

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Karamu

Kia uru kahikatea te tū

Let us stand like a grove of kahikatea

16 June 2021 – Term 2– Week 7

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Diary 2021

2021

16 Apr – End of Term

03 May – Start of Term 2

27 May – Winter Sports – Senior
Yr 5 – 8 starts for 6 weeks

22 Jun FOW AGM and Meeting

06 Jul – School Interviews 2pm
finish

07 Jul – School Interviews 2 pm
finish

09 Jul – End of Term 2

26 Jul – Start of Term 3

27 Jul – School Photos

01 Oct – End of Term 3

18 Oct – Start of Term 4

22-23 Oct – 150th Jubilee

25 Oct – Labour Day

12 Nov – Show Day

16 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

Tena Koutou Katoa

Yesterday, our junior school visited the Air force museum as part of their Science and technology study on Simple Machines. There were some very excited children, for many it was their first school trip due to the lack of opportunities in 2020. The students had a wonderful time, learnt heaps and were complimented on their excellent behaviour by the museum teachers. Well done to you all. A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to support the teachers and children.

Congratulations to three of our e Pro8 teams who have qualified for the semi-finals of the inter-schools Science, Technology and engineering challenge. This challenge is designed to give students a fun and rewarding introduction to Science and Engineering. At each event, teams compete to finish a challenge. They are:
Year 7 / 8 teams - First place - "The four Amigos" – Front to back:- KaUe, Fraser, Alyssa, Dan.

2nd Place - "No Names" – Front to back: Benjamin, Barto, Ashton G, Emma.

Year 5 / 6 team - "Troublemakers" - In the top 6 – Front to back:- Evan, Lachie, Georgia, Anneka,

Thank you to Mrs Jacqui Newell who has worked with these students to prepare them so well for the competitions. We are also very grateful to Friends of Weedons for purchasing an engineering kit for us in 2019 which has allowed us to provide the tools for these students to work with. We wish these teams all the best as they rise to their next challenge at Clearview School in early July.

Cohort Entry

For some time we have been investigating the possibility of introducing cohort entry to our school. This means that our New Entrants would start school as a group at the beginning or in the middle of the term that they turn 5 instead of on their birthday. There are a number of reasons why we feel this would be beneficial and we have outlined them in the information attached. There is a process we must follow in order to make this change. The first part of this is to consult with our community. We will also be consulting with pre-schools. Please see information attached and how to respond if you are interested.

Matariki Celebration

Our Kapa Haka students are preparing for our Kahui Ako (Rolleston Learning Community) Matariki celebration to be held at Selwyn Sports Centre on Friday 2nd July 4 to 6 pm. Flyer below. This is the first event of its kind in our area, a great opportunity for all of our schools to come together to share in performance. During the event, a variety of food trailers will be available to purchase Kai.

All of our Kapa Haka students will be taking part (year 3 up) and will be required to be at the centre from 4p.m until completion of the performances (about 6p.m.) We hope you will be able to come along to support them.

TOP PERFORMER – ROOM 5

The top performer in Room 5 for Term 2 is an awesome young man called Cade M.

Cade bounces into Rm 5 every morning with a big smile on his face and often with lots of news to tell, or ideas to share - he is a great talker!

Cade has made outstanding progress in his reading with the support of his Reading Recovery teacher, Mrs Parker, and with the wonderful home support he has had too. Cade is now able to read Level 14 and 15 books in class with ease, enjoyment, and excellent understanding. Cade also gives very detailed answers to comprehension questions, showing how well he has engaged with the concepts in the books we are reading in his reading group.

Cade is an avid fan of listening to stories being read to him - he absolutely loves our current class serial story, the 'The Iron Man' and can vividly imagine the giant man who gobbles up farm machinery and barbed wire for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Cade is also becoming a fantastic writer. His printing and spelling skills have progressed a great deal since the start of the year. Cade can now write 4 or 5 sentences independently. He writes his ideas in the correct order, and uses some interesting words to recount his experiences. Cade is beginning to show an understanding of how to punctuate his sentences too, and he places some capital letters and full stops correctly without needing to be reminded by any adults. Mrs Dawson **loves** getting to read Cade's interesting stories!

In Maths, Cade is also progressing quickly now - this term he has been quick to see the patterns in the addition and subtraction facts to 5, with 5 and in 10. He is now starting to recall these without needing the Numicon shapes, and he is very quick and neat when writing his Maths equations.

Cade has a lovely smile and an easy going personality. His sense of humour is positively infectious and enjoyed by all of us in Rm 5. What a fabulous young man you are Cade! Congratulations, this top performer award has been well earned.



WATER TESTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND OUR WATER IS ALL GOOD FOR DRINKING.

ICAS

SUBJECT	OFFICIAL SITTING WINDOW
Writing & Digital Technologies	Monday, 9 August 2021 to Friday, 13 August 2021
English	Monday, 16 August 2021 to Friday, 20 August 2021
Science & Spelling Bee	Monday, 23 August 2021 to Friday, 27 August 2021
Mathematics	Monday, 30 August 2021 to Friday, 3 September 2021

ICAS are International Competitions for years 4 -8 in academic subjects run by University of New South Wales.

ICAS assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. They offer:- English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling, Digital Technologies. Please check with your teacher if these tests would be of benefit to your child. The tests are on line and are sat here at school under supervision - Visit this website for hints and tips, sample questions, both on-line and for download and for practice. www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

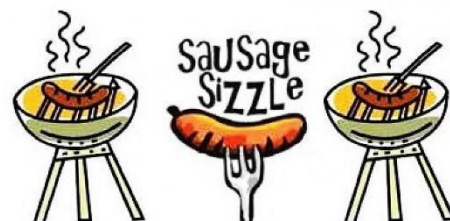
This year they are providing a parent pay direct portal, if you have a child interested in sitting any of the ICAS exams please

send the office an email by next Friday 18 June and we will forward you the information for paying and registering.

Subjects	Price per student (NZ\$)
ICAS English	NZ\$18.40 (inc GST)
ICAS Mathematics	NZ\$18.40 (inc GST)
ICAS Science	NZ\$18.40 (inc GST)
ICAS Digital Technologies	NZ\$18.40 (inc GST)
ICAS Writing	NZ\$24.73 (inc. GST)
ICAS Spelling Bee	NZ\$18.40 (inc GST)

Friends of Weedons

Hi everyone. **Sausage sizzle** this term is now going to be on a **Wednesday** as half the school are away on Fridays early due to swimming. Remember orders need to be in **before 8pm Tuesday nights**.



FREE RANGE EGGS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

Lamond free range mixed size eggs.

\$7 tray of 12

\$14 tray of 30

Order on Kindo before 8pm Wednesday.

Pick up your order on the Friday from 2.30 at the office.

Next Meeting and AGM

When: Tuesday 22nd June

Where: Silver Dollar

Time: 7.00pm

All welcome to attend.

Community Notices

**Delta Rhythmic
is coming to
Rolleston!**

Hoops! *Ribbons!* *Ropes!*

Starting Term 3
Rolleston Community Centre
Tuesdays 4-5pm
Wednesdays 4-5pm *Age 5+*

Balls! *Clubs!*

Check out our
Facebook page or email
membership@delta.org.nz

The poster features two cartoon children: a girl on the left holding a yellow ribbon and a boy on the right hula-hooping. The background is a vibrant pink with bokeh light effects.