

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Whanau

### Filling teaching positions in schools:

Many of you will be aware that we still have a teaching vacancy at south School. This means we have to use a reliever until the position is filled. If you follow the news media you will know that many schools around the country are in the same position.

- ⇒ There are now 40% less teacher graduates than 6 years ago.
- ⇒ It is difficult to entice experienced teachers from the city to Dannevirke.

We are doing the very best we can to recruit and we expect to be able to make an appointment in about two weeks. To further complicate issues, we now have a very small pool of relief teachers.

We will keep you informed on progress with staffing

### SCHOOL WIDE PICNIC

We have rescheduled our whole school picnic to next Tuesday 6th March from 5.30 pm to 7pm on the middle field. This will once again be dependant on the weather. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible

**Stephen Snell**  
Principal

### AGRI KIDS

Agri kids this year was held in Masterton so Eva and I set off at 9 am. It took 1 ½ hours to arrive but we made it in time! We met up with Hannah and cheered on the other team that were competing before us. We had the health and safety briefing and started at module 2. Our first module was bobbing apples. We had to get five apples to be able to answer the next question. We finished both and ended up getting 50/50. The next module was riparian planting which is when you plant up waterways to help filter the water and also to protect wildlife by giving them shelter. We had a lot of disagreements at one particular module which was the recognizing the illness in animals. We ended up sorting them out and used all of our ideas with one minute to go. The lady said she was impressed with how much we achieved with very little time. Our favourite module was identifying different products by feeling them. We finished that early so we could play with the products. We all choose the kinetic sand! Overall we got 11th out of a



### SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

The ladies will be back in our school dental clinic from Monday next week. Their contact number is 374 7361

## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 1st March	KiVa information meetings 3.15 & 6 pm
Friday 2nd	Swimming—Year 4 and up
Monday 5th	Teams 3 and 4 Inter-house Sport Swimming—Year 4 and up
Tuesday 6th	<b>SCHOOL WIDE PICNIC 5.30 –7.00pm</b>
Wedn 7th	Epro8 Challenge 5-9 pm—Year 7/8
Thursday 8th	Epro8 Challenge 9.30-12.30pm Year 5/6
Friday 9th	Swimming—Year 4 and up
Sat 10, Sun 11	Relay for Life—Palmerston North
Monday 13	Swimming—Year 4 and up
Monday 19	South School Swimming Sports
Tuesday 20	<b>Weet-Bix Tryathlon</b>
Monday 26	<b>S.O.S AGM at 7.00 pm in the staffroom</b>
Tuesday 27	Inter-school swimming
Wednesday 28	School wide whanau interviews
Friday 30	School wide whanau interviews
Mon 2 APRIL	<b>GOOD FRIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 3	<b>EASTER MONDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Friday 6	<b>EASTER TUESDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 9	Teams 1 and 2 inter house sports
Monday 9	Kids' Lit Quiz in Palmerston North
Monday 9	Team 3 and 4 Inter house Sports
Wednesday 11	<b>PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS—class/individual</b>
Friday 13	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Monday 30th	Life Education Trust

### TERM 2 2018 starts on Monday 30th April

### SCHOOL APP: Download for Free today

Parents if you have not already done so, please download the school app on your phone. If you are unsure how to do this ask your kids or come into the office and we will show you. Your contact details can be updated at any time by swiping left on the bottom screen of the app and filling in your details. The app is also an easy way of letting us know if your child is going to be absent from school.

### SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

If you are unable to download the app please email the office, [office@dannevirkesouth.school.nz](mailto:office@dannevirkesouth.school.nz) with your latest email contact. We would like to update these so we can send statements/invoices out via email instead of home with the children. A paper statement can also be requested from the office at any time.

Many families/whanau are making regular payments into their school account so that student costs can be spread throughout the year. If you would like to do this our account number is **03 0614 0579563 00** and the reference is your child/family name.

### IMMUNISATION STATUS/CONTACT DETAILS:

Going home with this newsletter is a sheet of paper showing our current details for your children. Please update any contact details, immunisation status, emails, consent for pain relief, medical conditions, sign and return to the office as soon as possible.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

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The Mufti Day for Relay for Life raised \$344 and a further \$130 was raised from the staff morning tea.

Four staff members will be taking part in the Relay for Life next weekend in Palmerston North. All money raised in the Tararua district is allocated back into the district to support our local cancer society.

### MUFTI DAY STORIES FROM ROOM 3

I like mufti because it makes me happy. I like the fairies who came to collect the money. **Tasha**

Mufti day is today. I have red pants on. **Nathan**

I had my photo taken with the fairies and I wore Mufti day clothes. **Mya**

I am dressed up in sparkling clothes. **Kiaralee**

I am in the picture wearing my flower skirt. **Ryvah**

I went in muft today. I have a rainbow and I wore a pink jacket. **Sophia**

I like the t-shirt and the t shirt has dinosaurs on it. **Carter**

I am at muft day and it is fun because I have clothes and it is a long sleeved top. **Tayne**

I like our mufti day because I am wearing bright clothes. **Daniel**

I am wearing spider man and I am wearing a jersey. **Karter**

Mufti Day is cool because the fairies are cool. **Caleb**

I am dressed in pink because it is mufti day. **Ellie**



### ICAS 2018 Years 3-8

ICAS is an international standardised test, not specifically designed to fit our curriculum, but it does give able students a challenge and gives them an opportunity to see where they rank in New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific.

The tests require students to read and stay focussed for up to an hour in a test situation. The children sit the test in the hall with other students from various year levels. At all levels we do look at the results of these, along with other information, when deciding our top academic awards at the end of the year.

If your child/children has not brought the permission slip home and you would like to enter your child/children in these tests there are extra forms available at the school office. There is a cost to sit these exams. If you are unsure whether your child should be sitting these tests please make an appointment to go and see the classroom teacher or myself. All entries need to be in to the office and paid for by 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Caroline Gyde  
374 8915

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KiVa Parent Information Evening

This year at Dannevirke South School we have introduced a programme called KiVa. KiVa is a school-based antibullying programme which has been developed using cutting-edge research from Finland.

We would like to invite all parents, caregivers and whanau to come to one of the KiVa information sessions which will be held in the school hall tomorrow—**Thursday 1st March - at 3.15 pm and then again at 6.00pm**. We will show you how we are implementing the KiVa programme to help our children prevent bullying. We will have someone to watch your children while the meeting is on.

**Prevention and intervention are both crucial, as no prevention efforts will make bullying disappear on their own. There is a combination of class programmes, support for the victims and exploring what is going on for the bully.**

This is an exciting initiative for us as a school and community to be involved in. We look forward to sharing this programme to help pre-

## Norsewood & Districts' School

[www.norsewood.school.nz](http://www.norsewood.school.nz)

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Shirt for every Child

\$20 entry

Entries Close

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March



**TAKE A KID  
HUNTING & FISHING**

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Hunting competitions starts at 3:00 P.M. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Weigh-in Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Gates open 1:00 P.M. Weigh-in closes at 2:30 P.M.  
Category prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Entry forms available from South School office

### JAB RUGBY

To all of you who have children or are looking after children, this is an important message.

The 2018 rugby season is about to start so you can start to register online with the link below:

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/dannevirkejabrugby/Registration/Registration>

You can pay as well directly online just follow the information on the website.

From all of us at Dannevirke JAB rugby we want to say thank you for helping us in the past and welcome back for another year.

We are looking forward to see you around the field or close to the BBQ.

By the way if you need anything or help I am the new secretary and my contact info are as follows

0279677750 or [bambou72@hotmail.com](mailto:bambou72@hotmail.com)