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Our Vision: To grow young people who **love God** and **impact others** through **service** and **leadership**.

Our Mission: To provide a **quality education** in a **Christian environment** where children can **develop** their **God-given abilities**.

Middleton Grange Speech Competition



Three of our top speech makers were recently chosen to participate in the annual Middleton Grange Middle and Senior Speech Competition. All three performed at a very high level with Jessica Frost coming first in the Year 7 group with her speech '*An important lesson—Pride*', Claudia Boot coming first in the Year 8 group with her speech '*if you don't stand for something, you'll stand for anything*' and Amiria Reid participating in a tight race at Year 10 with her speech '*The power of freedom*'. Congratulations to all three of you on achieving to such a high standard and representing Hillview so well!

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Innovation – We always look to improve ourselves

"In the beginning God created/design...." Gen 1:1

4 July

Principal's Ponderings...

Kia ora koutou (greetings to you all),



I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and in good health. There are a few things I would like to share with you this week:

Staff Leaving: At the end of this term we will be saying, "good-bye" to Miss Ashleigh Probert (fondly known as Miss P by the pupils). Miss Probert has been one of the longest serving staff at Hillview having worked for over 17years. Most of her teaching at Hillview has been in the Year 3/4 area of the school. Miss Probert is part owner of a Kip McGrath franchise and will be heavily involved in tutoring and managing the business. It will be very sad to farewell Miss P but we are excited for the new season of life that awaits her.

In the same breath we warmly welcome Mrs Sacha Robinson. Mrs Robinson is a 3rd year teacher at Clearview Primary School in Rolleston. She started her teaching career at Otakiri School in 2013 as a Year 6/7 teacher and shifted to Christchurch at the end of the year (as her husband Dylan had a job transfer). She secured a job at Clearview Primary School for 2014 and worked at Year 3/4 then transitioned to Year 5/6 for this year. Sacha and her husband attend Lincoln Baptist. I am sure that you, along with me, will welcome her to our school community.

We are also welcoming Mrs Rosemary Fisher to our Y0-2 Learning Team as she will be the Y0/1 teacher for Term 3-4. Mrs Fisher worked here two years ago as a Year 1 teacher and arrives with a wealth of experience and expertise. She will begin teaching Room 8's current class at the beginning of next term while Mrs Harland begins teaching a new group of New Entrant children. Please pray that both teachers transition well into our community.

NB: As a school community we celebrate the arrival of Olivia Angela Nelson. Mr and Mrs Nelson are thrilled and both Mum and baby are doing very well. Dad is coping! She was born on Tuesday morning and weighed in at 4.4kg.

School Closure: I thought it would be worthwhile to remind the school community as to what our procedure of communication is when there may be a possibility of our school closing due to adverse conditions such as severe weather, natural disasters, and so forth:

A decision will be made by 7.30am and if you are unsure on whether the school is open, PLEASE follow these options; a) check our website for a current message, b) ring the school and choose the cancellation's option to listen to our message or c) check to see if you have received a text from the school – this is for those who have signed up for the school text service. (If you haven't signed up, text HILLVIEW to 570. You will receive an instant confirmation text). **If there is no message by 7.40am on the website, cancellation answer phone service or school text service to indicate that the school is closed, you can safely assume that Hillview will be officially open.** **NB:** We will try and inform Newstalk ZB if the school does close and hope they will publicly announce this soon after 7.30am. Please help the school and protect the sanity of the office ladies by refraining from ringing the school and asking them if Hillview is open.

I would like to re-assure you that there is much thought invested into making a decision around whether our school closes or remains open and it is a decision not taken lightly. If you genuinely think it is unsafe to bring your child to school, you are most welcome to keep them at home. If you do choose to do this, please ensure that you leave a message on the school absentee line. We would also ask respectfully for you not to instruct your child to carry around

their cell phone with them at school. If you *urgently* need to get hold of your child, contact the school office and the message will be relayed to the appropriate person as soon as possible.

