

# Calendar of Events

<b>December</b>  13th: Prize Giving 14th: Skate School 15th: Assembly 15th December : Term 4 Ends	<b>2018</b> <b>First day of Term 1 2018:</b> Monday 29th January 6/02/18: Waitangi Day Holiday 12/02/18 ERO Visit 13/2/18: Bus Safety 16/03/18: Elgregoe Visit 30/3/18: Good Friday Holiday 2/4/18: Easter Monday Holiday 3/4/18: Easter Tuesday Holiday

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

Lifelong Learner  
 Excellence  
 Actively Involved  
 Relationships  
 Now and in the Future

8th December  
2017

GREENDALE SCHOOL  
A great place to LEARN



**End of year Prize giving & Supper -Greendale Hall-  
Wednesday December 13th  
at 6pm**



Please mark this on your calendar.

All families and extended families and friends are invited along to celebrate 2017. Children need to come in uniform please and be at the Hall between 5.45 and 5.55pm ready to start at 6pm. Supper to follow. Please bring a plate of food to share. PTA are running a Christmas Raffle so pop some change in your pocket..



**The combined Kapahaka performance held today with the Malvern CoL at Darfield High School.**

Carey-Anne Hamilton

principal@greendale.school.nz



# Principal's Comment

## Principals Comment

Well this is the last newsletter for the year! It is hard to believe. But as we look back over the year we can believe it, as we have accomplished so much together. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday night at the Greendale Hall at 6pm to celebrate the year.

Teachers are completing the last of their end of year reports and these are due home on Friday.

We are just back now from our Kapahaka performance. Our combined group performing this morning along with Early Childhood centres, Primary and Darfield High- a new CoL (Kahui ako) initiative. It was OUTSTANDING to see such passion, skill and power up on the stage. Way to go Ella, Olivia, Brooke, Sebastian, Lucas, Leon, Toren, Toby, Alastar, Logan. Jaxon was absent and Micalya was watching. I was so proud to see you passionate about taking part in our inaugural cultural festival.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued partnership in your child or children's learning. Have a happy and safe Christmas and Summer break- we all need one!

Regards Carey-Anne

## School phone 021 022 03710

Please can all parents text this phone for all messages such as bus changes, absences etc

If you contact Carey-Anne's personal phone and she is away, then the school won't be informed at the right time.



# Community Notices



Selwyn District  
**Libraries**

*Your place to meet, discover and connect*

## 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 Ellesmere Food Bank Trust which covers all of Selwyn.



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

**Selwyn**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL



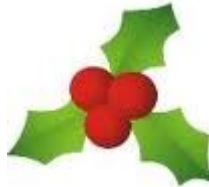
2nd place  
In the  
Malvern  
Spelling  
Bees

# BOT News

Next meeting Thursday 25th January 2018

# PTA News

Wow what a great fundraiser the Cookie Time tins were. A big “thank you” to everybody who ordered these great packs.



The PTA would like to thank the school community for its support this year and we look forward to another great year in 2018 supporting Greendale School to benefit the children and their learning. As we have committed to the BOT to support them in funding a 3rd teacher in 2018 to keep our class sizes down, we will be looking at fundraising ideas early in 2018. If you have ever considered being apart of the PTA we would love to have you join us in the New Year. Being part of the PTA is a great way to meet other parents as well as making a valuable contribution to Greendale School.

Look out for our first meeting in the New Year!

Have a safe and happy holiday.

# School News

## Office Heat Pump

A big thank you to the PTA for the donation of the Heat Pump into the office. This is will make working in the office bearable on these hot days. We really appreciate it

## Farewell to Anne Bluck

We are sad to say goodbye to Anne our teacher aide who has been with us for 2 years. She began with us when she was training and has stayed on for another year. Next year she has lots of things to do, that don't involve school. We thank her very much for her hard work and passion for her students at Greendale. We wish you well next year.



## New PE Shed

In the week leading up to Christmas we will have our new PE shed delivered and installed . It will have a space also for bikes, scooters and skateboards. If you're around in that week I will require a hand to move the gear across. I'll flick an email out and if you can drop off children to help me or yourselves that would be very much appreciated.

