



Heddon Bush School



Term 4, 2016

12 Dec — Week 10

Joy in Learning

Dates for Diaries:

Term Four

Tennis Coaching

Tuesday 13th December

Prizegiving

Wednesday 14th December
6:30pm

Working Bee at

School House

1pm



Last Day of

Term

Friday 16th of December

Term One—2017

Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 31st of Jan—
enrolments welcome

School Starts for Students

Wednesday 1st of Feb

Waitangi Day

Monday 6th Feb—no school

Deep Cove Camp

Tuesday 7th—Saturday 11th

Swimming— over two weeks

Dates to be confirmed—Feb

Syndicate Athletics

March 10th -Friday

Central Athletics

Friday 24th March (CSC)

It is hard to believe that this will be the final newsletter for the year! I would like to thank everybody for all their support of our school this year and look forward to seeing you all at Prize-giving on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. I am very grateful to work with such a dedicated teaching and support staff here at school who have worked very hard again this year to provide a wonderful learning environment for our students. I thank them all for their efforts this year and for all the times they have gone the extra mile.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees who are committed to providing a governance model that is focused on student achievement and ensuring we have a great place for learning. Their work and support and dedication is very much appreciated. Our Home & School have worked hard again this year to fundraise and support us both financially and at school events such as Pet Day & providing meals during our ERO review. Their assistance is fantastic and make a big difference.

We are also very lucky to have such a supportive community who are always quick to offer help and encouragement.

Finally, well done to all our students who have worked hard. It has been great to see you all grow as individuals this year.

Have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Enjoy the holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Many thanks, Esther.

National Standards Data—2016

It has been a busy year and we thank our families for their support of students learning. We are proud of our students' achievements this year. Teachers and students have worked hard and progress made reflects this.

We have 74% of students achieving at or above the National Standard in reading and 71% at or above the standard in maths. There are 65% working at or above in writing. All students have made progress in their learning this year which is to be celebrated. We work hard at school to identify students learning needs and make sure we are meeting their next learning steps across the curriculum.

We look forward to another successful year of learning in 2017.

Notices from

The Home & School

The Xmas raffle tickets will be available for sale at Prizegiving.

We will also be having tea & coffee after Prizegiving so would each family please bring a plate. Thank you.



Congratulations

A very big congratulations to Mrs Anderson and her husband Kieran who are expecting their first child.



We are very excited for them both.

Working Bee

We will be having a working bee on Thursday 15th December at the school house at 1pm prior to the painting beginning. We realise this is very late notice but if you can be there it would be fantastic!

A Huge Congratulations to our Enviro

Team!

Last week the Enviro Team had a reflection with Fiona Young and Pat Hoffman from Environment Southland for a bronze award. We spent the morning sharing what we have been working on and where we are on the Enviro school journey.

At the conclusion of this the group unanimously voted that we had earned this award. A big thank you to Donald Kidd and Maree Day who supported this reflection and helped by giving us some different perspectives. We are very proud of everyone's efforts, thank you very much to Mrs B and Mrs Anderson who have worked with the group & the school to achieve this. We will organise a celebration at a later date!



School House

The school house will be available to rent soon. Rent will be \$150 each week. Please phone Esther at school for more details.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to William Dykes who took photos for our new school website.
Thank you very much 😊

Mobile Library

Wednesday 14 December is the last day for the mobile library.

Touch—Term 1 2017

If you have not already returned to school a touch form for your child/ren to play in Term 1, 2017 these need to be returned to the office by tomorrow 13 December please. (A reminder that your child will have gone up a year level when filling in the school year.)

Touch fees for this year must to be paid prior to the start of the next touch season in Term 1 please.

School Accounts

School accounts were sent home with students last Friday. Please check their bags if they haven't given it to you.

We would appreciate payment of accounts by the end of this week please. We are more than happy to discuss with families payment options. Please contact Jenny at the office.

Included in these accounts are touch fees for those children who have played touch this term.

