

School Newsletter

Heddon Bush School



Dates for Diaries

- **Home and School AGM**
Monday 7th May
at 7:30pm
- **School Photos**
Wednesday 9th
May
- **School Assembly**
Friday 11th May at
2:30pm
- **Syndicate Cross Country**
Waianiwa
Thursday May
24th
- **Board of Trustees Meetings.**
May 17 June 14
- **Central Sports Comp ILT Stadium**
Friday 29 June
- **Technology Year 7&8 - Week 10**



Term Two, Week 2

A great first week!

We welcomed new entrants Hunter & Flynn to the junior class. On Wednesday the seniors headed down to the donut to do some planting and collect seeds. A big thank you to those parents & grandparents who helped us out. The students also enjoyed the first Winter Lunch for the term which were delicious, thank you Mrs Drummond.

Tonight the Home & School will hold their AGM at 7:30pm here at School. We would love to see you there. **School Photos** are going to be taken by Geoff Horrell Photography next **Wednesday 9th of May**. Students need to be in correct uniform for photos please. This Friday each class will take part in their first coaching session with Hockey Southland. During the course of this term each class will participate in four sessions. We also have a mini sticks team competing at CSC Monday afternoons and several students have joined a Central Hockey Team who play each Thursday afternoon down at the turf in Invercargill. Thank you to Mrs Horrell for all her help organising and coaching these teams.

Later this term Mrs Collie will be taking leave as she is traveling to Europe with her husband. During this time Miss deWolde will teach the senior class and Ms Amy Banks will teach Mondays and Tuesdays in the junior class. Over the page you will find a summary of the responses we received to the survey sent home last term. Finally, **this Friday** we will be having an **assembly at 2:30pm** to share some learning, parents, families and friends are welcome to attend!

CYBER SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS CONTINUED...

4. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

How often do you use your laptop or smartphone at the dinner table? How many angry posts have you published? Take a look at the way you use technology while young people are around. If you see something that troubles you – change it.

How good is your knowledge about online safety, privacy settings and even online shopping?

Be better equipped to help by expanding your own knowledge – read the [Staying Safe Online Guide](#) (You can find this on the Netsafe website)

Parent Survey Findings

We received 42% of surveys back. Thank you to those families who took the time to complete and return these to school. We value your input. The following lists the key findings from the responses.

Report templates: 70% of families preferred to stick with our current reporting template.

People stated that it was clear and relevant. 23% chose template one, and 7% chose template two. [We will continue to use our existing reporting template with a few tweaks following the changes relating to reporting on National Standards.](#)

School Communication: Of the returned surveys 70% of parents were very satisfied with school communication and 30% were satisfied. [Communication with our school families is something we value and will continue to keep as a focus.](#)

Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences: All survey responses wanted to stick with the two conferences each year. It was suggested by several families that they would prefer conferences in term 2 & 4 and that they enjoy opportunities where the students can share their learning and present what they have been doing to the school community. [We will continue to hold two conferences a year but will review when these take place. We will also hold several school assemblies each term where classes and students can present and share their learning.](#)

Homework: 76% of returned surveys said they were happy with the level and amount of homework. [We will continue with the current amount etc of homework.](#)

It is great to get some feedback, anytime you have something you want to discuss or ask please know you are most welcome to get in contact.

Thanks again, Esther

Agri Kids Competition held during the school holidays - please see correction from last weeks newsletter below

Hayden, Edward and Alex 5th overall

Hendrix, Ryan & Archie 12th overall



Community Notices

🏐 Netball Satellite programme 2018 🏐

Years 1-4 netball skills development

Begin Wednesday 9th May for 8 weeks ending 27th June

3.15-4.15pm at Taki school courts (school hall if wet)

Cost \$15 per child

Register child's name & age to Jenna Shepherd 0221584166 call or text is fine

Winton Football Club

GIRLS ONLY - Southland Football is running 8 weeks of girls only football in groups of 9 & 10, 11 & 12 and 13 & 14 years. These are to be held on Friday afternoons starting 18 May, 4-5pm on the ILT Football turf. A great taster if you have not played before or some extra coaching if you are a club or college player already. Registered club players are free, all others \$20 for the season. Registration can be done on line once you click on 'read more' on the article in the latest news at www.southlandfootball.org.nz/
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