

# Calendar of Events

## November

28th November: Spelling Bee Malvern  
29th : Yr6 Day at Darfield High School

## December

1st: Assembly  
4th: Bible in Schools Christmas Show  
6th: Canterbury Athletics in Ashburton  
11th: Year 6 Day Out  
13th: Prize Giving  
14th: Skate School  
15th: Assembly  
15th December : Term 4 Ends

## First day of Term 1 2018:

Monday 29th January

**Our Greendale Vision is to: L.E.A.R.N.**

**L**ifelong Learner

**E**xcellence

**A**ctively Involved

**R**elationships

**N**ow and in the Future

24th November  
2017

GREENDALE SCHOOL  
A great place to LEARN



Selwyn



Waireka



Hawkins

House Colour Day





# Principal's Comment

Time is ticking away for the year. We still have lots to do at school, no sign of letting up yet.

Firstly well done to everyone who is connected to Greendale School. Sarah, Rhyannon and Mrs Banks represented our Envirogroup and attended the Lincoln Enviro Business Awards. Again we won a "GOLD AWARD". This is for being an environmentally and socially responsible place. I will make sure we have some celebration treats at our meeting Monday after school!

Good job to Lucas and Jaxon who took part in the Kapahaka performance at the Highland Games. Lucas's moko looked outstanding. (See photo on Page 7)

Teachers are completing the last of their assessment to build into the end of year reports, which are due home in week 9.

A big welcome to Sophie Burrowes and her parents Chris and Lisa. Sophie joined Room 3 this week and we are enjoying her enthusiasm and smiling face.

We wish our 2 year 5 and 6 spelling teams well in the Malvern spelling bee next week (new initiative organised by Olivia).



Best of luck to Juliet, Brooke, Daniel and Lucas at the Canterbury Athletics in Ashburton the following week.

We look forward to seeing our combined Kapahaka group performing along with Early Childhood centres, Primary and Darfield High- a new CoL initiative.

So as you see we certainly haven't wound down yet!

Have a safe and happy weekend

Regards Carey-Anne

# Community Notices

## Selwyn Speech Language Therapy.

My name is Frances Stevens and I have established Selwyn speech Language Therapy. Currently I am looking for new clients. I offer a no -obligation **free** first consultation. I can work with children who have difficulties with Articulation Skills/ Speech Intelligibility, Expressive Language Skill, Receptive Language/ Listening Skills, Speech Fluency/Stuttering ,Socially/Pragmatic Language. Contact me: 022 610 7755  
[www.selwynspeechlanguage.co.nz](http://www.selwynspeechlanguage.co.nz)  
[selwynspeechlanguage@gmail.com](mailto:selwynspeechlanguage@gmail.com)



## Lost Property- Athletics

Left at Athletics at Darfield High School. Please contact Sue at DHS office if these are yours.



## Evening Storytimes at your library



[www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)



## Cantastic Tree

Donate a can, build a tree and help those in need!

Put your donation on the Cantastic Tree at your local library and service centre between 20 November-18 December... Have you lost your library card? Bring a can in during this time and we'll replace it for free. Donations must be in cans, non-perishable, within the use by/best by date, and with original label. Donations will be given to Elsomere Food Bank Trust which covers all of Selwyn.



[www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz)



## NEW ICT TIPS SECTION"- from Anjela from Netsafe

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.



netsafe.org.nz



# BOT News

Next meeting Tuesday 28th November

# PTA News

### Christmas Cookies

**Fundraiser: 2 Tins of Mini cookies, one of each design \$20. Orders need to be in by 29th November. Order forms are available from school or email**

**greendalepta@gmail.com**



# School News

### Year 6 Leaders end of year trip Monday Dec 11th

Mrs Hamilton is planning a trip to thank you for your hard work this year leading the school. More details for those students soon.

### Socially Speaking

The teachers have taken great ideas from Georgina's sessions and using them in the classroom. We're also building this new learning into our behaviour management school wide. You will hear more next year.

### Staffing for 2018

The BOT are meeting next week so staffing for next year will be announced at the end of the week.

