

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Caregivers

SCHOOL APP

We apologise for the messages our community have received on the school app. Over recent days the App developer is trying to fix the problem without success. We are not satisfied with the response from the developer and will begin investigating alternatives this week. We can assure you that we pay all our bills contrary to the post on the app.

PLAYGROUND

Construction of the new junior playground is well underway and is expected to be completed around the time of the school gala. Come along to the gala and have a good look at the children's new playground.



JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

What a fabulous day for the Junior Cross Country on Friday. There was enthusiastic participation and achievement from the children who all had "stories" to tell. Wouldn't it be great if we could keep the enthusiasm for sport and exercise going for all our young people.



A very special thank you to all families and whanau who came along to support your children and our event.

SHAKE OUT:

National Shake Out Day was a success last week. Students who completed the set tasks with family were awarded a prize. The earthquake practice went extremely well with students following safety procedures well.

Are you equipped in your home to cope if a disaster strikes?

ATTENDANCE:

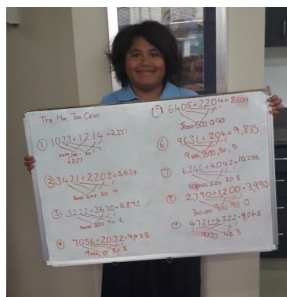
The attendance of some of our students is becoming a concern.

- A small number of regular families make up a lot of the absences
- There is an increasing tendency for students to be absent on either Friday or Monday with a higher than normal absence on the day before/after a holiday weekend.
- Checks of our school rolls show that weekdays all have a higher attendance than a Friday. e.g. Last Friday (HB Anniversary weekend) 14% of our students were away.

The Board are aware of this growing problem and are currently looking at strategies to address this trend. More information to follow.

Stephen Snell
Principal

My name is Gemini and I have been working with one of our teacher aides called Fiona. Fiona and I have been working on fractions and with her help I now have a better understanding.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

| DATE | EVENT |
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| OCTOBER | |
| Thursday 25th | 5.30 Team 4 camp meeting for helpers |
| Friday 26th | PET DAY School trip fundraising sausage sizzle Team 4 leave for El Rancho Camp |
| Tuesday 30th | Team 4 return from El Rancho Camp |
| NOVEMBER | |
| Friday 2nd | Last day for Book Club 17.30pm— staff room S.O.S. meeting |
| Monday 5th | DSS Athletics |
| Thursday 8th | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Friday 9th | SCHOOL GALA |
| Saturday 10th | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Monday 12th | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| 14 November | Dose 2 HPV vaccination |
| Wed/Thu 21/22 | Rooms 4 and 5 trip to Napier |
| Thu/Fri 22/23 | Rooms 6 and 7 trip to Napier |
| Friday 16th | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Monday 19th | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Wednesday 21 | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Friday 23rd | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Monday 26th | Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Tuesday 27th | Team 2—EOTC |
| Wednesday 28 | TEAM 3 Social Team 1 and 2 swimming |
| Thursday 29th | TEAM 4 Social 9am—noon Juniors Triathlon |
| Friday 30 | |
| DECEMBER | |
| Monday 3rd | SOS helpers picnic |
| Monday 17 | Year 8 dinner |
| Tuesday 18 | School Prize giving in town hall |
| Wednesday 19 | School closes at noon for 2018 |

Support Our Students (S.O.S.)

This year's gala is on **Saturday 10th November.**

The gala is a great day out for the whole family and our major school fundraiser for the year. Over the next few weeks we will be requesting various items from parents and ask that you donate what you are able.

This week we are calling for helpers on the day and to sell raffle tickets outside New World. We are also requesting items from the baking aisle.

In Week 4 (5-9 November) we will be sending a cake box home with each family to fill with baking for the gala. We will also be collecting items for the garage sale during this week .

