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Newsletter (Panui)

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Incredibly this is the final newsletter of the year. Life at South continues at a furious pace right up to the last day!

I am very appreciative of the dedication, time and vigour put in to their professional roles by our whole staff team. I have no doubt that you would like to join me in thanking each of them for their work this year.

Our Major Production "Time Lord" was a terrific success. Congratulations to all the students, staff and parents who had a part to play in ensuring each show was well received and that the experience was a hugely rewarding one for everyone involved.

Many students represented the school recently at the Summer Sports Tournament playing tennis, golf, touch rugby, cricket, volleyball and softball. The results were excellent and student participation and sportsmanship outstanding.

Our Year 8 students enjoyed a well-attended Leavers' Dance this week – another highlight of a student's time at South.

As occurs every year in large schools there are some changes of staff. Helen Adams has resigned from her permanent full time position. She started her teaching career at South in 2001. In the

16 years she has had a significant positive impact on the lives and educations of many students. Helen has always been versatile and adaptive as seen in her willingness to take on a range of different roles over the years such as leading our mathematics team, teaching as a Science specialist, supporting students who struggle and extending those who excel and her close and supportive work with the PTA. We are pleased that she will continue to work around the school in a part time capacity filling a variety of roles.

Christine Murphy started teaching at South in 2008 (9 years ago). She has been a homeroom teacher and a specialist teacher in that time and has led both homeroom and specialist teams of teachers. She took a year's study leave during 2015 to complete her Masters. Christine and her partner and daughter will be moving to the UK early next year to be closer to family. We are very sorry to see Christine go but we wish her well knowing that she has the skills and drive to be successful wherever her life takes her.

Brett Morell has only been with us for this year however he has won a permanent teaching position at Parkview School. He is looking forward to the challenge and opportunity to teach slightly younger students next year.

Jude Griffiths has been a teacher aide at South for the last 3 years. She has decided to continue her university studies and complete a Masters in counselling. We are sure she will be an excellent counsellor as she is an excellent listener. We wish her well with her studies and look forward to possibly seeing her back around our school in a different capacity in the future.

Earlier this term we received sad news of the passing of Lynley Bell. Lynley had been a teacher and teacher librarian at South for many years. Following her retirement she kept in contact with many staff from South. Her contribution to our school was huge. Her 29 year association with our school as a member of staff didn't end with her retirement. She found time to be a valued member of our Jubilee Committee in 2014. Her terrific knowledge of literature and her desire to maintain high standards and expectations of herself, other

staff and students is a legacy that is still talked about and aspired to by staff who knew her.

We have appointed some well-qualified staff and look forward to working with them, and the many staff members who are remaining, in 2017.

All students took their final report home on Monday. I trust you find them a useful summary of your child's achievements this year and a helpful starting point for setting future goals.

This year our PTA have been a small but very dedicated team. They have had fun supporting the school in a variety of ways. We want to express our sincere thanks to them for their efforts this year. This week they presented the school with a cheque for \$15,000 that will pay for a laser cutter for the students to use in the technology rooms to help bring their design work to life.

As this is our last newsletter for the year I would like to thank you all for your support. A special thank you to those families who are about to end their association with our school. We look forward to hearing of the future successes of the students who have been through our school.

Please note that school finishes for the year immediately following the final assembly at approximately 12.00 noon on Friday.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and restful holiday season.

Ngā mihi nui

Ross Hastings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hastings', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Principal

Congratulations

To **Harrison Craythorne** who completed his black belt grading on Saturday. After 3.5 hours of hard work he has qualified as a black belt. Well done Harrison a great reward for those months of hard work and extra trainings.