Reports: Y0-8 School reports will be completed and sent home next week. Y0-8 reports will be based around the National Standards of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. There will also be a section that reflects the appropriate key competencies. These reports clearly communicate the progress of your child. Please feel free to email your child's teacher if you have any further questions or make an appointment to see them in person during the option interviews to be held later in the year.

Gym Update: Hopefully you will have noticed that our new school gym is a hive of activity with several contractors visiting the site on a daily basis over the last 2-3 weeks. They are working their way through this wonderful community centre and significant progress has been made. We are still unsure of the completion date but you can rest assured that everything is being done to get it finished as soon as possible. I went for a visit this week and gave thanks to God that we, along with the community, will be able to use this amazing resource to bless our pupils and the surrounding community.

Ngā mihi nui whaka mana ki a koutou
(I bid you a special farewell from all I am to you)

Steve Frost (Tumuaki – Principal)

Tips for Learning

Year 3-6 Tips for Sports #2 (by Paul Norton)



Long distance running preparation

– The FITT Principal:

As with all the age groups, the goal for all children is to be able to complete the distance running/walking the whole way. For Year 3-6 children they can adhere to the **FITT** principles in their training in order to achieve excellence – **DOING THEIR BEST!**

F- *Frequency* – one fitness session a week is ok but two to three or more will see improvement. Do rest between sessions though.

I- *Intensity* – a slow jog/walk is ok but you will not really see any improvement. A good principle is to have a slow/long day and a short/fast day where the intensity is harder. Approximately a 60-80% effort will see improvements happen.

T – *Time* – not distance. The session may be six minutes of running, not 1km. Try to set a goal of say six minutes running rather than 1km.

T – *Type* – vary your training. Running the same course is boring. Try the steps behind St. Martins School or by Rapaki track. Go for a bike/run or find a little course along the river in Hansen Park. Do a Zumba or aerobics session.

Once a week it is good to try the course out – but maybe start with one lap, then try two and then three then try running them faster next time.

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations

Year 9 Wearable Art Presentation: We were very excited to see the variety of costumes and masks made for the Year 9 Wearable Art parade. The pupils showed initiative, creativity, and collaboration as they presented their handiwork at our recent Year 7-10 assembly.

Middleton Grange Speech Contest – Congratulations to all three girls(see front page) who represented Hillview at the recent MGS speech contest. You achieved a high standard of presentation and represented Hillview so well!

Dates to Remember

- 1.1 **Monday 22 June** – Year 7 trip to Orton Bradley
- 1.2 **Wednesday 1 July** – Year 1-4 Cross Country Challenge
- 1.3 **Thursday 2 July** – Whole School Assembly 1.40-2.50pm
- 1.4 **Thursday 2 July** – Last Day of Term 2
- 1.5 **Friday 3 July** – Teacher Only Day
- 1.6 **Monday 20 July** – First Day of Term 3

