



# NEWSLETTER #7

26th May 2011

## Principal's Perspective

### AREA SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

30 of our senior students travelled to Tuatapere last week to compete in the annual Southern Region Area Schools Tournament. The simple message I gave students was to be competitive on the field or court and cooperative off it. I was very impressed by the way our students conducted themselves during the 3 days of competition.

The award for our Most Valuable Player went to R-Jay Neri for his outstanding performance on the Basketball court. Other students to receive awards were Giles Graham and Andrea Voyce.

4 students were selected in the Southern Area Team and will travel to Taupo in July for the National tournament. They are Luke Steele (Golf), Tamara Hawkins (Netball), James Hollows (Rugby) and Andre Fonternel (Rugby). Congratulations to these students. Thank you to everyone who made the tournament so successful, including our staff members Mr Donald, Miss Docherty and Miss Paterson.

It is our turn to host the tournament in 2012 and we look forward to welcoming the 150 athletes plus support staff who will compete in Ranfurly next year.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

Well done to the Junior School for putting on an entertaining WOW assembly last week. As you are probably aware the topic the Junior School has been studying is based on "Environmental Sustainability". Projects including recycling, wearable arts and a worm farm have been taking place during the term. Students are learning to become more environmentally conscious and are developing a good understanding of reducing waste.

At \$96 a trailer load to take rubbish to the local dump, I am certainly a supporter of waste reduction at school!!

### HIGHLANDERS VISIT

The Highlanders helicopter flies in on Friday and will land on the school grounds at just after 1pm (weather permitting). 4 players in the Highlanders squad will visit and mix with the students on a promotional visit. Feel free to come along and bring any pre-schoolers who may want to be part of this opportunity.

### BULLYING SURVEY

As part of our self review process students were recently asked to complete a survey on how safe they feel at school.

This included some searching questions on bullying. We have a zero tolerance of bullying and it is important to us that students know how important it is to tell somebody if they are being bullied.

We will not bury our head in the sand when it comes to bullying. We know bullying occurs in schools and we are intent on getting the message across to our students that it is totally unacceptable.

Please talk to your child at home. If you suspect there are incidents of bullying please let the school know and we **will** deal with it.

Bullies are NOT welcome at our school. I will let you know about some of the findings from the survey in due course.

Regards

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**PHOTOS:**  
Some of the fun at the Area Schools tournament. Maniototo students take part in the mixed netball and the great mystery challenge.



## **PTA CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

**Sam van Turnhout was recipient of the PTA citizenship award, and deserves this honour for a number of reasons.**

**Samantha's kind personality, strength of character and her patience with others has impressed the teachers on a number of occasions.**

**Samantha treats every student in the school with respect. She shows concern for all, and her willingness to help is appreciated by everyone.**

**Samantha comes to school smiling and this positive attitude remains with her for the rest of the day.**

**Samantha's manners are outstanding and she confidently relates to people of all ages. She shows sensitivity to others and is always willing to lend her fellow students a hand.**

**Samantha works hard in all areas and is an absolute pleasure to teach.**

**She has the determination and attitude to become a real success.**

**Samantha van Turnhout, congratulations.**

**On behalf of the Junior School, thank you.**

**You are a very worthy recipient of the PTA Citizenship Award, Term one 2011.**



## **WORLD SMOKEFREE DAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2011**

### **QUITLINE**

Call 0800 778 778 or the Medical Centre phone 444 1073

Smokefree Quit packs are available to anyone in the community who wishes to quit smoking.

Please Collect your free pack from the School Office. [Students also welcome]

### **RANFURLY WALKING GROUP**

**WHERE:** Railway Station, outside the Information Centre

**WHEN:** Wednesdays 12.30pm

**WHO:** a Walking Group for all levels of fitness and ages

**PHONE:** Joan Pringle 4449629 or Robin Norton 4449530

[for further information]

# JUNIOR SCHOOL BUZZ



It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents at the WOW assembly on Thursday night. The children loved showing off their amazing creations and I know I certainly picked up many ways I could live more sustainably! Well done and thank you Bridget Smith and Nina Flanagan who were entertaining hosts for the night. Congratulations to Samantha van Turnhout who received the well deserved Citizenship award for term 1. You certainly are a conscientious and thoughtful member of our school.

We are still looking for friends of the school that would like to take a small group of children for a craft activity for three Friday afternoon sessions this term. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact the school office.

Sadly, Trina Steele has finished her teaching role in Whero on a Friday. Her enthusiasm and dedication is going to be missed by the children and staff in the Junior School. I'm sure we will still see Mrs Steele in a relieving role from time to time. Heather Dowling is going to take over teaching Fridays in Whero which she is looking forward to.

We hope to see you at the Junior Assembly on Thursday 2nd June and afterwards at the PTA AGM as we work together to achieve more opportunities for our students.



## Important School Dates

\*\* Please remember to update your calendar at home \*\*\*

27 May	Highlanders visit school 1.10pm
30 May	National Youth Leadership Day in Dunedin
1 June	Gruffalo Trip to Oamaru (Years 1-4)
2 June	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (Kakariki & Kowhai to host)
2 June	PTA AGM 3.15pm in Library
3 June	Music Tuition
6 June	Queens Birthday— <b><u>SCHOOL IS CLOSED</u></b>
10 June	Funky Friday (Junior School)
10 June	Careers Presentation 2.15pm
12-13 June	Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament in Dunedin
14 June	NZ Playhouse Theatre 1.30pm (Years 1-8)
16 June	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (Whero & Tawa to host)
17 June	Music Tuition
24 June	Funky Friday (Junior School)
30 June	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (Kahurangi to host)
1 July	Music Tuition
8 July	Funky Friday (Junior School)
14 July	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (All classes to host)
15 July	Music Tuition
15 July	Last Day of Term 2
1 August	Term 3 Begins

Ranfurly Youth Drama Group present...

### **CINDERELLA 2**

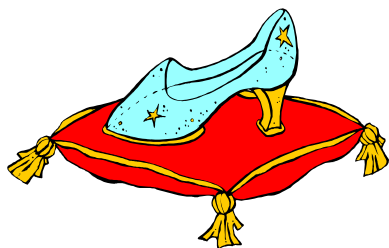
### **"Revenge of the Step Sisters"**

Thursday 9 June

7pm

At the Ranfurly Town Hall

Tickets on  
sale at the  
School Office  
Adults \$10



### **PTA**

Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 2nd June  
3.15pm in the Library

To be followed by a General Meeting  
All very welcome

Apologies to Miranda Smith 444 9567

### **WIN A TRAINING SESSION WITH THE SILVER FERNS**

Simply spend \$25 at New World between  
30 May and 12 June then go online  
[www.newworld.co.nz](http://www.newworld.co.nz) to enter.  
Simply register your details every time you  
spend \$25 and nominate our school.  
You can enter as many times as you like.



### **WANTED:**

Friends of the school that would like to take a craft activity with a small group of year 1-6 children on our Funky Friday afternoons (10 June, 24 June, 8 July). Please contact the office with details of your talent and suggestion, and we will get back to you. There will be a small budget available.