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Term 1 Week 8

20th March 2018

3 Way Conferences

Thank you for your positive comments and engagement in your child's learning.

Remember that you are welcome to make an appointment at any time to see your child's teacher if you have questions, concerns or are looking for ideas to support your child.

3 Way Conference Feedback from Teachers

- It was great to meet the parents and give the children an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in reading and maths. The children enjoyed showing their parents their work displayed around the room.
- The 3 WC provided a really sincere way for students to share their learning and goals. Students were able to articulate what they were learning and proudly demonstrate this to their parents and caregivers.
- It has been wonderful to be able to meet with every family and discuss how things have been going for their child so far this year. It has been a chance to celebrate all the good things, and discuss goals and things for improvement. The partnership between parents, students and teachers is vital, so it has been awesome to build on that over the past few days. We are so lucky to have such fantastic support from parents.
- 3 Way Conferences have been a very valuable experience for all involved. It's a great opportunity for students to share their goals with parents and to connect home with school, so we are all able to best support the students in their journeys to achieving their goals.
- It was great to meet some parents for the first time. The children really enjoyed leading the discussion about their learning.
- Three Way Conferences have been a great chance for the students to share their learning. All students spoke well and were incredibly proud of the learning they have done so far this year.
- It was great for the children to be able to share their learning, and goals with their parents, and for the parents to know and see what we do. It was also great to meet all the parents and to share next steps.

Wood Chip Wednesday!

Thanks to the Mums who helped us last week to spread the wood chip on the playground. Tu meke (Too much. Awesome!)

Basic Facts Workshop

This is a reminder that we will be holding a 45 minute workshop starting at 6pm NEXT Monday evening 26th March for anyone with children in Year 4 – 8 who wants to know how to support their children in learning their basic facts. We rely on good support from home to help children who need extra support. Children attend the workshop with their parents.

Please return the slip below if you would like to attend.

Scholastic Book Club

The latest catalogues are out now. You have the option of ordering online directly from Scholastic via their new LOOP website. Your books are delivered to the classroom as usual. You can still send in cash or cheque orders to the office. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic NZ'. See the catalogue for the order forms and full details. Orders close Friday 6th April.

Interschool Triathlon

We sent a team of 27 students to the Manawatu Interschool Triathlon last week. They all competed really well, and did a fantastic job of representing our school. We had four students who achieved Top 10 placings. Congratulations!

Jack - 2nd - Year 8 Boys

Lucy - 3rd - Year 8 Girls

Ruby - 7th - Year 6 Girls

Sarah - 8th - Year 5 Girls

Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and came along to support the kids.

Community News

A reminder that the **Halcombe Community Walkway Autumn tidy-up and planting working bee** is on **this Thursday (22nd March, from 4pm)**. Come along on and join us for an hour or two. There will be a free sausage sizzle so bring the whole family. Bring a spade and gloves if you have them otherwise just a cheery face. We will be laying weed-prevention material* and planting around the Monteith Street end of the walkway. (*Note: If you have any old carpet or cardboard boxes please bring them along!)

Te Kawau Winter Hockey

Hockey starts next term (Term 2) and runs until the end of Term 3. There are teams for all primary school ages and abilities from New Entrants to Year 8's. Please see Te Kawau Hockey Facebook page or feel free to email (tekawauhockey@gmail.com) for further details.

Kind regards

Wine Barrels for Sale

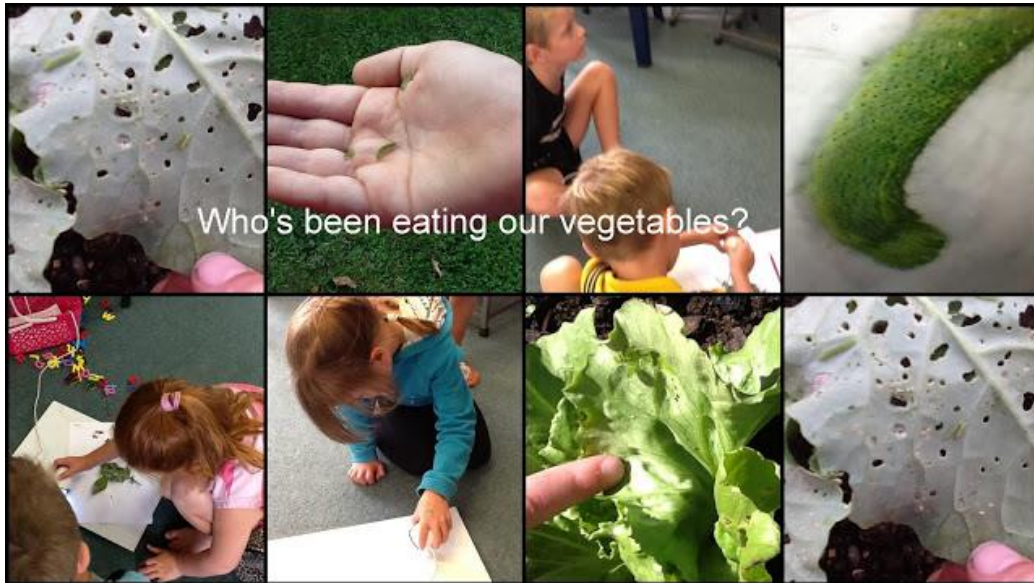
Oak wine barrels for sale, \$210 whole.
Contact Tania 022 402 2149.

*Sue Simpson
Principal*

What is eating our plants?

This week we ventured out into our vegetable garden to find that something had been eating our plants. We decided we needed to do some investigating! We went out with magnifying glasses and the iPads to see what we could find. We discovered little green bugs which we think they are caterpillars, all over the leaves. We took a few back to class for a closer look. We looked through a special microscope that projected onto the TV so we could find out what they looked like up close. Here is what we saw...

- stripes
- green and yellow
- pointy things (I think they are legs)
- spiky stuff (I think that's hair)
- dots- black and white
- green slimy stuff
- ripples on its back
- wrinkles
- it wriggling
- a stripe on its back



Maths Basic Facts Workshop

- I would like to attend the Basic Facts Workshop at 6pm on Monday evening 26th March

Name: _____ Signature: _____

LYTTON STREET

Lytton Street School
GALA DAY!

Sunday 25th March
10am - 2pm

A fun family day out with market stalls, jumble sale, bake sale, games, bouncy castle, face painting & lots more