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Dear parents and caregivers

What another busy two weeks it's been here at Barton! Although we (NZ) are experiencing a worrying time with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) we need to ensure that things are not taken out of proportion as we are seeing on the TV and social media. I have been receiving regular information from The Ministry of Education and I have published this latest information in the following pages. Obviously if at a point of time we need to act we will take our reference from the Ministry of Education inline with The Ministry of Health.

Both Mrs Benson and Mrs Smith are well underway and into the final aspects of the organisation for Senior Camp. The parent meeting has happened and much of the food has been purchased. Thanks to the parents who are now preparing mac and cheese and/or Lasagne. Looking at the activities planned, we know this will be a camp that the students will remember for years to come.

Thanks
Matt

Hadlow 2 Harbour

We had a number of students take part in the Hadlow 2 Harbour this year with some of them fundraising a significant amount to help pay for their senior camp fee. Well done to you all but a special shout out to Iris Farr and Charlie Collins who won "Best Dressed" as Alvin and Simon!



Happy &

Healthy

Environmentally

Aware

Aspire

Respectful

Tenacity

COMING UP

Friday 20th March—Assembly hosted by Room 5

TERM 1 CALENDAR

16th March	Tennis Coaching
16th March	South Canterbury Schools Triathlon
17th March	PCT Challenge
20th March	Assembly
20th March	Rural Schools Swimming Sports
24th—27th March	Senior School Camp
27th March	South Canterbury Schools Swimming Sports
3rd April	Assembly
9th April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
9th April	Home & School Disco 5pm—6.30pm

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
Friday 13th March

FAMILY DONATIONS

The family donation has once again remained the same for the 2020 school year being \$100 for 1 student and \$200 for 2 or more students at the school.

If you chose to pay this donation in full before the end of Term 1, we will credit 10% back to your school account.

Thank you to those families who have already paid this amount, we sincerely appreciate it!

Class Library Times

Tuesday

10:30am - 11:00am - Room 7
12:00pm - 12:30pm - Room 5

Wednesday

1:20pm - 1:50pm - Room 6

Thursday

2:20pm - 2:50pm - Room 3

Friday

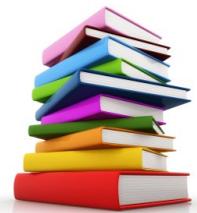
9:30am - 10:00am - Room 4
11:30pm - 12:00pm - Room 2
12:00pm - 12:30pm - Room 1



LIBRARY HELP!

Mrs Hurley would like to acknowledge the following people for their wonderful help covering our new library books :-

Fiona Jackson
Kylie Siegert
Vanessa Riley
Beth Rich
Sara Williams (and Rogan)



Swimming Sports

What a great day we had for the annual swimming sports. It was great to see so many swimmers attempting a range of different activities whether it is in the large pool for the first time, a distance that they had not swum, or even a stroke they were not confident with.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to take time out to watch and assist with transport. There will be a note coming out on Monday for all those who have been selected to compete in the Rural Schools swim event on Friday 20th March.



Sandpit Toys

A massive thank you goes out to Malcolm Coles and Andrew Stark who coordinated the growing and selling of new potatoes just before Christmas. The money that was raised has gone into purchasing new sandpit toys and soft furniture for the Library. These toys have been purchased in conjunction with Craig Moyle from Drummond and Etheridge. Craig has been extremely generous with donating a number of trucks and tractors along with giving the school some very good prices on the large toys. Without the generous gift of time from these fathers, we would not be able to offer these extras for our students.



Dear Mr Moyle

Thank you very much for all your help to get the new sand pit toys and for surprising us with the trucks and diggers.

I felt excited. We were surprised when you opened your boot.

From Ben in Room 2

Dear Mr Coles and Mr Stark

Thank you for surprising us with the new trucks and the tractors. Some were little and some were humungous. Thank you for using the potato money to buy the trucks and tractors. I was so excited when the boot got opened. I tried to get a big truck.

From Archie in Room 2

Thank
You!

COVID-19 – THE FACTS

(as of 6th March)

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the mean time we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

So what we now know about COVID-19 is:

- At this time the vast majority of people in New Zealand have no risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19
- Children and young people under 18 account for only 2.4% of all reported cases of COVID-19 – this means we are unlikely to see widespread cases in schools and early learning services
- New Zealand currently has very few cases of COVID-19 and no evidence of sustained person-to-person transmission in our communities
- Although asymptomatic infection (people with no symptoms) has been reported, there is emerging evidence that this is rare and not a major driver in spreading the infection
- Spread happens through coughing and sneezing by someone confirmed with COVID-19 – similar to the way that influenza spreads
- "COVID-19 does not transmit as efficiently as influenza, from the data we have so far. With influenza, people who are infected but not yet sick are major drivers of transmission which does not appear to be the case for COVID-19" - Director General of World Health Organisation (WHO)

