

CANNINGTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



12 February 2021

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, and friends of the school.

Welcome back to the schooling year, and a very special welcome to Zaviour who started with us this year in Year one. We have a lot planned for this year and for this term. We have farm visits to talk about grass and what exactly a tractor can do on the farm. It looks like we will have one large event at the school this term which should have the NZ Police, South Canterbury Rugby, Health Nurses, and dance lessons at it. This term we are learning about Levers, Pulleys, and Engines. So far Zaviour and a team working with him has worked out how to lift a rock his own weight off the ground using one hand. Later in the term we will be making our own pulleys to see how they make lifting easier.

I have only just been informed that the start date for the swimming pool upgrade will start on the 22 February. It is important that we swim each day to get prepared for the swimming sports day in Fairlie on the March 11. The swimming lessons that Arianna, Kaia, and Jamie George have given last year and again this year have also made a difference to the abilities of our students. Thank you to the entire George family for this contribution that they have been making for the last few years.

We are continuing with Kiwisport this year and Asher has already been out and will continue to come out each Friday.

The Dental Van will be at school on March 18th and 19th, we will send out more details as they arrive.

Harold and the Life Education Trust will at school Wednesday March 3. The topic for this year is friendship and conflict resolution. As always you are welcome at the school for these lessons. They are from 9:40-10:40 and 11-12:30.



Resilience and children. This is something that all the schools in the region have been working on over the last two years. When Asher gave her speech at the end of year assembly it was what she praised most about what schools like Cannington offer to their students. It is something that we need to keep talking about. What to do when things are not going right and how to react when learning or friendships are hard. What we have been talking in class over the last year is how to rate the problem from 1-10. Then we talk about how we should react to it. If it is only a three problem, then why are we reacting at a 10 level. We are then encouraging the students to come up with different ways that they could react that would solve a situation rather than dig their toes in and risk making a situation worse. We appreciate that you take the time to reinforce this teaching at home as it makes our motto easy to understand," We can & we do!"

All our students up until L23(Silver) have a book to read each night. We expect that these books do get read at least three times up to the level15 (orange). It is the sheer quantity that makes the difference. A L5 book may only have 80 words in it. If your child reads it five times, then they read 400 words at night compared to only 80. Most of the students have got their computer for the year and are using Wheelers again. We will send home the login details for Wheelers again as this is a great resource. Research tells us that listening to the audio books is one of the best things we can do to help with reading. So, if you are having problems with reading at night, and we all have had this argument at some time, then remember they can listen to a book on Wheelers afterwards.

It is great to be back at school and getting on with the new year. Remember there will be an assembly next Wednesday starting at 2:20pm.



This morning we were lucky enough to get a visit from some very talented Rugby players, the kids were super excited!

EVENTS CALENDAR 2021

TERM 1

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| Term 1 Starts | Monday 1 February |
| Waitangi Day (observed) | Monday 8 February |
| Fun Day! | Wednesday 24 February |
| Life Education Van | Wednesday 3 March |
| Swimming Sports (Fairlie) | Thursday 11 March |
| St Johns | Tuesday 16 March |
| Dental Van | Thursday 18 & Friday 19 March |
| PCT Challenge | |
| Rural Swimming Sports | 26 March |
| SC Swimming Sports | |
| PAL workshop | |
| Working Bee | |
| Teacher Interviews | |
| Good Friday | Friday 2 April |
| Easter Monday | Monday 5 April |
| Easter Tuesday | Tuesday 6 April |
| Fun Day! | Wednesday 14 April |
| Term 1 Ends | Friday 16 April |
| Anzac Day | Saturday 25 April |

TERM 2

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| Term 2 Starts | Monday 3 May |
| Hearing & Vision Testing | |
| Rural Cross Country | |
| National Young Leaders Day | |
| Queen's Birthday | 7 June |
| SC Cross Country | |
| Term 2 Ends | Friday 9 July |

TERM 3

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| Term 3 Starts | Monday 26 July |
| Ski Trip – Roundhill | |
| South Canterbury Day | Monday 27 September |
| Term 3 Ends | Friday 1 October |

TERM 4

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| Term 4 Starts | Monday 18 October |
| Labour Day | Monday 25 October |
| Athletics | |
| Term 4 Ends | December |

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