Noticeboard

- 2.1 **Sibling New Entrants 2016** – Do you have a younger child due to start here at Hillview during 2016? If your child's name is not listed below but they are due to start school sometime during 2016 please come and get an application form from the office. This really helps us with our planning for next year. **Please note: closing date for NE applications is 28 August 2015.** If you have any questions please contact Claire at the office. Applications for siblings we have received so far are for: *Jessica Allison, Lucy Burgess, Micah Davis, Ruby Dowall, Chidima Emadi, Lucy Frew, Amelia Graham, Theo Kelleher, Daniel Le Roux, Raema Le Roux, Malea Marsden, Isabella McEwing, Lily McKenzie, Rupert Nielsen, Holly O'Brien, Noah Rebelo-Daniels, Max Skinner, Mary Trengrove, Matai Waddell and Benjamin Wilkinson.*
- 2.2 **Opening Hours Over the Holidays** – The school office will be open from 9.00am -4.00pm on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 July.
- 2.3 **School Reports** – Year 0-8 reports will be coming home next Thursday with your eldest child. Year 9/10 principal award reports will be sent home Week 1 of Term 3.
- 2.4 **Yr 7 EOTC Trip** - The Year 7 pupils are heading to Orton Bradley Park on Monday 22nd of June (Week 10). If you are having trouble viewing the notice emailed to you, please contact your Y7 classroom teacher. The cost for this trip is \$5 and this will be placed on your school account.
- 2.5 **Uniform Shop** - The shop will be open the following hours over the next few weeks. Monday 22 June - 1.30pm to 3.30pm. *CLOSED on Monday 29 June for stocktake.* School holiday hours - Thursday 16 July 10am to 12pm; Friday 17 July 1pm to 3pm. Orders can be emailed anytime to hillviewuniform@gmail.com and will be left in the office for you to collect at your convenience. Backorders - a number of you are waiting for new PE uniforms & Navy Polo size 10. I have been advised today that these will be available on 22nd June. Sale on Behalf - Please be advised that the shop will now only stock second hand uniform that is current uniform. If you have items that are OLD uniform that you would like to retrieve, please do so in the next two weeks. OLD items not collected will be disposed of. We have new stock of the following items: junior girls' winter tights, socks, skivvies; juniorboys' winter shorts. - Emma Richardson
- 2.6 **Lost Uniform** - We have many reports of lost uniform. Please check your child has brought home the uniform that belongs to them. With children changing in and out of PE gear during the school day a lot of items go missing. Please have a sort out at home **before the holidays** as this can be very stressful for families on low incomes. Many thanks.



2.7 Room 8 Children – All children in Room 8 will be moving on to Room 6 with their new teacher Mrs Rosemary Fisher at the start of Term 3 (unless you have been told that your child is staying with Mrs Harland for a few more weeks).

HSA & BOT News

- 3.1 **Calling all Funky Pumpkin customers** – If you shop at Funky Pumpkin on Colombo Street please keep your receipts and give them to the HSA. Funky Pumpkin will give the school a % of the amount purchased (excluding Westmeat). Please bring them to the office and place them in the HSA.
- 3.2 **Entertainment Books** – These have arrived; please collect your ordered copy from the office.

Community Notices

4.1 Holiday Programmes – We have received several notices from programmes on offer these holidays: **CPIT** is staging *Sportastic*, a fun, affordable holiday programme for sporty 9 to 12 year olds. (13-17 July), *Sportastic* costs \$200 for the week and bookings can be made online at www.cpit.ac.nz **Aquagym** offers holiday swimming lessons at 459 Cashel St Ph:381- 0299. **Tin Palace** offers creative workshops, for more information see their website www.tinpalace.co.nz **Sport Canterbury** have action packed programmes with exciting activities and excursions; open for bookings now! There are a number of programme/venue options to suit children's needs. For full details: www.sportcanterbury.org.nz **Mainland Football** are offering a programme on 13, 14 & 15 July for more info see their website www.mainlandfootball.co.nz

- 4.2  **Unlimited Kids Conference**
"Take Off" – For all children Years 3-8. 13-15 July, 9.30am-3.00pm at Riccarton Baptist Church. Registrations and more information online at unlimited.org.nz
- 4.3 **Christchurch South Library** – Our local library offers a range of after school programmes. To make an enquiry, please either phone: (03) 941 5140 or email: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz

Verses to Learn Term 2

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:-

- Middleton Grange's new gym being completed
- our pupils' achievements during the last two weeks
- Christian education being available in New Zealand

Please pray for:-

- the protection and strengthening of our marriages
- the new pupils arriving at Hillview in Term 3
- the growth of Rolleston Christian School

Join us for prayer tomorrow morning from 8.20am in the small theatre next to the library.

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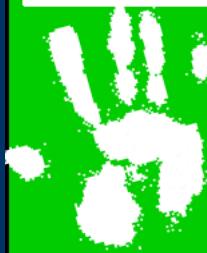
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