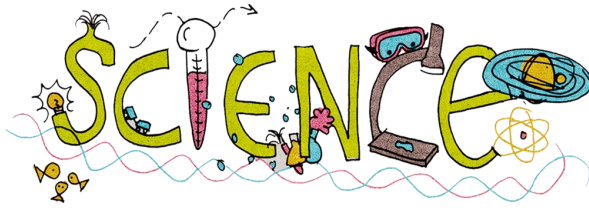
One last survey before Christmas...

I have one last review to do before the end of the year. It is a survey related to health education at Greendale. We are due for our 2 yearly consultation and I'd like to work on it over the holidays but need your feedback first. It will be a short google form and I will be sending it out this weekend. Thanks in advance for your feedback.



# News from Room 2

Well what fun we've had this last fortnight. It has been science mania! Our students have been following their inquiries in many different directions...



Why does stinging nettle sting?

How does water make power?

How hot is the sun?

Can you freeze bubbles?

Why is the ocean blue?

Can DNA be fossilised?



They have recorded their findings on google slides and embedded photos of their experiments. So much learning going on in the last weeks of school.

With our dozen eggs in the incubator we needed to find out what the 21 stages of a chick embryo look like. We also researched the parts of an egg and life cycles of chickens.



We are so excited and prepared for lots of chickens to begin hatching on Monday. Fingers crossed for a better success rate than last time. Struggle needs more friends!

Well done to all the students who took part in the spelling bee. The words were a real challenge. Thank-you to Olivia for putting this event together.

Good job Daniel, Juliet, Brooke and Lucas who took part in the Canterbury Athletics in Ashburton. Competition was tough as you'd expect.

# Enviro Group

Meeting 27th November :

We enjoyed a sausage sizzle for afternoon tea then into our projects.

Sam, Finn, Toren painted tyres for our swings- hoping to be erected before the end of the year- just need the rope!

Brooke, Alastar and Sarah planned finer details about the bike track.

Henry, Amity and Mrs Hamilton started the recycling bin.

Micayla, Mrs Banks and Rhyannon hung the new leafcutter bee house in the trees full of larvae. AND made up the leafcutter bee house order forms.

## Greendale School Envirogroup Fundraiser.

### Leafcutter bee houses

**\$169 includes house and 50 larvae**

**+ \$10 Optional mounting post.**

**+\$10 postage and packaging**

**Orders can made by emailing**

**[officegreendale@gmail.com](mailto:officegreendale@gmail.com)**

**or contact Fiona in the office**

**03 318 8436**



# ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## ROOM 3

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

## ROOM 1

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

**Year 1 Mathlete:** Jaxon Wright

**Year 2 Mathlete:** Isaac Buss

**Year 3 Mathlete:** Amity Busch

## Room 2

**Achievement Award:** Logan Payne “ Outstanding Leadership at years 1-2 Sports day.

**Values Award:** Alastar Busch—Outstanding progress in reading over 2017.

**Year 4 Mathlete:** Toby Adams

**Year 5 Mathlete:** Sam Lingard

**Year 6 Mathlete:** Olivia Adams

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<b>SELWYN</b> (Karakia)	16,610
<b>WAIREKA</b> (Kakariki)	13,700
<b>HAWKINS</b> (Poro poro)	2950



# Room One



On Thursday 30 November, Years 0-2 children went to Darfield to take part in a Fundamental Movement Spectacular organised in conjunction with Jayde Mayberry from the Selwyn Sports Trust. Thanks to the parents who provided transport - the children had a wonderful day experiencing a variety of sporting activities.

We have had some cases of impetigo (school sores) reported from Room 1 children, Impetigo is a common, highly contagious bacterial skin infection. It mostly affects young children and infants. It is characterised by tiny blisters which, when they burst causes the skin underneath them to be moist, red, and possibly ooze fluid. See the notice later in the newsletter about how to treat this.

We are also having an on-going issue with head lice, which is more obvious after swimming time when hair is wet. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis, even if it has been treated.

The children are really enjoying swimming time - again, I ask that you name everything that your child will take off or use at swimming time.

We sadly farewell Anne Bluck, our terrific teacher aide, who is leaving at the end of term. She has been an important part of the learning journey for Room 1 and Room 3 students. Best wishes for 2018 from us all in Rooms 1 and 3.



**Ko te wai te ora o ngā mea katoa**  
Water is the life giver of all things





### School sores, Strep throat and head lice...

We have been notified about several cases of school sores recently at school (Impetigo). School Sores are highly contagious and children should not return to school until the sores have dried up or 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started.

