

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Whanau,

You will have seen the many articles in the news media over recent times regarding the teacher shortage. It's a reality right now in Dannevirke schools. We have had vacancies advertised that just cannot be filled. This places increased pressure on teachers through higher class numbers and the subsequent work demands. This crisis will continue to grow because there are now 40% less teachers training from 6 years ago. Many of you will be aware that we have had a vacancy for most of this year.

We have considered all options so that we do the best for our students. Increased class size will not be considered.

The Board have appointed Leigh Buchanan beginning next week in Room 11. Leigh has been certified by the Education Council to teach because of her 18 years experience at South School and curriculum expertise. Leigh has great class management skills. Thank you to Room 11 whanau for the support in making this decision and we are confident of a great outcome for our students.

South School will continue to work at innovative ways of attracting teachers to Dannevirke.

From time to time we may need to combine classes when teachers are absent due to things such as illness. There are few relievers available and they are in high demand from schools.

Stephen Snell

Principal

Friday 13th Pool Party from 6-8 pm

Come along and join us for a Pool

Party at the Wai Splash Pool on the last night before the holidays.

The blow-up toy will be up.

Bring lots of gold coins.

Food for sale: Sausage sizzle and drinks, chocolate bars, bags of lollies.



Absences

If your child is going to be away from school, please either

⇒ Ring the school office on **3748915** and leave a message

⇒ Text a message to **027 506 4860**

⇒ Use the absentees section on the school app

⇒ Call into the school office

TERM CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
MARCH	
Wednesday 28	School wide whanau interviews
Thursday 29	Last day for LUCY BOOK CLUB
Friday 30	GOOD FRIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
APRIL	
Mon 2	EASTER MONDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3	EASTER TUESDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 6	Non-competitive swimming sports
	Teams 1 and 2 inter house sports
	Kids' Lit Quiz in Palmerston North
Monday 9	Team 3 and 4 Inter house Sports
	PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS —class/individual
Wednesday 11	POOL PARTY at Wai Splash 6-8 pm
Friday 13	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
Monday 30th	Life Education Trust
	ICAS—Digital Technologies
Tuesday 8 May	ICAS—Science
Tuesday 29th	
JUNE	
Wedn 13th	ICAS—Spelling
Thursday 14th	ICAS—Writing
JULY	
Friday 6th	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Monday 23rd	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Tuesday 31st	ICAS—English
AUGUST	
Tuesday 14th	ICAS—Mathematics

PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS

Class photos will be taken on the last week of term Wednesday 11th April. Order forms were sent home today with this newsletter. If you would like a sibling or individual photo these need to be ordered and paid before the day. Sibling orders are available at the school office—Cost \$30.

DANNEVIRKE SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Event	Champion	Runner-Up
Junior Girls	Caitlin Murphy	Sasha Harting
Junior Boys	James Bettles	Deakan Mullins-Henry Tyson Paewai-Stoney
Intermediate Girls	Olivia Smith	Kaya Paewai-Stoney
Intermediate Boys	Jamie Johnson	Preston Teller
Senior Girls	Nadia Brunton	Charlotte Hawkins
Senior Boys	Ryan Jameson	Quinn Newell

CHILDREN'S STORIES

FROGS—Room 11

Frogs can jump really high. Frogs eat flies, mosquitos, dragonflies and more. Frogs can camouflage with other colours. *Jasmine*



Once I found a tree frog that was sick so I took care of it. Frogs are excellent jumpers. Frogs can camouflage and hide from predators. If a frog's skin dries out, the frog will die. When winter comes a frog will hibernate. A frog has a very long tongue that can catch a fly in one second almost. A frog will go from an egg, to a tadpole, to a frog. *Alice*

Last year I found a frog hibernating in my car wash bucket. We were trying to wash our dirty car. The frog was camouflaged in the bottom of our green bucket. It looked cold but it wasn't. We had to drive down to the closest river and let it stick to one of the rocks. It was so still when we put it in the river. It was so slimy, also bumpy and a little cute. My dad didn't want to say good-bye because he does not like frogs. He thinks one is going to jump on him. He also thinks they're slimy. *Mya*

FROG FACTS—Room 10

Instead of drinking water they suck the water into their skin. Frogs eyes can see upwards, sideways and frontwards. When they blink they push their food down into their throat. Tadpoles have to stay in water otherwise they will die. *Jennifer*

Frogs can breathe out of their skin. Frogs are slimy and they keep their eyes open the whole time. Frogs live in water and frogs have a very long tongue. They eat flies. *Isabel*

Frogs eyes can look up, down, left and right. Frogs live in swamps and rivers and lakes. When frogs see flies their tongue pokes out and catches them. Their eyes come down and help the fly go down. *Devon*

Frogs can jump high and low. Their eyes can look up, sideways and forward at the same time. Their tongue is at the front of their mouth rather than at the back of the mouth. Their back legs are bigger than their front legs. *Molly*



REMINDERS

- ⇒ **EASTER WEEKEND. School will be closed for FIVE days over EASTER—including TUESDAY**
- ⇒ **Monday Kai for our Tamariki—please phone/text Awhina on 027 964 8748**
- ⇒ **\$3 for Maths Roadshow**
- ⇒ **Photo orders to school before Wed 11th April**
- ⇒ **Basketball/miniball fee \$12 now due**
- ⇒ **Netball fees to be paid by end of term**
- ⇒ **HOCKEY registrations in by Thursday**

DENTAL CLINIC phone is 374 7361 Mon-Thurs

Tararua District Library

What: Make some Gizmois and Gadgets. Snap circuit boards together, power them up, see what you can make or invent



When: Monday to Friday during the school holidays—16th to 27th April

Where: Dannevirke Library. Registrations essential For children aged 8-12 years. Phone 374 4255 for session times

SPORTS NOTICES

JAB RUGBY REGISTRATION

Online registration is now open. Follow the link below:

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

JAB HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

If anyone is interested in a Hawke's Bay Rugby Union (with Ellery Wilson) one day holiday programme, please let the school office or Quinney know. The cost will be \$60 with a shirt or \$40 with no shirt. It will run from 9am to 3pm.

DANNEVIRKE SPORTS CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL

We will be available to take registrations for football **today** 28th March at Dannevirke Sports Club Clubrooms 4.30 – 6pm

DANNEVIRKE JUNIOR HOCKEY - Last day tomorrow!!

You can register and pay online at: www.sporty.co.nz/dannevirkesportsclub/hockey/Junior-Hockey-2018 OR you may register at the school office if you can not register online. **LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION IS THIS THURSDAY**

NETBALL

Netball fees must be paid to the school office by the end of this term. 1 child = \$25, 2 children = \$40, 3 children = \$50.

No payment—no uniform. If the uniform is not returned at the end of the season there will be a charge of \$50

Junior netball starts on Saturday 5th May.

Each school is to provide a person in charge on the day to assist with the co-ordinator on Saturday mornings for 4v4 and 5v5

Rep trials for all Year 7 and 8 students will be on Sunday 29th April and Sunday 5th May from 9.30 to noon at the Netball Centre. **Umpire course** Wedn 2nd May starting at 7pm DNC

All coaches are encouraged to attend **Coaching courses**

My Team & Me Workshop time and date locked in for Netball Dannevirke on Sunday 22nd April at 9:30am – 12.30pm Sporty registration form updated: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/71040>