

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora all,

Welcome back to a very exciting year of learning. Your team are refreshed and eager to challenge your children to learn new skills, knowledge and strategies ready for a life of curiosity and craving to learn, flexibility to adapt to changing situations and empathy for others.

Citizenship is our overarching Inquiry theme this year. We launch our first Inquiry today as staff dress to impress. We will be learning about ancient civilisations, formation and running of societies and cultural aspects. All classes will start with The Egyptians so that students understand the expectations for their own civilisation Inquiries. Whenever possible learning across the curriculum will be integrated so that students build a strong understanding. Learning about the past will increase awareness of how people, places and technology evolve over time.

Later in the year we are planning to create learning through the organisation of a possible family Olympics and Historical Banquet, with performances of some description.

We have been awarded \$3000 by MOE from a contestable fund to organise and run a trade event to promote industry in Southland to our young people. I am hoping a few of you will put your hands up to help organise through the School PTA. The money raised from this will be used in conjunction with Southern Field Days funding to complete our Multipurpose/kitchen/Science and Art area for all of our students. Hippy and I have already completed the first step in this process by moving offices and staffroom to the old dental clinic.... Thanks Hippy you are a legend!

The modernisation of our classrooms will hopefully be completed by the end of July. The swimming pool remains an ongoing battle with red tape, your BOT are enduring and determined to turn it into a play area for wet days. Any ideas and help would be gratefully received!

Our REACH values are really important to us at Hedgehope School. We expect that all students and family members will demonstrate these values at school, at school events and cross school events. We understand that students make mistakes and we value those mistakes as learning. When mistakes occur our green, orange and red Think Sheet conversations are necessary. Please support your children to tell you about the learning outcomes when they tell you they had a Think Sheet conversation.

Communication

In the next few weeks we will be launching a new free app, that will communicate school notices. The App is called Skool Loop. In the meantime please check the normal forms of communication regularly - Reading logs, Seesaw, notebooks, your emails and Facebook. In the next couple of weeks the School Website will also be updated with a calendar of the school year.

School website: hedgehopeschool.wordpress.com  
FB page

https://www.facebook.com/Hedgehope-School-488107994621171/

Please do not use FB for absence or appointment information. Call school or speak to your child's teacher.

Staff contact

All teaching staff are at School between the hours of 8am and 4pm. If you would like to see your child's teacher about anything please make an appointment with them. We all love you visiting the classrooms to see learning in action. Please keep email, phone calls or Facebook contact to business hours for your hardworking team.

Late or absent students.

Please always call the office prior to 8:45am to advise teachers if your child is not going to be at school for the day. Please do not use Facebook.

Invoice's

Invoices will be sent out at the beginning of each term. If you are able to support us with donations, they are very much appreciated as we are considered Decile 8 which means we do not receive the additional funding from Government. Technology fees are charged by Winton School to cover material expenses for the items Year 7&8's bring home. Any additional learning or activities will be invoiced. Camp this year will be a local fun activity.

We are proud to all be REACHing for Greatness

- Respectful
Enduring
Adventurous
Compassionate
Happy

Nga mihi Sue, Cheryl, Lisa, Nic, Wendy & Rochelle

Transition Towards School afternoon
3 Year olds to 5 Year olds

Thursday afternoon from 12:40pm for lunch and play with class activity from 1:30 to 3pm.

Spread the word and bring along some friends!



TERM DATES 2020

- Term 1 Monday 3rd February - 9th April
Term 2 28th April - 3rd July
Term 3 20th July - 25th September
Term 4 12th October - Between 11th - 18th December. Teacher Only Days To Be Arranged.

February 2020

- Wed - Fri 12th to 14th Southern Field Days
Tues 18th 3:30pm Elvena Hamilton Working Bee

March 2020

- Mon - Thurs 2nd to 5th Year 7&8 Technology



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The BOT would like to extend an invitation to our monthly meetings, as we have an open door policy and encourage feedback from the community. Next Meeting is Tuesday 18th February - 7pm at School.



We have had an unusual start to our 2020 School Year, but today the sun is out and students are ready for a great year of learning and friendship.

We have started the year with 35 students!

Happy 5th Birthday to Adalyn Harding.

Welcome to Charlotte and Oliver Lewis.

Farewell to Ryan and Devyn O'Callaghan and Ollie Stoddart.

