



EXPANDING HORIZONS

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Not to be limited to what is nearest, but to be able to see beyond.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

RAGGEDY RANGE: BEN MCNALLY for using great strategies to solve problems during Numeracy.

ROUGH RIDGE: CAITLIN TURFUS – you are a total asset to our class, thinking, leading and working to a very high standard!

Dear Parents and Caregivers, the Winter Sports are beginning to kick in this Term with Skating, Curling, Skiing and Cross Country all taking place. You should have received information about these days and if you have any queries please ring the office to touch base. Well done to the children who have made Representative sides?

Sinnead Flannery for Collier Hockey, Caitlin Turfus, Macaela Turfus, Bethany Flannery, Jane Scott and Kacee Flannery in the Development side, Ben Sinnamon for Rugby and Simone Keane in both Basketball and Netball. Without sounding like a broken record the “give it a crack” attitude and positive outlook seen in the children really comes to the fore when put in amongst a larger circle of kids. Well done to those selected and “next year” for those who just missed out.

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday night with a very full agenda. We are obviously working through the pros and cons of the National Standards implementation and how this will be reflected in the assessment, reporting and template for Poolburn School. The Otago Primary Principals Association has resolved that the executive supports the stance taken by other regions to boycott the National Standards training, and recommends Otago schools also boycott the training. This reinforces to me that “those in the know” have huge unease with the policy in its current form and for Poolburn School we are better to hold tight and be informed about the complexities that exist rather than move head first into uncharted territory. The Staff and B.O.T. are very conscious that Policy has been legislated, however as stated in previous newsletters this “High Stakes” approach detracts from the principles as set out in The New Revised New Zealand Curriculum and it is this balance that School Principals’ would like to see handled with care. Again we at School want the best for our children but we are also very aware that being 3 doesn’t make you half of 6. The Board is very happy with the news about the Taj Mahal at School and is now working through confirming contractors and building consents. We are still very unhappy with Miss Clouston but realise fully that she is entitled to her own life. We will be advertising the Junior job shortly and we will keep you all well informed as the process begins.

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HAVE A GREAT WEEK.

PARENT INTERVIEWS ARE BEING HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST. SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSING AT 2PM SO THAT ALL INTERVIEWS CAN BE HELD ON THAT DAY. YOUR INTERVIEW TIME WILL BE SENT HOME IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Friday 6th August Ice Skating-Curling with Omakau School
Friday 6th August Lucky Book Clubs Due
Tuesday 10th August School Closing at 2pm for Parent Interviews
Friday 20th August Cross Country – details to follow
Friday 27th August Skiing – details to follow
Friday 3rd September Cancellation Ski Day

Omakau and District Toy Library AGM

7pm Thursday 12th August 2010
@ The Commercial Hotel, Omakau.
All welcome.
Please come and support your local toy library.
Dessert menu available (at own cost).

FOR SALE

Motor Bike – 2006 Honda CRF150 Great condition. Anyone interested please phone 4474040.

TOY LIBRARY Come check out the great toys we have available for a range of age groups. Open every Wednesday 2.30-4pm (except school holidays). Beside the garage in Omakau. All welcome. For more details contact Janet 4473 913 or Deb 4474 141.

These are some of our new toys.



Build-A-Saurus

Suitable for ages 4 up. Use the pieces to construct their own dinosaurs and let their imaginations go wild.

Rescue Set

Let the children get creative in their play with this rescue set. Suitable for ages 3 up.

Fishing Set

This magnetic fishing set is heaps of fun and great for developing hand eye co-ordination.

HALL CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS HARRIET SCOTT AND RAYLENE CATHCART.

For Sale

**14 Abraham Darby Roses 8 yr old dusty pink colour prolific flowering, beautiful scent \$5 each. A very hardy rose that haven't needed sprayed. Quitting them due to a change in gardening habits
ph 4474299**

Omakau Home and School Committee

Along with

The School and Community Pool

PRESENT

STARS IN YOUR EYES

SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST 2010

DOORS OPEN 7.00PM

SHOW STARTS 8PM SHARP

TICKETS \$30 R18

AVAILABLE FROM BITS AND BOBS, OMAKAU

ENQUIRES TO PH 4473656

Poolburn Pub New Hours

Closed Sun, Mon, Tue, Open Wed to Sat 3.30 till late.

Hatch Boys & Collier Girls

Fundraiser

7-side tournament

Saturday 21st August

Where: Cromwell Hockey Turf

Grades: Primary A, Primary B, Primary C.

Time: 10am onwards.

Entry fee: \$20

Entries close: 14th August

At the end of the day each child receives a drink and a chocolate bar. Certificates and prizes for 1st in all grades.

All enquires and entries to Sandra at

cohockey@xtra.co.nz

All teams please bring a umpire.

If anyone is interested please phone Bronnie on 4474006.



Operatunity Entertainment Ltd is coming to Alexandra Saturday 4th September and will present their concert 'I'm in love with Vienna' in the Alexandra Memorial Theatre at 7.30pm. Enjoy four of New Zealand's top Operatic singers accompanied by piano and violin, presenting songs from Vienna, Venice and surrounds which inspired some of the world's most popular, beautiful and romantic melodies. Tickets cost \$25 each. Groups of 4 or more \$20 each and are now available from Budge Central Pharmacy. This concert is organized by Alexandra-Clyde-Lauder Union Parish and supported by CODC Creative NZ.

BEEF + LAMB NEW ZEALAND FARMERS MEETINGS.

Beef + Lamb NZ is holding meetings in August for farmers to catch up with their local Director. These meetings will be no more than an hour and a half and the idea is they are a chance to hear what the organisation has planned for the coming year and for you to give any feedback for direction. The meetings are being held in a local shearing shed or pub – you can turn up in your work clothes and it won't take all day! The meeting being held closes to you is at the Ranfurly Lion's Hotel, Ranfurly on the 10th August at 12.30pm.

OMAKAU COMMERCIAL – This Saturday night the 7th August there is a band playing after the Bledisloe Cup game called **Double Trouble** starting around 9ish.

Since 1989 the New Zealand Council for Education Research (NZCER) has conducted national surveys of primary schools to track what is happening in education. Our school is part of the 2010 national survey. You may be one of the random sample of parents who gets a survey about your child's schooling. If you do, please fill it in! It's a great opportunity for us to get a useful picture of parent views about this school, as well as contribute to the national picture.

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