Wanting to Rent

Looking for a house in Otautau or surrounding area to rent. Middle aged couple with two small inside dogs.

Please contact Kathy
027 470 8822.



Draft Strategic Plan

You will find on the next page our **draft** Strategic Aims for 2017-2019.

These our are goals that form the basis of our charter.

We welcome any feedback from our school community. You can do this by getting in contact with Donald Kidd (Board Chair) or with Esther.

Thank you.



Strategic Aims 2017 — 2019

Strategic Goals	2017	2018	2019
<p>1. Ensure <i>all</i> students are reaching their full potential and their unique learning needs are being met through a rich and varied curriculum, in a positive & safe learning environment which fosters students social, physical and emotional development.</p>	<p>Review our behaviour management policies and procedures.</p> <p>Review our maths curriculum delivery & assessment across the school.</p> <p>Develop a strategic plan and implement new technologies for student use, introduce the use of google classroom in the senior room.</p> <p>Research & develop approaches to best cater for our students who arrive and leave throughout the school year.</p> <p>Review our Key Competencies, School Values & Motto.</p> <p>Continue to develop as an Enviro school, using this as a vehicle for practical problem solving opportunities for our students.</p> <p>Look to increasingly provide students with learning opportunities in areas they are passionate about.</p> <p>Development of leadership programme for senior students.</p>	<p>Professional learning needs identified & provided for.</p> <p>Leadership programme for senior students continues.</p> <p>Continue to maintain, reflect on & develop our programmes of work to support target groups of students.</p> <p>Reflect on IT development & strategic plan. Establish next steps.</p> <p>Continue to increasingly provide students with learning opportunities in areas they are passionate about.</p> <p>Continue to develop our focus on best meeting the needs of our cohort of students who may leave or join us during an academic year.</p> <p>Enviro school focus continues, providing students to share their learning in this area & extend their leadership skills</p>	<p>Professional learning needs identified & provided for.</p> <p>Leadership programme for senior students continues.</p> <p>Continue to maintain, reflect on & develop our programmes of work to support target groups of students.</p> <p>Continue to increasingly provide students with learning opportunities in areas they are passionate about.</p> <p>Continue to develop our focus on best meeting the needs of our cohort of students who may leave or join us during an academic year.</p> <p>Enviro school focus continues, providing students to share their learning in this area & extend their leadership skills</p>
<p>2. Continue to focus on building <i>educationally powerful connections</i> & communications with parents & whānau to improve learning outcomes for our students.</p>	<p>Consult with school community and seek feedback on our communication relating to learning e.g. reporting & conferences etc. Continue to develop the use of SMS* for reporting.</p> <p>Continue to work on developing educationally powerful connections with whānau.</p> <p>Continue to hold a morning tea to welcome new families to the community.</p>	<p>Continue to work on developing educationally powerful connections with whānau. Using technology as a way to share learning goals & progress with parents.</p> <p>Consultation of school families to occur in a variety of ways.</p> <p>If it has been successful continue to hold a morning tea each term to welcome new families to the community.</p>	<p>Look for ways to share students learning electronically with families.</p> <p>Consultation of school families to occur in a variety of ways that are most effective for our community.</p> <p>If it has been successful continue to hold a morning tea each term to welcome new families to the community.</p>
<p>3. Focus on improving & developing our appraisal, inquiry, reflection and self-review systems to continue to improve practice.</p>	<p>School wide curriculum reviews to be undertaken by both Principal and lead teachers with student input.</p> <p>Development of knowledge relating to Tātaiako, continue to use the Interlead Appraisal connector as a tool to manage teacher & Principal appraisals.</p> <p>* SMS Student Management System</p>	<p>School wide curriculum reviews to be undertaken by both Principal and lead teachers and involve students and school families.</p> <p>Continue to develop and sustain a culture of a professional learning community.</p>	<p>School wide curriculum reviews to be undertaken by both Principal and lead teachers and involve students and school families.</p> <p>Continue to develop and sustain a culture of a professional learning community.</p>