Open Garden

On Sunday afternoon the Garden Club students welcomed friends, family, and neighbours, colleagues from other schools, to our garden. This was a wonderful chance to show everyone what we had achieved this year. Our ambassadors welcomed the visitors and then escorted them around the



garden, pointing out the various areas, the vegetable beds, the orchards, the perennial bed, the stump garden and the native plant beds. We had a small sales table, selling items made from garden produce. The elderflower cordial, lemon honey and tomato relish almost flew out the garden. The weather was perfect, the music added to the ambience and the balloons marked the path. We want to thank our great team of helpers who made this event so successful, Vikki Skene from the PTA, school staff-Wendy Lynch, Mair our Canteen manager, Rod McLeod our caretaker, friends of

the school, Nicky Ryan Yates and Emily van Montfort. We hope that this will become an annual event

Summer Tournament 2016



1st place: Girls touch team

Summer Tournament was held on Tuesday 6th December at a number of venues this year with South competing in all the events offered. It was a hot summers day and all the competitors had to make sure they were hydrated. We entered 2

touch teams, 4 tennis teams, 1 mixed softball team, 2 golf teams, 2 volleyball teams and two cricket teams so in total 85 students competed. Everyone gave it their all and we came away with a number of pleasing results. Well done to everyone and thank you to those parents who provided transport and helped coach a number of teams. Without you a successful event like this wouldn't happen.

Placings:

Golf A - 1st place

Touch Girls - 1st place

Tennis A - 2nd place

Cricket Boys - 2nd place

Volleyball A - 3rd place

Touch Boys - 3rd place

Cricket Girls - 3rd place

School For Young Writers Success

A group of South students working with well known author, James Norcliffe earlier this year.



Following four very successful writers workshops held at South this year, The School for Young Writers would like to congratulate the following pupils who have had pieces selected for publication in the next edition of Write On magazine.

Jack Gunn (2 pieces), *Trelise Harrison* (2 pieces) and *Georgia Fitzpatrick* (1 piece). These three, and the following students, also contributed to collaborative poems that have also been included in the magazine: *Amelia Cochrane*, *Max Gerling*, *Lucy Mayers*, *Lucas Puha*, *Phoebe Burns*, and *Annabel Morrison*.

The Summer edition of Write On magazine will be launched on Saturday December 17th.

Well done, team!

Some of our hard working garden club members with our awards, Alex, Cameron, Jeremy, Aodhan, Diego, Shiann, George.

Each year South enters the School Environmental Enhancement Programme, run by Keep Christchurch



Beautiful. We have to set our environment goals and we are judged

on three separate occasions as to how well we achieve these. Last week a group of us attended the awards ceremony at Isleworth School where we were presented with a caretaker's award for the great work Rod McLeod does in keeping our grounds tidy, a gardener's award for the wonderful work Emily van Montfort is doing to maintain the garden beds around the school, and a Highly Commended award for the recycling efforts in our produce garden by the garden club members. Our re-purposed beds, chair and desk frames, fencing made from pallets, worm farm, compost, stump garden, and mulch all earned us this great recognition. Well done to all who worked so hard during the year.

Inter School Athletics Results – 22 November

A team of 61 students and 3 staff headed down to Ashburton to compete in the Inter-school Athletics meet on Tuesday 22nd November. It was a hot day which made it hard at times for the competitors. Every student gave it their all and we came away with a number of outstanding results. Thanks to the parents who supported the students at the event. It was much appreciated.

*****New Record*****

Zach Goldsmith Year 8 Boys High Jump 1.58m

Results:

