



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: - DARCY NEVILL for caring for others & asking them to join in. ☺
ROUGH RIDGE – SHAYE SCOTT Well Done for showing initiative in your inquiry topic!
Keep it up.

Dear Parents and Community Members, The School would like to thank Penny Sinnamon, Jan Nicholson and Rayleen McNally from the Combined Churches for the bequest of an Apple tree that was planted at School on Monday. It was a lovely afternoon and the School is very appreciative of this kind gesture. I had Alison Cook from Bluff Community School, Tim Lovelock from Myross Bush School and Lisa from Willowbank School visit on Tuesday to discuss aligning our Reporting to the National Standards and the shortcomings of the current implementation. Indications from the survey show that our Parent Community members feel quite at ease with their understanding of this policy however I must reiterate that there are huge concerns from many top educationalists within our sector. This Policy has huge implications for our children and from my personal point of view until there is clarification around the measurement used to design the Standards and the reliability of the Standards themselves, it would appear too easy to simply just go with the flow. The School is conscious of getting the alignment of the Standards right and we will be asking for feedback from the Parent Community to ensure we are reporting in a way that meets our local parent community's needs and has meaning for us.

CENTRAL OTAGO ATHLETICS

On Wednesday the children attended The Central Otago Athletics in Alexandra. It was an absolute scorcher of a day with the team yet again doing very well across the board. Thank you to the parents that helped as Managers on the day, I wish that I had been able to see the children compete but as with other years our School is caught running the Hurdles Station on the day. A huge shout out to Peter Nevill and Rebecca Flannery for spending the whole day recording times and place getters.

The Place-getters were:

Fynn Goodlass

1st Boys Under 9 Shot Put

Macaela Turfus

2nd Girls Under 12 High Jump

Sinnead Flannery

3rd Year 7/8 800m

3rd Under 13 75m

Simone Keane

1st Under 13 Shot Put

1st Under 13 Discus-Record 26.9m

Well done to the Poolburn Team that competed on the day.



St John
first to care

FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE

Poolburn School will be running a "refresher course" on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th November between 3:30pm and 7:00pm. If you are requiring an update for your First Aid Certificate, please contact the School office a.s.ap.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

Information went home on Monday to inform Parents that we will be running our "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme in conjunction with the New Zealand Police. This programme has been designed to provide children with the skills to cope in situations that might involve abuse. Thank you to Mr Gary Milford, our local Police Education Officer, for offering his time and expertise in delivering this programme.

MEDICAL FORMS – These were sent home a couple of weeks ago to be filled in (one per child) and returned to the office. To date there are still quite a few outstanding. Could these please be returned asap. Many thanks.

SPORTS UNIFORMS – Thank you to those who have handed these back in but there are still quite a few to go. Can you please look these out and send back to school asap. I would like to have these all accounted for before school finishes. Thanks Tracey

SUN HATS – Until a decision has been made on what new school sun hats we are going to purchase, could you please make sure your child has brought to school a sun hat of some description to wear. **If they don't have a hat then they don't go outside.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tuesday 16th November

Monday 29th November

Tuesday 14th December

Otago Athletics in Dunedin

Senior Room leave for Camp for the week

School Production

L&M, in partnership with Earnsclough Community Society Inc, have kindly agreed to hold an Open Day at the Earnsclough Gold Mine (McPherson Rd) on Saturday, November 20, 2010. The Gold Mine will be open from 9.30am – 4.30pm (entrance to the mine closes at 3pm). **Ticket Sales:** Budge's Pharmacy, Alexandra Paper Plus & Cromwell Paper Plus from Thursday, November 4. **Special price for early birds if purchased by Wednesday, November 18.** Family Ticket – 2 adults & 2 school children (\$25.00) Single Adult – 18 & over (\$10.00) School Child (\$5.00) Free entry for children under five. **After this date an extra \$5.00 per ticket will apply.** Tickets include L&M gold information displays at the Earnsclough Hall, refreshments from 9.30am – 4.30pm, barbecue from 12noon – 4.30pm and the Gold Mine visit. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the maintenance of the Earnsclough Hall. It will be a great day for people of all ages – information as well as refreshments and a BBQ.

VALLEY CRICKET PLAYERS PAST AND PRESENT.

The current cricket club appears to be missing a lot of its cricket gear. Could any past or present players (including those who have borrowed for rep or golden oldies,) please return any gear which has gone missing between and including last season and this new season.

We are missing 2 sets of pads, 4 sets of gloves, 2 thigh guards and a couple of helmets. Could everyone check their kit bags and wardrobes and return these as soon as possible for this season. As it is really expensive to replace these.

Queries to Allan Small or Cameron Nicolson. See you at practise Omakau 6:30 pm on Wednesdays

SCHOOL LUCERNE Paddock – The tender for the 1st cut of the school lucerne paddock is due this **Sunday 14th November at 5pm.** If you are interested, please put your tender in writing and get it to Bronnie Flannery or Bridgette Hodge by the allocated day and time. Thanks Home & School.

HALL CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS Rebecca Flannery and Carol Goodlass.

MOA CREEK GUN CLUB SHOOT – Sunday 21st November starting at 1pm. Maniototo Club Championships S/R; S/B; D/R; Minis; P/S; Ribbonwood Kennels Trophy.

SAFETY TIP FROM OUR LOCAL HEALTH NURSE

Water Safety

Water presents a potentially life threatening hazard for young children in and around the home and in the wider community, a fact supported by statistics which show preschool children have one of the highest drowning rates of all New Zealanders. However, given the right opportunities, and with encouragement, your child can become both confident and competent in the water. As a parent it is your responsibility to:

- Supervise water time.
- Remind children of the safety rules, and see that the rules are enforced
- Provide sufficient opportunities for safe, supervised and fun water experiences.

Supervision - Think about safety first! Safety is of critical importance as children are introduced to water play and later when they learn to swim.

ALWAYS SUPERVISE CHILDREN NEAR WATER - ALWAYS! Supervision without any distractions is the single most important precaution you can take. Children learn by exploring their environment, new adventures are only a few steps away. Parents know from experience how quickly children can do something unexpected.

Proper supervision in and around water means a responsible adult keeping young children in their care both **WITHIN SIGHT+WITHIN REACH.**

UPINCOMING COURSE THRU CO REAP

- **Alexandra Thyme Festival**

13 – 21 November 2010

Check website www.thymefestival.co.nz for exciting workshops, events, walks and more....
or for more information phone Central Otago REAP

- **Thyme For Te Reo**

16 Nov 5.00 – 6.30pm - Te Reo learners group invite you to come and learn some beginner Maori language skills at the Whare Dunstan High School

- **One to One Computer Tuition**

90 minute FREE assessment session with Gavin Dann

- **FREE Careers Advice for 18 – 25 year olds**
- **One to One Literacy & Numeracy Tuition – FREE**

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