There has also been head lice doing the rounds again so please check you child's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

Strep throat is also around and children should be excluded from school until well and 24hours after commencing antibiotic treatment.

# Room 3

Wow one week to go!!

I hope you have all had a positive experience as parents of New Entrants and being part of the new Room three at Greendale School. You will receive reports on the last day of school. For the children who have been here for 40 weeks they will get boxes ticked against the National Standards the rest of them won't. There will be a note enclosed in the report to explain this. Children who started half way through the year will receive a summary of their child's achievement. Please remember that National Standards are only guides and children all learn at different rates (The National Standards are worked out from what a NCEA student needs and worked backwards). There is also quite a lot of learning in the first year about what being a school child is all about and how things work in the life of a school. Until they get their head around this the academic side of learning can take a while. All the children have made progress since they have first started school and have learnt about routines and how to be independent with tasks and how to work and learn in group situations as well as follow timetables and manage their belongings. This in itself is no mean feat. Repetition and routine are always the key for juniors to remember things.

Next week will be more relaxed. There will be no reading books sent home and instead can we please have any reading or library books returned to school. Check down the back of the couch or the bed to check nothing has gone astray. I will be sending things home gradually over the course of next week which the children have worked on over the year.

I have recommend that everyone keep up with Mathletics, AWS and Sunshine Classics over the holiday break when it suits to help maintain the knowledge learnt over the year as children can regress over the six week break. Please check to make sure they have their passwords as some Readits have seen better days and this is where the passwords were initially kept. All children will get a new readit at the beginning of the year no matter where they are up to at the moment. Our stationery supplies are also low at the moment so children are using scrapbooks to record their work in if their other books have finished.

I have really enjoyed my year at Greendale and it's been a privilege to teach the New Entrants/Year ones. If you are unsure if your child is staying in room three or moving through to Mrs G's room next year this is indicated on the report in the general comment at the end.

Enjoy your break and I look forward to seeing you all next year.  
Helena





The "Greendale " relay team, placed 6th at Canterbury Athletics. The team was a combined Malvern Team, made up of the fastest 10year olds from the area. Lucas was 1st in his 50mtr sprint heat and 6th in his final.



**December/ January**  
**Toby Adams( 9) 18th Dec**  
**Ericka Bown(9) 3rd Dec**  
**Toren Dawson(10) 23rd Jan**  
**Konnor Ebdon-Collings (6) 17th Dec**  
**George Heslop (6) 12th Dec**  
**Sam Lingard (10) 19th Jan**  
**Lilly Muirsmearth (11) 31st Jan**  
**Khloe Turner (6) 19th Jan**

### DON'T BLOCK

Avoiding technology is not a practical solution.

### COLLABORATE

Take an interest in your child's digital interests and favourite apps or sites. Consider co-viewing or co-creating at times.

### BE THE PARENT

You're in charge. Set boundaries and consider filtering software.

### YAPPY

Teach privacy:  
Your full name,  
Address,  
Phone number,  
Passwords,  
Your plans



### RULES

Create a family media agreement with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms and meals.

### CRITICAL THINKING

Help children filter information and navigate fact from fiction.

## Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety

### TIPS FOR PARENTS

### LEARN

Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

### UNPLUG

Balance green time and screen time. Focus on basic developmental needs.

### COMMUNICATE

Work with your child to navigate digital dilemmas. Encourage open communication and avoid using devices as rewards/punishments.

### 13 +

Don't support your child to sign up for 13+ sites if they're underage.

*Don't forget*  
**YOU ARE A ROLE MODEL**

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.

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.

**We are hoping to have more than 2 hatch from our dozen, to beat last times success rate!**



or use the Parent Teachers App.



We are pleased to announce that the PTA are contributing to the BOT budget to help pay for our third teacher Helena Cridge.

Please can everyone pitch in and help the PTA raise what is needed in 2018. Sadly it will be the last year the BOT will be able to fund it, so please spread the word as we need a few more families to get us over the 5 students threshold to have a MOE funded third teacher. We are so lucky our BOT and PTA value small class sizes for learning at Greendale.



Please could these all be settled by the end of year and just a reminder internet payment s are encouraged to our bank account: 12- 3441- 0065700-00

## Thank you



The combined  
Kapahaka  
performance