URGENT HELP NEEDED:

The S.O.S. are looking for someone who is able to travel to Palmerston North on the day before the gala to pick up the Bouncy Castle. This is rather big or will require a large vehicle/ute. They have some one organised to return it. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Your support is much appreciated.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ PET DAY this Friday
- ⇒ \$30 swimming for Teams 1 and 2
- ⇒ Enrolments—if you have a child due to start South School next year please call in and get an enrolment form from the office.
- ⇒ School Gala—buckets/raffles/helpers
- ⇒ Book club orders to office by Friday 2nd November.
- ⇒ Sunhats to be worn at school this term
- ⇒ Spare Asthma inhaler for school if applicable
- ⇒ Please keep your child's lunchbox nut free

SCHOOL ACCOUNT— If you would like to pay your account on-line, our school bank account number is 03 0614 0579563 00—please use your child's name as a reference.

ODD SHOE DAY

On Friday South School is having a mucked up shoe day for cancer. It is exciting because we have not had a muddled up shoe day before. By Ellie (Room 3)

On Friday the 28th of September, Dannevirke South School had a mufti day and odd shoe day. We raised a grand total of \$350.00 for Camp Quality. Camp Quality is a camp for children living with cancer. Some students and staff at this school have attended these camps. All the money we raised was donated to go towards the 2019 camp, which is in New Plymouth. During the day we had a competition for the person in each team with the oddest shoe.

The winners were Tazmyn (Team 1), Arthur (Team 2), Caitlin (Team 3) and Jacob (Team 4). Mrs Wheeler won out of the staff for the oddest shoes. All these winners won prizes at assembly. Thank you for supporting such a great cause. **Hannah Feck and Emma Johnson**

PUKEMIRO STATION PRESENTATION

Pukemiro Station Cadetship has three first year cadets that are completing an NZQA Level 3 Certificate in Agriculture. One of the 13 papers they have to complete is called "Livestock Health; Livestock Behaviours Assessment." The cadets were required to research four different Pastoral Livestock Behaviours and then explain what normal and abnormal looked like. Their presentation had to include videos of the different behaviours and identify when they should intercede if these behaviours are shown.

The cadets were expected to present their findings to the class and then answer any questions that were asked by the audience. The year 7/8 students of South School should be extremely proud of their attentiveness as an audience. They listened to the content that was being delivered to them and then were able to ask some very interesting questions of the cadets at the end.



DSS NEWSLETTER— 24 Oct 2018

Our school newsletter goes home every second Wednesday with the youngest child in the family. It is also available on our school website where you may request it to be emailed out.

If you have any school related photos or notices that you would like to share, please forward to the office by the day before.

These can be sent via the school app or emailed to office@dannevirkesouth.school.nz

Dear School Mobile App User

My name is Craig Archibald from Quick Apps and we developed the App you are using for your local School.

For the last week the App has been down and some of you received a message that advised it has been removed due to non-payment by the business. Please be advised this is certainly NOT the case and the School has never been behind on their payments for the service.

The engineers are working on the technical outage as quickly as they can and we hope to have this fixed soon. Once this happens we will send out a message and you will need to re-fresh the App to make it live again. So sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Regards
Craig Archibald

SPORTS

TOUCH RUGBY

Touch rugby teams have all been made up and the first night will be this Friday 17th October.

The teams and draws will be available on the school website. Draws will also be on the school app.

CRICKET

If your child is interested in starting cricket this season registration night is this Thursday 25th October from 5.15 to 6.00 pm at the Dannevirke Domain in front of the grandstand. Grab a registration form from the school office or just turn up on the night to register.

Cost:

Have-a-go cricket /Kiwi cricket (ages 4-9) \$10.00
Hardball cricket \$40 (age 10-13) . Family \$60 max.
Cricket is held Thursday evening (weather permitting) from 5.15 pm till 6.15/6.30 pm.
Have-a-go cricket /Kiwi cricket and Hardball 5.15 - 7.00 pm.
Any enquiries to Paul Chapman 0273745662.

ATHLETICS

Anyone interested in registering for the 2018-2019 Dannevirke Athletics this season please use the following link. <https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/3329/org>
Athletics will run every Wednesday night starting 17th October.
Warm up/ Skills from 5pm. Athletics from 5.30pm
2-6 years -Term 4 only - \$25 (5.30pm - 6.15pm) No club points just certificates at end of Term 4
7-14years both Term 4 and Term 1 \$60 per child (5.30-7pm) (Club points)
Only registered athletes with patches will gain club points, we allow the first night free. Any other information, updates and cancellations are always on our book face page.
Any questions please contact Kelly Gillard 273289006