If someone is confirmed with COVID-19 infection:

- 80% of confirmed cases of all ages have mild to moderate symptoms
- 6.1% of all cases are treated as critical – most of these people have other health conditions
- If a child or young person does get confirmed with the case, 97.5% will get mild to moderate symptoms only (0.2% critical)
- Recovery time (median) from onset to recovery in mild cases is 2 weeks. For severe and critical cases it is 3-6 weeks
- COVID-19 isn't easily transmitted – and in China research shows it is largely occurring in families (75% - 85% of clusters occur within families), not in the community
- Again in China, early studies suggest that less than 10% of family members of confirmed cases, have been infected with COVID-19
- The people most affected are those over 60 years of age, and those with underlying conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease and cancer
- As with other illnesses such as flu, the highest mortality rate is in those over the age of 80



The Barton Rural Home and School Committee are looking for new members!

Here's some info that tells you a bit about us.....

Who are we? We are a group of parents keen to help out our school community.

What do we do? Our main goal is to fundraise for our children and bring our school community together, to get to know each other better. We do this by creating events for everyone at school ie: The School Fair, Discos, Casino Evening, a Car Rally (coming up) and the School Working Bee. Some of our other fundraising includes firewood, phonebooks and applying for grants. We serve our community with a project called Helping Hands, where a few meals or baking is provided for those that need some love at a difficult time. We also manage the second hand uniform shop and sports uniforms.

What does it involve? We meet once a month to plan events and as the event gets closer, there may be another meeting required to finalise details, then ... all hands on deck for the set up/pack down and to help run the event.

Why should you get involved? Simple really, many hands make light work! This benefits **all** of our beautiful children and this is a great way of getting to know other parents to strengthen our school community.

How do you get involved? Come Along to our AGM on the 18th of March at 7pm in the staffroom at school, for a Coffee and Cake evening and an informal chat or for further information.

I'd like to acknowledge our current committee members, Deanna (Treasurer), Jill (Secretary), Claire (Deputy Chairperson), Malcolm, Coenie, Michelle, Jo, Tammy, Cath (Helping Hands), Nicola (Uniforms), Maree and Matt thank you for all you do behind the scenes, you are a great bunch of people. It's been an outstanding effort over the last year. Well done. Thank you also to those of you in the school that contributed your time, to help the Home and School Committee. We really appreciate it!

Find one of our team and chat to them if you have any questions.

Thanks again, Janelle Brickle (Chairperson)

INLINE SPEED SKATING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Ella Benson (Mrs Benson's daughter) has been selected to go to the Inline Speed Skating World Championships in Colombia in July 2020. She is one of 4 South Canterbury skaters in the Worlds team. To help with the approximately \$10,000 each skater needs to raise, there are several fundraising activities going on. If you wish to help, please feel free to participate in the following fundraising activities:

Friday 13th March - Fright Night Disco at Skating Park, Marine Parade 6-9pm - \$5

Cheese Rolls - \$6.50 per dozen or \$18 per 3 doz - orders to Mrs Benson

Quiz night at the Sail - May 6th - bring a team of 4 - \$40 a team

Clothing sale - clean out your wardrobe and donate any unwanted clothing for our clothing sale.

**FRIDAY FRIGHT NIGHT
ROLLER DISCO**

Friday 13 March 2020
6 - 9pm
Roller Skating Rink, Marine Parade, Caroline bay

\$5 including skate hire and entry

bring socks and a helmet and
wear your spookiest costume!

Prizes for best costume and best dressed helmet

Family Friendly Event
BBQ Food Available

This fun roller disco is to raise funds for skaters in the club
travelling to the world inline speed skating championships in
Columbia in July



Good men in the making

Join us at our **Open Day**
Sunday 15 March, 1-3pm

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TIMARU BOYS'
HIGH SCHOOL



Hockey South Canterbury invite you to our 'Have a Go' day on Sunday 15th of March 2020 from 2pm-3.30pm at the turf located at Aorangi Park on Morgans Road, Timaru. This is open to all primary school aged children where you can have a hit around on the turf and we can assist you with all information regarding hockey in South Canterbury. Bring a few friends and come and have a go! All gear is provided and it's FREE!



Timaru Thistle Football club is having a junior 'have a go' and registration day!

For new junior players, come along and try out some drills and skills and have a kick around to see if you want to have a go at soccer this season. If you are a returning junior player, come along and we can take care of your registration that day also.

When: Sunday 29th March 2020

Time: 2pm

Where: Anzac Square (beside Century Pool)

There will be fun for the kids and all of the information for the parents/caregivers that you will need for the season.

For any queries about the day, please contact Rebecca on 0276843153. Also 'Like' the Timaru Thistle AFC Facebook page to stay up to date with all of the club information.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR DRINK BOTTLE!