



Principal's Note

Kia ora tatou o te whanau,

What a fantastic day we had on Saturday for our Carnival. The weather was amazing from Friday for set up right through until Sunday for the last of the clean up. We are grateful that we were able to go ahead with our Carnival and mindful that many schools, etc. have had to cancel theirs. Thank you to everyone for the part you played in creating such a wonderful community event and lasting memories. This was truly a family, whanau, parish, staff and student effort and it isn't possible without everyone getting on board. Special thanks to our Carnival team Jen Jermy and Chrissie Swift and all the stall co-ordinators - you are the people who bring it all together and we are very grateful for your time and energy. The raffle closes on Friday 20 March and there are still tickets to sell if you can help with that and of course, bidding on the Silent Auction closes on Friday as well, so let Gina know if you want to put a bid in for any of these great prizes. The total funds raised will be announced as soon as the final tallies are done after the raffles close and we are very excited for that final figure.



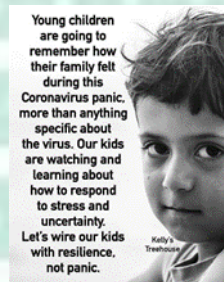
COVID-19 update You will be aware the Ministry of Health's Director-General has confirmed a case of COVID-19 in a Dunedin school following a student testing positive for coronavirus. The Ministries of Education and Health are working closely with Public Health services in Dunedin and the school leadership, to help minimise disruption, progress contact tracing and reduce the possibility of spread. **Reminder – schools remain open.**



At this stage, we are not expecting widespread school closures. We are planning for temporary closures, like what is happening at Logan Park School but as the World Health Organisation has confirmed, the risk to children remains low and parents should continue to send their children to schools and early learning centres.

Consequently, any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.

Sadly most sports, gatherings and events have been cancelled for the next few months across the country. However, getting outdoors, music, reading, singing, laughing and spending time with family are not, so have a great weekend enjoying what we have.



Young children are going to remember how their family felt during this Coronavirus panic, more than anything specific about the virus. Our kids are watching and learning about how to respond to stress and uncertainty. Let's wire our kids with resilience, not panic.



Nga mihi nui

Donna McDonald ~ Principal

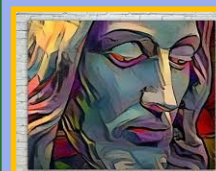


**NO ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY,
FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM.**

Carnival 2020 - What a fab day! Thanks to everyone for all the effort and hard work and for supporting our very special school.

This Sunday's Gospel 4th Sunday of Lent

In Baptism, Jesus reveals Himself to us. We are called to be like the man in this Sunday's Gospel, accepting the gift from Jesus so that we may truly see Jesus as our Lord and worship Him.



Class of the Week - Room 10

Last week we had the Carnival. It was lots of hard work but fun. In the last few weeks, we have been creating our own countries and working on statistics. We've done costumes, buildings and Minecraft. This week is swimming sports and we've been training hard.

Reporters: **Asha & Kate**



Pool keys need to be handed back by the end of this month please.

School PE Hoodies

All children in Years 3 - 6 will have been given an order form on Tuesday. The hoodie is completely optional. If your child doesn't already have one and you would like to order, please do so by no later than next Wednesday, 25th March. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Carnival Silent Auction

A list of all the amazing items is attached to our email. We are still taking bids so please call Gina or email Maria Gair. There's something for everyone and you definitely don't want to miss out. Thanks to our sponsors for their generosity.



Some of our Year 5s and 6s took part in the Parumoana T-Ball Tournament this week. They had a ball!! (Excuse the pun!)



Entertainment books - Here is the link for you to order yours!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105w585>



Sparks of God - Term 1, Week 6

Back: Andre Hesp, Jakson Croasdale, Alex Stewart, Bella Adams, Sadie Swift

Front: Tobias Deere, Matthew Bleach, Alisa Sinumon, Sapphire Churchill

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE get your raffle ticket butts and money back to School by tomorrow. We would really appreciate a big push to get as many sold as possible as this is part of our main fundraiser for the year.

NO SCHOOL on Monday, 23rd March!

Diary Dates for March/April

Fri. 20th March: Senior Swimming Sports

Mon. 23rd March: Teacher Only Day

Wed. 25th March: Board meeting

Fri. 27th March: Uniform fittings

Thurs. 9th Apr.: Holy Thursday and close of Term 2