Year 7 Girls

Long Jump

3rd Gracie Pratten

Discus

3rd Gracie Pratten

100m Relay

3rd Samantha Ross, Jorga Loose, Gemma Quigley, Gracie Pratten

Year 7 Boys

High Jump

1st Jess Beeforth **1.43m**

Long Jump

2nd Jess Beeforth

100m Relay

3rd Hamish Judd, Marcus Blair, Xavier Fidow, Jess Beeforth

Year 8 Girls

Discus

1st Phoebe Watson **26.70m**

3rd Amelie Mackay

Shot Put

1st Georgia Fitzpatrick **9.29m**

3rd Phoebe Watson

100m

2nd Emma Elston

3rd Georgia Brown

100m Relay

2nd Georgia Brown, Emma Elston, Alyssa Whinham, Lucia Chretien

Year 8 Boys

High Jump

1st Zach Goldsmith **1.58m**

Long Jump

1st Cornelius Kaufuti **5.25m**

Shot Put

2nd Avelima Loua

100m Relay

2nd Zach Goldsmith, Cornelius Kaufuti, Noah Mauchline, Joseph Waiti

Open

200m – Girls

3rd Rylee Cleine

200m - Boys

2nd Charlie Hazlett

3rd Oliver Giamblanco

800m – Girls

1st Molly Judson **5.46.22s**

800m – Boys

3rd Charlie Hazlett

2016 Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements outside of school.

Canterbury Football 11th grade team – Boys: Noah Smith, Luka Fields, Tyler Brown

Canterbury Football 12th grade team – Boys: George Campbell

Canterbury Football U14 team – Girls: Alyssa Whinham

Mainland Pride U14 National Football team – Alyssa Whinham

National Talent Centre Football team – Alyssa Whinham

Cashmere Football Club academy – Ben Leavy

Canterbury Metro U65kg Primary Schools Rugby team – Zach Goldsmith, Cornelius Kaufuti & Joshua Podmore – (1st South Island Tournament)

Canterbury Metro U48kg Primary Schools Rugby team – Max Craw & Henry Clatworthy

Christchurch East Rep Rugby team – Maka Faingaanuku

South Island Rep Rugby team – Cornelius Kaufuti

Crusaders and All Blacks ball boy – Henry Clatworthy

Canterbury U14 Black Touch team – Rylee Munro

Canterbury U14 Touch team – Girls: Alyssa Whinham
Canterbury Primary Schools' Metro Netball team – Lose Faingaanuku
West Coast U13 Girls Hockey Team – Lucy Booth
Canterbury U13 Ice Hockey Team – Rylee Kane
Pioneer Allstars Basketball Yr 7/8 Boys team – Zach Goldsmith (won the Canterbury division champs)
Canterbury U13 Basketball team – Girls: Keira Hill, Trelise Harrison
Canterbury U13 Basketball team – Boys: Alex Wenmoth, Rio Mahauariki, OJ Fialele, Sam Evans, Jesse Beeforth (1st South Island Tournament)
Canterbury Korfball Red team – Zach Goldsmith, Monty Kemp, Campbell Stewart, Alyssa Whinham
Canterbury Korfball Black team – Lose Faingaanuku, Emma Batey, Tayla Garrick
Canterbury Athletics Champs – Zach Goldsmith 1st high jump, 1st 4x100 relay, 2nd long jump, 3rd 80m hurdles
Canterbury Interprovincial Athletic Team 12-13 years – Zach Goldsmith – the team came 1st overall. Zach was individual high jump champ, 1st 4x100 relay, 4th long jump
Canterbury Cricket U11 team – Zack Howe
Canterbury Merging Cricket team – Jack MacDonald, Archie MacDonald
Kayaking Nationals – Thomas MacGibbon x4 Gold, x4 Silver
NZ Surf Lifesaving National Champs U13 – Zach Goldsmith 1st beach flags, 2nd beach sprints, 4th board race
South Island Surf lifesaving Champs – Zach Goldsmith 1st beach flags, 1st beach sprints, 1st board relay, 2nd board race, 2nd diamond race
Canterbury Water Polo Year 7 & 8 team – Dillon Coakley
Trampolining – Matthew Davis
NZ Karate Opens – Lestat Heal (4th place)
Taekwondo – Lily Searancke
Taekwondo – Lily Jeffs x2 2nd and 3rd at National Tournament for 12 age group
Highland Dancing – Dani Joy runnerup Scottish Official Board, 1st National Scottish Dancing in her Fling, Best Overall impression while competing in Paris
Jazz Dancing – Madeleine Symonds (Gold)

