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### Upcoming Events:

- Mon 21st Jun Health Careers Day
- Wed 23rd Jun Aoraki Junior Basketball Boys
- Thurs 24th Jun Aoraki Junior Basketball Girls
- Thurs 1st Jul Queenstown Resort College Liaison



## Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou

We live in a very complex world, and there can be many self-imposed expectations to help make it a better place.

In assembly this week, I discussed what a privilege it is to be a high school principal. In this role, I meet a lot of people who are making a massive positive difference to their world. Sometimes, there is so much inspiration that it becomes a little overwhelming - how can we implement so many incredible things?!

Here was my point - we can't. My pearl of wisdom for our students was: You can't do everything, but you can do something. So, therefore, look at what you can do to make the world a better place and do it.

If each of us made a little positive difference to the world each day, maybe just a kind word or a little bit of help when someone needs it, then the world would be 8 billion times better every day.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, have a good weekend!

Jason Reid  
Principal



## Prom 2021





## Student Planner

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*The manufacturer of your children's planners produces some items for parents to consider as they help their child make good use of their planner. Here is an item that relates to what's in the planners over the coming fortnight:*

Spending time with nature is a very powerful builder of everyone's wellbeing. Choosing to do this is particularly needed in the 21st century, with more and more people becoming obese, contracting diabetes at younger and younger ages, not exercising, and preferring sedentary indoor leisure activities.

There are proven mental and physical health benefits of enjoying mother nature. These include receiving good doses of vitamin D, which maintains healthy bones and teeth, feelings of pleasure, relaxation, enhanced attention and benefits to your immune system. Being outdoors doing leisure activities reduces the frequency of negative emotions such as anger and frustration and improves general feelings of being in a good place.

Students function so much better when they experience nature. A pot plant in their bedrooms is a good way to start. Bush schools, where students spend a proportion of their school days learning outside, are proving to broaden and build their attention and engagement, to enjoy their learning experience more. As a family, a proactive habit to cultivate is to go for walk or cycle without your phones. Instead of wearing head phones when outside, listen to and enjoy nature's beautiful sounds.

Choosing to intentionally put the fast paced 21st century world on hold every day, to enjoy and be immersed in mother nature, will have amazing benefits for you.





## History Trip to Christchurch

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On a brisk Monday morning in May, the Year 13 History class descended upon the metropolis of Christchurch to analyse the earthquakes of 2011. After a quick stop off to Ashburton McDonalds for a hash brown and a frozen Fanta (breakfast of champions), we continued north.

As we passed Fairton in Mid Canterbury, Head Girl and Humanitarian, Katrina Guiney spotted an elderly Bichon Frise galloping towards State Highway One. She immediately demanded that Mr Ross stop the vehicle. This request was of course declined. Katrina then used her phone and with the assistance of Google, tracked down the business owner of the local kennel and alerted them to 'sound the alarms' for the escaped K-9 prisoner. Alas, the owner rung back shortly and thanked Katrina for her guardianship of all furry friends in the region (particularly "Millie" who does this all the time), as we moved ever closer to our day's activities.

Our second stop of the day was up on the Port Hills, at Victoria Park. Much to the surprise of us all, the view was actually terrible due to cloud cover. So it was back to the car after a quick stop to the ablutions block, and an entertaining demonstration on how to successfully pass your full licence test continued.

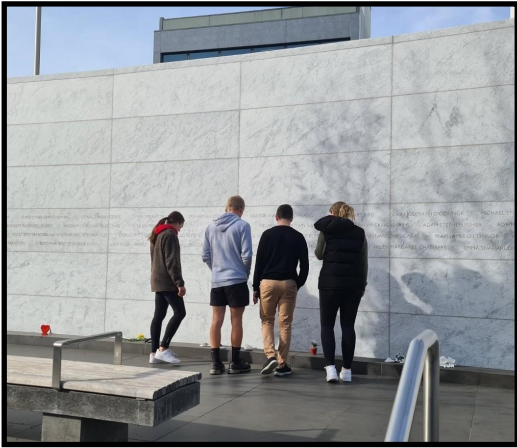
After that, the day went off without a hitch. The History crew were somewhat engaged in story time from Mr Ross along with literal horror stories from that day in February 2011, and the rebuild since. We visited many sites which included The Margaret Mahy Playground, Soldiers at an MIQ not wearing masks, CTV, Manchester Street Corridor, Cathedral Square, Cashel Mall, Art Centre, and The Earthquake Memorial.

