racing at the most panoramic racecourse in Southland. Bring the family to enjoy a fun filled day for the kids with 'Bumperballs' added this year. All kids activities are free including; bouncy castles, pony rides, face painting, scavenger hunts; a kids Fashion in the Field competition (themed funky dress: the famous Best Butchers competition with free tastings of these yummy sausages and you decide the Best Butcher by voting for the one you think tastes the best.

You can win a horse for the day; enter the hole in one golf competition great prizes to be won. Any questions contact Patrice Spencer-Humm at 0221563789

SUNSMART FACT



Cover-up 10 until 4

Protect yourself from the sun between 10am and 4pm during school terms one and four.



.D BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB



2017 Junior Football **REGISTER NOW!**

To register for the 2017 season go to our facebook page 'oldboysAFC' to fill out and submit the electronic registration form.

Subscription fees for 2017 are: \$85 for junior players up to 15 years old. (\$10 discount for second, third or fourth child) \$130 for Youth/High School/SIT

Payment can be made either by: Direct debit to the Old Boys' afc BNZ account 02-0924-0074093-02 (please put your name as a reference). NO CHEQUES OR CASH

VOLUNTEER COACHES/MANAGERS and their children need pay NO fee when registering.

For further information please contact Gary Pilsworth - Old Boys' Junior Coordinator on: 03 214 4918 after 8pm

Find us on Facebook OldboysAFC afc.co.nz





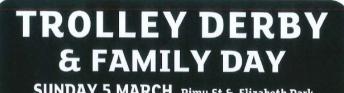












SUNDAY 5 MARCH Rimu St & Elizabeth Park

1-30pm-4pm rolley Races for all ages

2.30pm- 5.30pm

Food and Craft Stalls, BMX, Treasure Hunt, Sack Races, Gumboot throw (BYO gumboot),

And much more....

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