Rhythmic Gymnastics – Bella Gruindelingh – Nationals gold medal in rope routine, silver overall placing, bronze in free routine

ADMISSION DAY 2017

Monday, 30 January 2017
9.30am to 11.30am or 12.30pm to 2.00pm

- Parents/guardians are to accompany students to school for approximately 30 minutes at some stage between 9.30am – 11.30am or 12.30pm – 2.00pm.
- Students are not required to be in uniform on this day.
- Meet the teacher and discuss requirements.
- Payments may be made by eftpos, cheque or cash, or automatic payment arrangements can be made.
- Cost for school activities between \$212 - \$260 (including outdoor education days and activities, specialised stationery, technology materials and some of the costs associated with online learning and reporting).
- Voluntary Donation \$60.
- Regular classes begin at 8.40am on Tuesday, 31st January.
- All students **must** be in full uniform on Tuesday, 31st January.

If you would like to start making payments into the school bank account prior to the start of the year our bank account details are:

Westpac 030855 0468119 00 (please reference with your child's first and last name)

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday 30 January	-	Thursday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 1 May	-	Friday 7 July
Term 3	Monday 24 July	-	Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October	-	Friday 15 December

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

These are printed at the request of the organiser involved and we do not necessarily associate ourselves with the organisation or condone what they are offering.

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve Carol Service – 7 to 8 pm in the Christchurch South Intermediate Hall. Carols, Items, an Illustrated Christmas story, a craft, glow sticks and finishing with hot cocoa and a nibble. A free, fun packed event for the whole family put on by Connect Church who meets regularly in the hall.

Tweens & Teens Toolbox Parenting Course (12 – 18 years)

In six sessions over six weeks, this course is designed to give you tools to equip your teenager with a strong sense of self, as well as responsibility and resourcefulness. We will help you in your journey of letting go and handing over some of the controls as your young person learns to fly solo.

When: Wednesday 15th February to Wednesday 22nd March, 2017
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Private home in Somerfield, Christchurch
\$75 single and \$110 couple (further subsidies are available)

Contact: Kirsten 03 3796053 or Canterbury@theparentingplace.com
www.theparentingplace.com

Mainland Football Outdoor Holiday Programmes

DECEMBER:-

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 20th, 21st and 22nd December 2016

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

JANUARY:-

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 25th, 26th and 27th January 2017

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)

Mainland Futsal Indoor Holiday Programmes

JANUARY:

Age: 6-12 year olds.

Dates: 23rd, 24th and 25th January 2017

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: Pioneer Stadium

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)

Living Springs Kids Camp: Summer Sizzler

Jan 9-13, Ages 8-12, \$285 for accommodation, food and fun adventure activities. Register online at www.livingsprings.co.nz or email info@livingsprings.co.nz. Phone 329-9788 for more info.

Living Springs Trailblazers Camp. Jan 9-13, Ages 13-15, \$285 for accommodation, food and challenging activities and exploring Lyttelton Harbour. Limited spaces. Register online www.livingsprings.co.nz or email info@livingsprings.co.nz Phone 329-9788 for more info.

CALENDAR 2016/2017

15 December	Year 7 Certificate Assembly 11.15am-12.15pm
15 December	Year 8 Prize Giving Assembly 1.00pm-2.45pm
16 December	Final Assembly 11.00am-12.00pm
16 December	Last Day Term 4

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

30 January 2017	Term 1 Admission Day 9.30am-11.30am or Admission Day 12.30pm – 2.00 pm
6 February	Waitangi Day – School Closed
15 February	School photos
20 February – 3 March	Year 7 River Crossing Year 7 Sailing Year 8 Camp
11 March	PTA Car Boot sale
13 March	Swimming Sports
13 April	Last day Term 1



