



NEWSLETTER

6th March 2017
Term one, week six

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Once again our children did us proud. It was a great day out at the Rural School's Triathlon. Well done to everyone that participated I know you all gave it 100%.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Congratulations to **Israel Foster** and **Charlie Worsnop** who received our **VALUES** certificates for **CONFIDENCE** this week. Israel received his award for always being willing to take a chance. Charlie received his award for giving everything a go even when he is not sure of himself.

SCHOOL VALUE: the value at the heart of our learning community this week remains **CONFIDENCE** which a great choice of VALUE to focus on as we go into the next few weeks of sporting events. **"Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence."**

CONGRATULATIONS also to **Manahi Maddock** who received a classroom award for working so hard on his presentation of work and being willing to revisit until it is his best. **Devarn Harrison** received a classroom certificate for his excellent progress in Maths.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Three way interviews happening this week Wednesday and Thursday. Your time is attached to this newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Below are a list of prompts intended to support your child in learning conversations either at home on a daily basis or during the interview process:

What was a helpful question you asked today? What did you find out?

What was a goal you had today? What did you do to reach it?

What were you learning to do?

What were the steps you went through to learn this?

What was hard about that?

Can you figure out another way to do that?

Did anyone do it a different way? How do you think that way may work for you?

What helped you to learn this?

What do you need to learn next?

What are you most proud of? Why?

Which area of learning do you find the easiest? Why?

Which area of learning do you find the trickiest? Why?

What could you do if you got stuck on that?

How could you help yourself or someone else out with that?

What could we do together to help you with this learning?

What might help you do this better next time?

Tuesday the 7th **March is our -5 lunch day.** This month the spot prizes are Haakaa lunchbox discount vouchers, so be in to win! Great ideas at <http://www.minus5.co.nz/monday/march2017>

EOTC NEWS:

Please find permission slips attached for the **Rural Schools' Junior Swimming Sports to be held at Enterprise Pools Friday 10th March**. This is for Years 1-3 and selected Year 4s. Morning tea at 10am, children ready at 10.15 and programme begins 10.30am. There will be a **Superhero** relay at the end of the morning so please bring a light and easy to move in superhero costume (a top and eye mask is fine). Prize giving for place getters will happen as soon as possible after the last race. The day is expected to finish at 12.30. Children will need; warm clothes to put on between events, 2 towels, goggles if they wear them, drink bottle, morning tea and lunch. I will have a school swimming cap for each child. **I need one parent who is willing to get in the water with the five year olds and for the obstacle course**. Please let me know if you are willing asap.

We have **Sophie Ewen, Georgia Roberts, George Hume and Libby Hume** representing the school at the Interschool swimming competitions on Wednesday. We wish them much success and hope they enjoy the experience

BUSES: Your drivers this week are Wharekopae- Paula Reedy, phone 8673585

Taumata – Catherine Ewen, phone 8670810

Change of driver on Wednesday for Taumata run – Kay Twigley phone 8670866

There has been some confusion in the afternoons with children catching/not catching the bus so please make sure the school and drivers are aware of any changes to their normal run.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

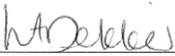
March is Whio awareness month. With a population of around 2,500 birds, whio are rarer than kiwi. To help raise awareness of the whio, people are being encouraged to enter the Great Whio Adventure competition by 'puckering-up' and posting a whio duckface on the Whio Forever website and they could win a five day family adventure with a whio wilderness experience. We will also be giving out a colouring competition to those who would like to complete one at home.

Plunket are running another FREE Car Seat Checking Day @ Kaiti Mall on Wednesday 22nd March, 9am-12.30pm. Mobile Mechanics will also be on hand to fit Anchor Bolts (if required) at no cost. Enjoy a free BBQ while you wait. Have your own seat checked and you could WIN a FREE booster seat.

2017 HELL Reading Challenge! The HELL Reading Challenge is free, children receive a stamp on their pizza wheel for each book they read, and once seven books have been read they can redeem their pizza wheel for a free 333 kids' pizza at HELL. Registrations are open now, and you can sign on any time during the year. Register for the HELL Reading Challenge at [https://goo.gl/forms/Reading Challenge registration form](https://goo.gl/forms/Reading%20Challenge%20registration%20form). Register early and you get a voucher for a double HELL pizza. If you are registering for the first time you will go in the draw to win a set of the finalist books in this year's New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.

I have available free tickets to the **HeartKids Day Out Variety Show** to be held on the 12th of March at 2pm. Gisborne YMCA, 150 Roebuck Road. If you are interested please contact me.

Have a great week.

Regards,  Katrina Dekker, Principal.