Following that ad hoc (winged) guided tour, we headed off to Quake City Museum and looked at all the interesting information and interactive displays much to the enjoyment of the students, with Hayden Divers registering on the Richter scale. After a quick stop off in the Red Zone in Burwood to look at where many thousands of houses used to be, we headed off to look at an example of Urban Sprawl. The example was K-Mart that had been moved from near the city centre towards the airport. It also gave Mr Ross the opportunity to spend \$152 on dog products for Emma the German Shepherd, and send the students off for lunch for 30 minutes.

That concluded our History trip down memory lane, and we took a right turn towards Rolleston. Alas back to the second McDonalds of the day on our way home to postcode 7925.

Mark Ross







## Effort Grades Term 2 Weeks 5-6

Dobson	Cassie Anderson Katie-Marie Clarke Phostina Folau Briannah Hadfield-Broatch Maggie Holtham Brisea Lagos Lenny Nicolson Rhiley Reid Phoebe Wilson	Danielle Ball Thomas Crawford Emily Foote Kaitlyn Hawkes Katsuto Ikai Stella Lang Eshaa Pasaol Xarnie Reihana	Sam Cassie Cameron Dobbs Emma Guiney Gracie Hellmrich Hamish Johnson Alyssa Meager Hughesman Eshee Pasaol Marcus Wilson
Godley	Grace Anderson Lexie Biggs Annabelle Gibson Amy Hay Fletcher Hurst Blake Jordan Carys Lloyd-Forrest Meg Murdoch Hamish Ryall Carter Wakelin	Libby Anderson Josh Boon Ciaran Guiney Rewan Hignett Olivia Ineson Luke Jordan Caleb Marris Courtney O'Neill Jessica Ryall	Gus Biggs Rebecca Boon Katrina Guiney Talen Hignett Ben Jordan Toby Linklater Abbigail Murdoch Eden Prosser Akeila Tong
Macaulay	Elizabeth Bates Avish Dutt Hope Herrick Ananiah Luciano Grace McHaffie Courtney O'Leary Ben Slade	Hannah Bates Maya Edmondson Millie Howat Johnny McCabe Ashlynn McOsker Molli O'Neill Sam Wansbrough	Hudson Berge Ayla Hendry Isabelle Lett Jasmine McDonald-Lamatoa Te Mighty Mita Dequila Pearks
Tasman	Liam Brown Annabel Geary Lilley Johnson Charlize McKenzie Tarn Peake Cecilia Schaefer Archie Waymouth	Ethan Fallen William Gorospe Oscar Johnson Kaia McKenzie Willow Peake Breanna Scott Mackenzie-May Woodrow	Macy Gallagher Evelyn Holden Nathan Kirkbeck Byrin Mouatt Payton Raj Isaac Scott

Congratulations to Danielle Ball, Dobson; Ben Jordan, Godley; Avish Dutt, Macaulay; Payton Raj, Tasman; who won vouchers.





# Adverse Weather

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This winter there is a chance that snow may affect the running of the school. All bus students have received a letter titled Adverse Weather Bus Procedures which details the school's response to severe weather such as snow, gale-force wind and flooding! Here is an outline of the school's response to adverse weather for all students of the College:

1. The school is notified by concerned citizens about road conditions in their area. Contact our Bus Controller, Michelle on 027 421 8900 or Principal, Jason on 027 329 8919. The earlier we get the information the better - don't worry about waking us up!
2. If school is already in progress, a decision is made in consultation with all Fairlie schools and buses may be called in early.
3. Parents of bus students are immediately notified by the school office and by the phone tree. A message is also sent to parents of all students via SMS (text message), Facebook notifications and on the school website.
4. Bus students whose parents have been successfully contacted by the school office are released as each bus arrives.
5. Fairlie based students remain at school until the end of the school day unless collected by a caregiver.

Please note that no bus student will be sent home in adverse weather conditions unless specific permission has been obtained by a caregiver. Also, students can only be collected by a registered caregiver unless specific permission has been obtained for another person to pick them up. Students cannot give permission for other families to drive them home.

Please contact the office if you require a replacement copy of the Adverse Weather Bus Procedures and associated phone tree.

School closure before the start of the school day will be notified via phone tree (bus students only), SMS (text), Facebook, the College website and by radio (Breeze FM - 89.9FM or 92.3FM).





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