### Malvern Spelling Bee- Tuesday Nov 28th at Greendale Hall

This year is the inaugural Malvern spelling bee. This initiative has been put together by Olivia. Malvern schools can enter teams of year 5 and 6's. Good luck to:

Greendale Geniuses	Greendale Guns
Olivia	Sebastian
Juliet	Sam
Logan	Ella
Lucas	Micayla

### End of year Prizegiving & Supper -Greendale Hall- Wednesday December 13th at 6pm

Please mark this on your calendar. All families are invited along to celebrate 2017. Children need to come in uniform please and be ready to start at 6pm. Supper to follow. Please bring a plate of food to share. PTA are running Christmas raffles.

### School Photos

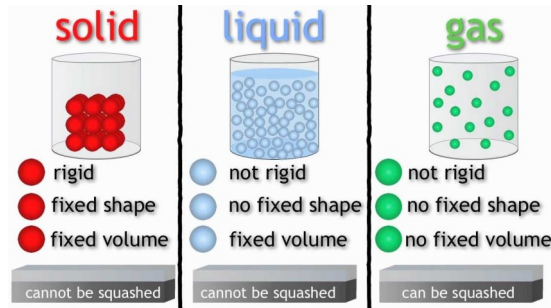
School Photos have been given to the children today. Please could we have all orders back by next Friday 1st December. \* Please note even if you are not ordering we need the photo pack returned. The Order Box will be in the foyer at school.



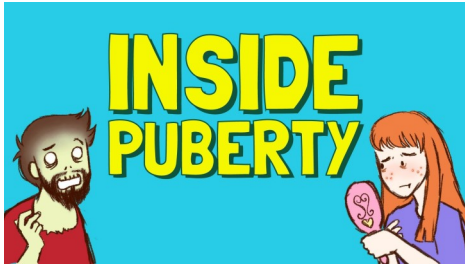
# News from Room 2

## Science

An initial experiment about floating and sinking eggs in plain and salty water has given us further thinking to explore. Children worked in pairs finding answers to their question using the “Scientific Model”. Much discussion has been had, a lot of science vocab explored and some more questions to be explored around particles and atoms. Children will follow their own science inquiry next - so watch this space about which directions they go in.



## Puberty



Year 5 and 6's have completed their puberty lessons with the health nurse and Mr G, and by now you would have talked about their learning and seen their booklets. The year 4's worked with Mrs Kilday talking more about their interests and passions and then similarities and differences between their passions.

## Year 6 transitions

The year 6's are really enjoying the opportunities to get used to how Darfield High School operates. They have one more afternoon before the full day with all other year 6's from Malvern.



In this photo you see them doing PE with a year 7 class.

# Enviro Group

Envirogroup Meeting – this Monday 27th Nov 2.30 - 4.00pm  
Last chance to meet up for the year and work more on our projects.  
Children and parents welcome.

\*“Wrap Free” Its great to see families trying to go “wrap free” every day- as encouraged by our envirogroup. Envirogroup members are giving out “wrap free tickets” to children that are completely wrap free

# Greenhearts

Struggle is all ready for the Courtenay Show tomorrow along with our radishes and eggs. So we will update you with the results next newsletter.

Greenhearts have worm tea for sale again at the same price as last time.

2 Litres \$10.00

1 Litre \$5.00

500ml \$2.50

Money from the worm tea will be going towards gardening gloves and tools.



# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## ROOM 3

**George Heslop** for great work in Maths repeating patterns

## ROOM 1

**Amity Busch & Isaac Budd** for excellent work on Athletics

**Year 1 Mathlete:** Jaxon Wright

**Year 2 Mathlete:** Isaac Buss

**Year 3 Mathlete:** Amity Busch

## Room 2


**“Welcome to Marcel Symes**

**Year 4 Mathlete:** Lucy Dering

**Year 5 Mathlete:** Brooke Ebdon-collings

**Year 6 Mathlete:** Juliet Ridgen

HOOPS  
CROSS  
ESTS

<b>SELWYN</b>	44,600	
<b>WAIREKA</b> (Kakariki)	12,000	
<b>HAWKINS</b> (Poro poro)	21,000	

# Room One

It's that time of year; testing, reports, hot days , short tempers!

