

## COMING UP

- Fri 6 April - Kārearea Assembly at 11:30am in K1
- Fri 6 April - Sausage Sizzle. \$2 per sausage to K3 before school.
- Mon 9 April - SOKs Meeting, 7:30pm in Staffroom
- Mon 9 April - BOT Meeting, 7:30pm in Meeting Room
- Mon 9 and Wed 11 April - Ako Goal Setting Meetings
- Thurs 12 April - Y4-6 Sports Assembly at 1:45pm in Ako
- Fri 13 April - Hārewa Assembly at 9:15am by Outdoor Stage

## PAYMENTS DUE

- Harewa 3 & 6 EOTC Week \$20
- Stationery & Subscriptions as per stationery list.
- Activity Donation \$80 (\$75 if paid by end of first term)
- Kārearea EOTC week \$7
- Kārearea Millenium Bikers \$10
- Marae Trip \$80
- Guitar Term 1 \$30

## AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Week 10 - Ako (R2), Week 11 - H3 (Miss Joyce's room)

## GOAL SETTING SESSIONS

Ako are holding goal setting sessions for their students next week. Please book a session online at:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

The code is: **jmwse**

Goal setting is a very important part of the school year where your child sets individual learning and personal goals they have identified as their next learning steps. These meetings allow you to be part of this process, knowing what your child has set as goals, how they intend achieving their goals and discussing what support they think they need from home to help achieve their goals. Please make sure you have booked online. Bookings will close each day at 12.30 pm.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) Years 3-6

Entries will be collated by Jayne Fitzgerald or Louise Haig for these competitions. Practice sessions will be held in the week prior to each assessment for students registered.

- Digital Technologies – Tuesday 8 May (\$9.50)
- Science – Tuesday 29 May (\$9.50)
- Spelling – Wednesday 13 June (\$11.50)
- Writing – Thursday 14 June (\$20.50)
- English – Tuesday 31 July (\$9.50)
- Mathematics – Tuesday 14 August (\$9.50)

Please contact Jayne or Louise if you would like your child to be involved in any of these assessments or if you would like more information about ICAS. Year 3 students can sit English and Maths Assessments. All the above assessments are available to Years 4-6 children.

## WEB STEPS - Available to your child

Steps is an internationally recognised programme which is used in over 700 schools throughout New Zealand. Steps is a research based literacy programme. It is non age specific, which means anyone regardless of age and ability can be catered for.

Aims of the programme are to strengthen:

- letter/sound correspondence
- Processing skills with sounds and sound patterns
- Rapid whole word recognition
- Spelling accuracy

You can purchase Web Steps yourself online for your child. However, Learning Staircase who manage the Steps programme provide a less expensive option through your child's school. We can register your child for Web Steps at a cost of \$15.00 per student. Websteps allows students to access the programme on any device.

If you are keen for us to register your child through the school for Web Steps please email :[karenh@comprimary.school.nz](mailto:karenh@comprimary.school.nz). Karen Huffadine Learning Support Coordinator

## HEALTH NOTICES

### Scabies

There have been a number of reported cases in the Cromwell community recently. Scabies is a skin infection that is caused by tiny insects (mites) which burrow under your skin, causing a very itchy rash.

The scabies rash looks like small blisters surrounded by red patches. Scabies mites are very tiny – the size of a pinhead – so they can be very hard to see. Anyone can get scabies – even the cleanest people. Scabies spreads easily between family members and friends. It is spread by skin contact, and by sharing clothing and bedding. For this reason, it's more common when you have lots of people living together in close contact.

If you have scabies, you'll have a very itchy rash that is worse at bedtime or when you're warm.

- The rash can develop on any parts of your body: between your fingers and toes, on your wrist, inside your elbows, around your waist, and on your bottom.
- Children often get a rash all over their body.
- Adults generally don't get a rash on their head or neck.

If you think that you or a family member has scabies, talk to your pharmacist or doctor.

It's important to treat scabies, as it won't go away otherwise. Scratching a lot can lead to serious skin infections. People who have scabies for a long time can get permanent scarring of their skin.

- Your pharmacist can give you a cream or lotion to treat the scabies.
- Everyone living in the same house should be treated at the same time – even if they're not itchy.
- It can take up to 4 weeks for the itching to go away.
- If you still have the rash, you'll need to see your doctor.

To stop scabies spreading:

- Everyone's clothes should be washed in hot water and dried – then put in a sealed plastic bag for 4 days. (Dry cleaning also works.)
- Everyone's bedding and linen – sheets, pillowcases, towels and facecloths – should be washed in hot water.
- It may be necessary to repeat the scabies treatment – talk to your pharmacist or doctor for advice.
- Exclude from school, childcare or work until the day after appropriate treatment.

## SOKS

We need your help!

In addition to fundraising, from time to time we help make meals or baking for a school family that might be going through a hard time. We would love to have more helpers. If you are interested in being on a list that might get called up from time to time (we average 2-3 times a year) please email Tanya at [tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz)

We are also on the look out for someone to take over the subway orders from Term 2. This involves about 45 min of your time on a Tuesday morning from 9:15. If you can help in anyway please contact Nikki at [nzlivingstone@gmail.com](mailto:nzlivingstone@gmail.com)

To keep up to date like our [SOKs Facebook Page](#)

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