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**Kia ora whānau,**

On Tuesday evening Mrs Ross and I attended the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival. What a memorable event and how wonderful it was to see the festival return to the Christchurch Town Hall. Such a sense of occasion in such a remarkable environment. Thank you Ros Emeleus (choir teacher) and Laurie Searle (accompanist) staff members Adela Brown, Jenny Jamieson, Josie Simpson and members of our whānau for supporting our festival choir representatives. To all our singers who performed beautifully at the festival you did yourselves and us proud - thank you!



**Playground Workshop**

Last Thursday we were privileged to work with Adrian Taylor, landscape architect and playground designer (volunteering his time to the school on this project) and Tina Dyer, play consultant. We had several parents attend the community workshop, and students from across the school were involved in the final step in our design process,

that of identifying the types of play equipment they would like to be included in our new play space. We know this is the best way to make sure we are building the type of play

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area that students will want to use, and we were impressed by the enthusiasm demonstrated by all the students.

## Celebrating Writing

### iO

*The thick furred beast stood on the stony sand side of the river, watching the silver fish flicker by. Every now and then a fish would swim up close enough for the bear to reach out a paw and dab the water's surface. Each time the silver fish would flicker away, inches from his reach. The bear's stomach let out a low whine as if it was asking a small question, "When's the next dinner?"*

*iO bent over the rushing river one more time, making sure his shadow didn't fall onto the water. Waiting patiently iO searched under the ripples of the river trying to spot a sliver flicker, but after a long wait nothing came close enough for iO to catch. The skinny shape of the bear slunk away from the river empty handed.*

*iO padded across the stone scattered beach searching for anything else that might soften his hunger. His brown matted pelt hung loosely from his body as he walked. The hungry bear sniffed the ground trying to pick up any scent of animal or meat but nothing came racing into his nose and he gave up after a few paces. iO had started to notice that hunting was much harder than it should be, that sometimes the sun seemed to burn hotter on all the wrong days, that his home, his beautiful home was changing. iO decided that he didn't like change.*



## by Rata Kāhu 8



### Heart of Achievement

What a celebration! Congratulations to Zena, Maya, Nate, Evie, Jessica, Sam Y, Josie, Sophie L, Lily M and Stella on reaching the centre of the heart. Thank you for living our school values. Tau kē!

**Ngā mihi,**

**Ginnie and the team**



### Out of School Experiences & Achievements

Well done Lee from Kahu 12 for winning the 2019 Canterbury junior golf 9 hole foursomes competition with his Avondale team. He showed great composure under pressure to seal the win on the last hole of the last match.

### New Pupils

We welcome the following students who joined our school this week: Isabelle, Uldana, Hunter.

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## SCHOOL NOTICES

**ASB School Banking** – Did you know we offer school banking through ASB? Banking day for cash deposits is every Friday, although you can deposit online anytime. Your child will receive a cool banking pack. Application forms are available at the office



## PTA NEWS

- **Market Day is this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 11am – 3pm! STALLS SOLD OUT!!!**  
Come on down for what should be a fabulous community event and the perfect opportunity to pick up some gifts for Christmas, items for your home and garden, toys and books, yummy food and much, much more! Eliminate the need to have lots of coins on you at Market Day and purchase a kids fun pass on sale for \$10 in the café. How they work is it allows your child to purchase five \$2 items - they can then for example, purchase a pony ride, candy floss, face painting, bouncy castle session or a sausage all without the need to have cash on the day! Perfect solution! Kids can therefore determine what they want to spend their money on.
- **Sausage Sizzle Friday** - \$2 each with all sausages gluten free, vegetarian options also available. Sausage cards available for \$10 or \$20. Eftpos available at the café.



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# Elements: nature based play

'Wild Christmas Adventures'

'A Wild Kiwi Summer'

'Sticks n Stones'

'Fun on the Farm'

'Storybook Extravaganza'

'Magic & Spells'

'Boats & Floats'

It is the time of the year to start planning the summer holidays. Elements nature based play prepares programmes with child development, education and fun perspectives in mind. There is an overarching theme for each programme also with plenty of time for free play in the outdoors with loose parts. Think trees, huts, bug collecting. Active movement, creativity, play & happy kids.

## Dec- Jan- Feb

Email: [elementsprogrammes@gmail.com](mailto:elementsprogrammes@gmail.com)

Fb: <https://www.facebook.com/elementsprogrammes>

To register: <https://elements.aimyplus.com/>

(putting 'Elements Canterbury' in as the school to bring up the options).



Ages 5-13yrs



Various dates

18 Dec -  
4 Jan



Westmorland  
Marshlands  
Harewood  
Weedons/Rolly  
Ashburton

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