Thank goodness for the opportunity to take a quick dip into our



school pool in the afternoons. We have utilised the pool every day this week during Long Play time—the children are enjoying having a 15-20 minute swim as a refresher for the afternoon's learning session. Please ensure that EVERYTHING your child is likely to need at swimming

time is NAMED (that includes individual socks, undies/knickers and towels). It is much easier to return to the correct owner if I know who the owner is!

Our Science investigation is “growing” well ... the children have proved to themselves that cress or microgreens can grow in the Fonterra milk cartons, and now we are utilising that knowledge to look at whether those same plants grow best with/without water, with/without light, or grow best with/without being regularly cut.

Thank you to those parents who are supporting the children to complete the AWS maths homework book, and are recording in the Read It that there is regular reading being heard. It makes such a difference to your child's confidence and knowledge to have their learning supported at home.



**Ko te wai te ora o ngā mea katoa**

*Water is the life giver of all things*



## NEW HEALTH & WELL BEING SECTION”

One of the “Thinkable” characters from our Socially Speaking learning.

Our focus for this week was on Positive Polly.



**Positive Polly is one of Superflex's sidekicks!**

- When you put Positive Polly in your brain, she helps you to use positive self-talk and stops the negative self-talk.
- She is the inner coach in your brain.
- She helps you work through problems and find the best way to think about it.
- When she is in your brain, you think positive thoughts like, “I can do this. It’s going to be okay!”

Created by Angela Cardenas 2012

# Room 3

This week has seen our first week with no interruptions and back to normal routine. The children have responded well to this and we are back into Maths groups with number as our focus. The children are also very tired getting back into the swing of things.

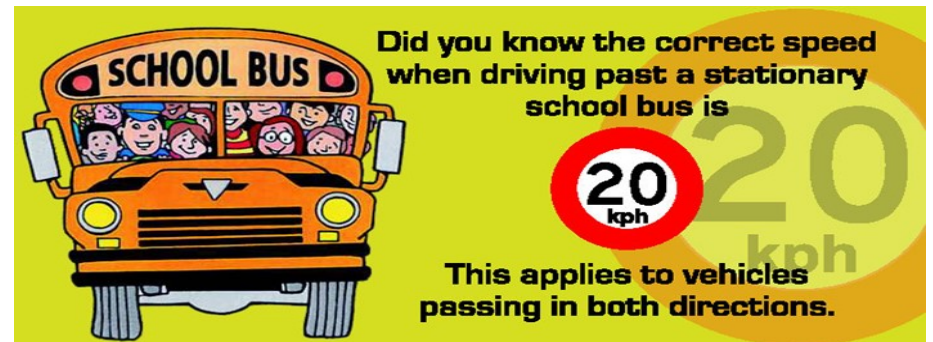
As we are drawing to the end of the year we are beginning to write reports and reflect on the progress the children have made. It is really pleasing to look back through their books to see where they were at the start of the year and to see what they can do now.

I attended a course on Wednesday looking at movement as part of the child's development and really enjoyed it. For me it reinforced how spinning, rolling and being upside down all help develop their balance. If you notice your child doing things upside down this is letting us know that they actually need more of this and to encourage it as it helps with their balance. I look forward to exploring more about brain gym and snacks of movement to help our children with optimal learning and how we can build it onto our school programme.

I also look forward to our Fundamental Skills day out on Thursday 30th. We do rely heavily on transport to get us there though, so if you can help out and take some children your offer would be most appreciated. It is just for year 0 - 2's and the 3's and 4's will get their own turn later.

Keep up with the AWS and Mathletics. I'll collect books in on Thursday next week for marking. I apologise this hasn't been very routine but we'll get back on track with taking home on Monday and handing in on Thursdays.

