



Coming up:

Whole school trip to Mesopotamia Station & Rangitata Gorge - Advanced notice - Tues 30th May

We have organised to take the school on a day trip to Mesopotamia as part of our "Mountains to the Seas" river study this year. We are still finalising the details, but briefly:

- * we will travel in our school buses and cars leaving school at 9am and returning by 3pm.
- * we will meet for morning tea at the Mesopotamia Station Cook house. Sue Prouting will talk about the station and its history.
- * we will travel to the Bush Stream area where the children will participate in different workshops in groups of 4.

We would love as many parents to join us and help out on what will be an enjoyable day of learning in our back yard of the high country. We expect to send out a detailed notice and permission slips on Friday or Monday. In the meantime please save the date!

Uniforms:

We have some un-named uniform items in lost property - 1 fleece, 1 merino, 1 bodyfit icebreaker merino top, all are age 7-8 and need to be claimed. **We urge you to please name uniforms as soon as they are purchased.** We are also seeing children arrive at school without their fleeces. Please ensure that your child wears this warm layer to school everyday as the morning temperatures are getting quite cold.

Home & School meeting:

Tomorrow night (Thursday 18th), at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us in the school staffroom for a catch up.

Assembly:

Pukeko (Room 2) will be hosting our school assembly this **Friday 19th May** in the junior Huakakeretere hub at 2.20pm. All are welcome.

Farewell

We farewell the Mead family. The Meads are moving back to the North Island and sadly Daniel, Sami and Mandy's last day with us is this Friday. Our warm wishes go out to you as you embark on your new farming ventures.

Mufti day:

We have mufti day at school on **Friday 19th May**, children can wear mufti clothing with the theme of **odd shoes**. Please bring a gold coin donation. The funds are being raised to help Geraldine Educational Social Workers Trust who employs the social workers who support our local schools. **Please bring running shoes to practice cross country.**

Parent Working Bee:

Tim and Karen our 'grounds staff' would like to hold a 'working bee' at school next Wednesday afternoon, **24th May starting at 1pm**. Helpers are needed to:

- * drag loose branches from under the trees into the school house section to an area where they can be chipped in an industrial chipper. **If there is anyone who is willing to use your chainsaw (and has a chainsaw Safety Certificate), you are more than welcome to cut the bigger logs for firewood.**
- * add soil to the edges of the tennis courts and concrete pads at the back of the classrooms.
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We appreciate with the dairy changeover day coming up this may not be convenient for some, but if you could spare an hour or two we would be most grateful.

Reminders:

Cross Country - Friday 26th May

The children are training well and working really hard for this upcoming event. Good effort! Notices and emails went out yesterday to families regarding our cross country event next week at Waihi Gorge. See attached notice in case you missed yesterdays, with a small change as GPS are not involved this year. **Please** send your transport slips back to school by **Tuesday 23 May**. Many thanks

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Kay, Jayne, Lesley, Pip & Amy