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### **Kia ora whānau,**

Well, what a topsy turvy week this has turned out to be. We would like to start by thanking all our whānau for your support during the Level 2 Alert this week, in particular those who contact traced as well as those that supported their child/children to come in the gate and to their class independently. These past few days (and last year under Alert level 2 ) teachers have reported children are more settled at the beginning of the day and they have enjoyed the opportunity to connect with their teacher/s and friends before the day begins. We are seeing lots of wonderful oral language skills developing. Now we are back under Alert Level 1 please continue to promote independence in your child:

- ensure they carry their own bags!
- encourage them to walk in on their own - kiss and go at the gate...or pop in and have a cuppa in the Oak Leaf café, Wednesday to Friday!
- or...when you get to the class say your goodbyes before entering the class. This is an important time for children to connect with their teacher and friends before the learning day begins.
- Support them to be prepared – get them to pack their own lunch and bags and remember those swimming togs.

As per the government recommendations we appreciate it if you are coming on site to continue to contact trace. This is one action we can take to keep our community safe.

**Cafe Hours:** Under Alert Level 2 the cafe is closed. Under Alert Level 1 it is open 8.30 – 9am Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All proceeds from the cafe go back into the school.

**AquaGym:** Lessons at school begin next week for our Yr 1 and 2 tamariki. Please make sure you have returned your payment and permission slip to the office. Your child will need to have their togs and towel at school every day. Year 3 to 6 lessons which will be held at AquaGym begin in Week 5 - once again please ensure payment and permission slip have been returned to the office.

**Ngā mihi,**

**Glen and Jo on behalf of our team**

### **NEW PUPIL**

We welcome Brooklyn who has joined our school this week:

### **SCHOOL NOTICES**

**Mana Ake Drop in Sessions** - Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow, provides mental health and wellbeing support for children in primary school years 1 - 8 across Canterbury. Mana Ake kaimahi (workers) are employed by one of 13 NGO providers and support schools,

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families and whānau when children are experiencing issues that impact their wellbeing such as managing emotions, friendships and bullying, parental separation and grief and loss. Kaimahi have a diverse range of skills and include psychologists, social workers, counsellors, teachers and youth workers.

We have 2 drop in sessions planned on **23<sup>rd</sup> February from 8 - 10 am** and on **10<sup>th</sup> March from 2 – 4.30pm**. If you would like to make an appointment to have a chat with one of our kaimahi, please book a 20 minute appointment at the school office. All information is private and confidential between you and the Kaimahi.

**Hagley Summer Sport - Term One** - Hagley Summer Sport starts this Friday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> February at South Hagley Park for Year 5/6 students who have been selected for a Touch, Futsal or Tee ball team. We travel by bus, leaving school at 12.45pm and returning by 2.45pm. All games start at 1.15pm and are finished by 2.15pm. Touch and Futsal teams play two games during that time. Good luck to our teams for their first week of games!

**Scholastic Books** - Orders close on tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Payment may be made online at Scholastic using the LOOP system or at the office by cash or eftpos.

**Scooters and Goggles** – if you are missing either of these, please see Heather.

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:  
[mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

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You can order Subway's healthy and delicious subs and wraps (including gluten free wraps) through ezlunch by simply going to <https://www.ezlunch.co.nz> New users will need to register an account, which can also be used for online ordering for the Friday sausage sizzle. Place orders by 9am Wednesday for delivery that day.

## PTA NEWS

- **Oak Leaf Café** - we have reduced the days we're open. Please join us in the Oak Leaf for your morning caffeine fix on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.30 - 9am.
- **Second-hand Uniforms** are on sale in the Oak Leaf Café during opening hours.
- **Sausage Sizzle:** resumes this week on Friday – orders through Kindo or EzLunch by 9am on Friday.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Creative Junk Yard Sale** – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 2pm, 25 Disraeli Street, Addington. Come and see what we do ... workshops, sharing waste reuse ideas, under 2 presentation, treasure hunt for under 13yrs, car boot sale. For more information check our website or facebook.  
[www.creativejunk.org.nz](http://www.creativejunk.org.nz)

**GET INTO FOOTBALL**

**Join Western AFC**  
All ages / levels welcome  
Training at Westminster Park, Mairehau  
Juniors / Mens / Womens & Masters teams available

For further information: visit our Website [www.westernafc.com](http://www.westernafc.com) or  
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You can contact us at [westernafc@gmail.com](mailto:westernafc@gmail.com) or 021979057

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## SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Seasons for Growth is an evidence-based group programme for children. It draws on the metaphor of the seasons to support children to understand their experience of grief, loss and change. It aims to build the knowledge and skills necessary to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing following significant life events.

**This programme is suitable for children who are finding it hard to adapt to the change and loss from:**

- death of a loved one\*
- the impact of illness
- family transitions (e.g. parental separation)
- moving to a new place or school
- important people moving away

\*it is recommended that anyone affected by bereavement waits 6-12 months before attending the programme.

**The next group we are running is for children in Years 5 & 6**

**Details:**

Day: Tuesdays, beginning 23rd February 2021

Time: 3:30-4:30PM

Duration: 8 Weeks

Location: Family Works, 44 Bealey Ave, Christchurch

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CLARE:  
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# HSOB

Rugby Registration and Save the Dates

## JAB REGISTRATION

Registration dates:

Sunday 21st February - 10am -12pm

Wednesday 24th February - 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Sunday 7th March - 2pm - 4pm

Location: HSOB Club Rooms - Hagley Park

Facebook: HSOB Junior Rugby

Contact: 027 3200 571

*Save the date:*

## Polar Cubs

7th May - 28th May  
at 4.30pm



## Arctic Academy

U11- 13 with 30 players  
15th February - 29th March  
Cost is \$50  
Children will receive a goodie bag



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