Enjoy your weekend.  
Helena Cridge





### **Teacher Only Day– Thursday 16 November**

Teachers had a great day reflecting on the year and making improvements for 2018. We're also using your feedback to develop our behaviour management policy.

### **Kapahaka Performance– Fri 8th December– 9.30am -11.45– DHS Hall**

Our Kapahaka group will be performing along with other Malvern Primary Kapahaka groups, Early childhood and Darfield High School groups.

9.30-10.30 Kapahaka,

10.30-11 Kai,

11-11.45 Ki O Rahi (Maori sport with Jayde)

11.45: Visit the Market Day at DHS

### **Skate School– Thursday Dec 14th**

All children will be treated to an hour of skate fun led by “Skate School” of Christchurch on the 2nd to last day of term. This initiative was organised by Jayde our activator. The PTA are supporting this fun activity.

### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL– FRIDAY DECEMBER 15TH**

Traditionally we tidy and pack up the classroom in the morning, then farewell the year 6's with our School song and guard of honour. Shared lunch is followed by a water pistol afternoon. (Togs and towels are required). Parents are welcome to join in from the shared lunch at 11.30. Children are free to go with parents or they may stay on for the bus at 2.30.



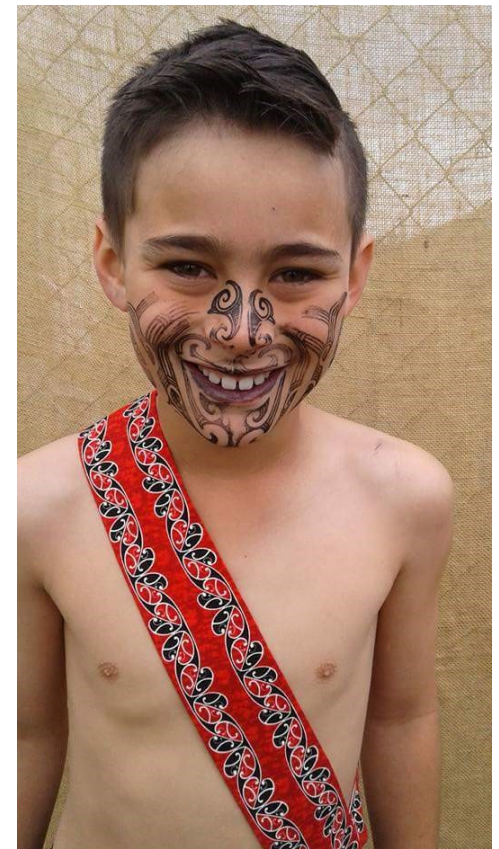
## **November**

**Isaac Budd (7) 17th**  
**Finn Booth-Jones (10) 15th**  
**James Hann(6) 15th**  
**Bess Lagan (8) 4th**  
**Saphia Ridgen(6) 25th**  
**Jaxon Wright (6) 26th**  
**Sebastian Williams (11) 7th**



Isaac pictured with his Soapbox entry in the TIMoru Soapbox Derby. The race is a fundraiser as part of Movember for Mens Mental Health (Joe, Isaac's Dad has also grown a impressive MO for the fundraiser. Isaac came a fantastic 2nd in his race and thanks to Joe for bringing the amazing cart to school for everyone to have a go.

Lucas with his Moko for the performance of Kapa Haka at the Hororata Highland Games





## Plant out of natives with Glentunnel School at Mitchells Road– Tuesday 15 Nov

What a successful day this was. 400 plants planted, safari beast hunt, history talk, water story...



## Athletics Sports

Well done to everyone who took part in our combined athletics at Darfield High School. The participation and behaviour was outstanding! Congratulations to the students Finn, Lucas, Brooke, Daniel, Leon, Juliet, Sebastian who qualified for the Malvern athletics. They also competed gallantly doing their very best with the tough competition.



Special mention to the following for gaining a first place which entitles them to go to the Canterbury Athletics in Ashburton in 2 weeks time.

Lucas– Sprints and Relay Daniel-High jump Juliet– relay Brooke– discus

