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**Kia Ora Koutou,**

## Thought for the Week

If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right.

I will be away all next week with our Year 5/6 children at Camp Bannockburn so if there are any problems Lesley is the person to see. Alison will be teaching fulltime in Room 2.

## Assembly

Room 2 will lead us for Assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm in Room 6. Parents and caregivers are invited to join with us.

## Camp

On Monday our Year 5 and 6 children are off to Camp Bannockburn for an exciting week of activities and fun times with their friends. We have spare copies of suggested items to take on camp in the office if you have lost yours. Please note that the children will need to bring their own pillow and wetsuit which is not included on the list.

- Children to be at school by around 8.30 am.
- Gear needs to be put on the deck area outside Room 4.
- Any medication needs to be given to Mrs Waldron as soon as you arrive at school.
- A container of home baking and a named tea towel need to be put in the containers in Room 4.
- Day pack with packed lunch and large drink needs to go with children in the car and don't forget sunscreen and hat (hopefully they will be needed)!

I will have my cell phone on me at all times (0277589746) if anyone needs to contact us.

## Caritas

On Tuesday the children learnt about how Caritas has helped the people of Tonga following their recent disasters. It was great to have Sister Senolita Vakata to share her first hand experiences with us (and show us a Tongan dance).



## **Walk and Wheel to School**

Walk'n'Wheel to School, an initiative developed by Sport Otago and the Dunedin City Council to promote active transport for school children, is being held next week. Children are encouraged to walk or wheel to school for the week either as part of a walking bus, with a family member or independently. On Friday they will be issued with a progress card to track the days they have walked or wheeled to school and these need to be returned to school by Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest. If the children complete these they go in a prize draw and the school with the most children walking or wheeling could also win a prize. We will have 2 walking buses supervised by staff members; one will leave from En Vogue hairdressers on Brighton Road and the other from the grass verge next to 'Models 4 U' on Main South Road. The children need to be at these places by 8.30 am. A reminder to those out driving this week to be especially vigilant around all schools.

## **Fancy Feet**

On Wednesday next week as part of Walk'n'Wheel, Sport Otago will be doing a count of all children who participate in the initiative. We would like our children to come in 'fancy feet'. They can decorate their shoes or legs with designs – let their imaginations run wild – the challenge will be that they still have to be able to walk in them. There will be a prize for the fanciest feet.

## **Scabies**

Scabies is a common skin condition causing intense itching and can be passed on through contact with other people. We have had a report of a case of scabies at our school and think it wise to alert parents to this. Scabies is not caused by being dirty and can be treated quite easily. Please see Ursula or your local pharmacist for an information sheet.

## **Dental Therapists**

Last week all of our children had their teeth checked by our local dental therapists. The feedback we received was fantastic, both regarding the behaviour of the children, and the excellent condition of their teeth. They said there was very little work for them to do and asked us to congratulate you all for educating your children so well in the care of their teeth - so well done! Any children who required a follow-up appointment will be receiving this in the mail in the next week or so.

## **Winter Sports**

A form has been sent home with all Year 3-6 children regarding upcoming winter sports. We will be offering miniball and netball, subject to interest and having enough coaches. Formal registration forms will be sent home shortly, but in the meantime we need an indication of numbers in order to know how many teams we are likely to have hence how many coaches will be required.

## **Parents and Friends**

Parents and Friends would like to invite all parents to come to a meeting on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in the library. All new parents welcome. Coffee and cake provided!

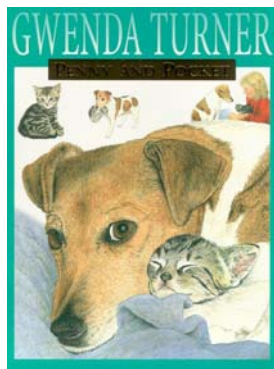
### **Room 3 Storywriting: “Poppy & Sadie” and “Penny and Pocket”**

Room 3 has been reading a story about a dog called Penny who “adopted” a kitten named Pocket. Mrs Russell brought in her dog Poppy and her kitten Sadie, who are very good friends, just like the animals in the story. Here is what Room 3 thought about it:

#### **“Penny and Pocket”**

One day a lady was driving to a party but what was that? A tiny ball of fluff on the road. What was it? She picked it up. It was a tiny kitten! It was so tiny it could fit in her pocket. I wish I was that small. Well anyway the kitten was called Pocket. Penny was a dog. Penny thought she was Pocket’s mother. It was very cute.

**James**



#### **“Poppy and Sadie”**

On Friday Poppy and Sadie came to school. We had lots of fun. We did art and we watched Poppy do her tricks. Mrs Russell taught her how to crawl and beg. Mrs Russell bought a little kitten at New Years. It is called Sadie. She is very fluffy. She is grey and white with a little bit of ginger. Sadie was very scared. Sadie likes Poppy’s dog treats. When we were playing with Sadie and Poppy, Charlie would fly around and try to get some attention. We have to say “we know you are here” to Charlie and he stops. At lunchtime Mrs Russell took the pets home. Bye Sadie and Poppy – see you another day! **Holli**

### **T-Ball Draw for Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**

SPC Raiders	vs	Bradford Bears	Diamond 1	9.00am
SPC Swingers	vs	Musselburgh Bears	Diamond 7	9.00am
SPC Terminators	vs	Columba Blue	Diamond 10	10.00am
SPC Sluggers	vs	Balaclava Blue Jays	Diamond 14	11.00am

Last week several of our teams were short of players due to some children not turning up. If your child is not going to be available to play, please let your coach know as early as possible so that we can arrange for another child to fill in. If we do not have 9 players ready to go, we are required to default, which is a shame for the other children. If you do not have your coach’s phone or cell number, please ask Ursula at the office.

\* Last week the St Clair Griffins team lost a Spongebob bag. Did any of the Terminators’ parents pick it up? If so – please hand in to office at Bathgate Park.

### **Altar Servers – 28th February**

Cross Bearer: Sophie  
Altar Servers: Madison & Kharis

### **Notices**

\* Dunedin BMX Club is hosting the South Island titles this weekend – 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February. There will be 140 riders competing so come along and have a look at some awesome racing. Racing starts at 11am on Saturday and 9am on Sunday at Forrester Park, North East Valley.

\* Green Island Junior Rugby Club registrations: At clubrooms in Neill St, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1.30-3.00 and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-7.30. Grades U7 – U13. \$40 single player and \$70 per family. Free rugby ball with registration. For more info, please contact Brigid 4884545 or Sue 4885628.

\* Green Island Junior Football Club registrations: Please register online at [www.gijsc.co.nz](http://www.gijsc.co.nz) . Uniform collection on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Sunnyvale. Any queries please ring Lynn – 4884380.

### **Upcoming Events for Your Diary**

Date	EVENT	Date	EVENT
1-5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Camp	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Shared Prayer – Rm 1

**God Bless**  
**Debbie Waldron**

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