

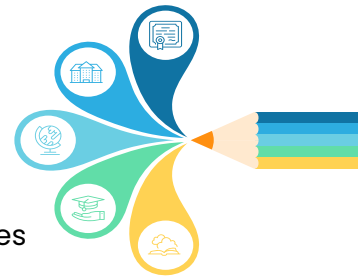


2nd March 2023

Term 1 Week 5

From the desk of Ms 'O'

The Garston SPIRIT in Action



There's always a temptation to forge on to the next event without taking time to reflect on what has passed so I'd like to assign a few lines to last week's successful Peter Rabbit celebration.

Many positive comments have been received from those members of the Southland District Council who attended the children's performance. It was an opportunity to showcase our school's unique composition and character. And how proud the children were as they took their bow in front of what to them was a sizeable and hugely appreciative audience!

Equally important but less obvious outcomes were also on display. I found it deeply rewarding to see how the Room 1 children were able to:

- Overcome their nerves and show confidence (**S**elf-assured)
- Be ready, focus on the job at hand and put energy into practices (**P**roductive)
- Commit to personal responsibilities e.g. learn lines, set up the chairs (**I**ndependent)
- Encourage others, follow instructions, be patient, include everyone (**R**espectful)
- Adapt a story, use available resources (**I**nnovative)
- Make a plan, make improvements, find solutions (**T**hinking)

**That's the Garston Spirit
in action!**



Self-assured **P**roductive **I**ndependent **R**espectful **I**nnovative **T**hinking smart

Parent Teacher Interview Booking Form

In case you missed it last week...please email, call or print off the form

My preferences for an interview are:

(circle any)

Monday 6th March:

3:00 – 4:00 4:00 – 5:00 5:00 – 6:00

Tuesday 7th March:

3:00 – 4:00 4:00 – 5:00 5:00 – 6:00

Wednesday 8th March: (Mrs A-T and Miss Willmot are not available on Wednesdays)

3:00 – 4:00 4:00 – 5:00 5:00 – 6:00

Name: _____ Date: _____

Community News

Many thanks to Amy Aldridge for giving her time and expertise to sew the cords securely on all the children's sunhats. They are a great asset to our sun safety policy.



A fundraiser for Montessori Children's House Wānaka & Wānaka Primary School

WĀNAKA TRAIL RIDE

SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023

WE'RE BACK FOR 2023.
Join us for an epic, all-ages and all-abilities trail bike ride over Deep Creek, Long Gully, and Lindis Peak stations.

FOOD + DRINKS AVAILABLE CASH ONLY

EVENT DETAILS —
TRAIL BIKES AND PEE WEES No side-by-sides
Registration on the day from 7:30am
Trails open 8:30am – Trail gates close 3:30pm
SPARK ARRESTORS COMPULSORY

TICKETS —
PRE-REGISTER ONLINE FROM 1 FEBRUARY
ADULTS (16 yrs+) Pre-registered \$55 On the day \$85
JUNIORS (under 16 yrs) Pre-registered \$20 On the day \$20
FREE PEE WEE TRACK

WWW.WANAKATRILRIDE.ORG

ANZAC SUPPORTERS
\$1 from every entry fee is donated to the RSA appeal.

New Classroom Block update.

- Consent has just been given for the sewerage, water and drainage to be connected. Work to start on 20th March and last for 3 weeks. This work includes demolishing the old pump house and running the pipe from the well to the new tank underground. A new shed will be built next to the tank and will contain a U.V. water treatment system.
- Frost matting on the front deck is being fitted this week.
- The new driveway is close to being signed off.



Run, Jump, Throw Sports Day

This week the children thoroughly enjoyed the Garston Sports Day, which combined traditional athletic events, with novelty relay races and culminated in a circular obstacle race. Determination was also this week's value and the children really showed it.

*"A good rotation to keep everyone busy and active" noted Luké.
"Competitive but fun" commented Sophie.*

The children learnt the skills of long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, hurdling and sprinting in their PE lessons and had the opportunity for a friendly competition with peers of similar ages during a rotation in the first hour of the day. *"Everyone did their best" said Jake, whilst Juno noted "We tried our hardest."*

This gave the teachers a really good chance to see which children had talent, confidence and developing the skills which might lead to a chance to represent the school at Northern Southland Athletics. The children meeting the standard, will be given opportunity to practise further and compete against other schools. *Howie said this helped with "determination to win"*

During the second part of the day, the children raced with their whanau groups in the sack race, egg and spoon race, bat and ball race and duck waddle race. It was wonderful to see the leaders and deputies assisting the younger students and working as a mixed age team. *Clara claimed the events "interesting and fun."*

The finalé was an exciting obstacle race around the Friendship garden, including tunnels, tramps, stilts, aiming and crawling under a vibrating parachute. The teams loved it and many asked for another turn! *Taegan said it was "the most fun."* The children all helped each other and it was great to see the parents getting involved too. *Hazel shared "my mum loved it!"*

I'm sure if Heron from Active Southland has her way, there will be a parents' crazy relay next time! Thanks to everyone for a great day.



Dates for your Diary



Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th March

Parent-teacher interviews.



Monday 13th March

LIFE education bus – Harold the Giraffe to visit.



Wednesday 15th March

Board of Trustees meeting in the school library at 7pm.
All Welcome



Monday 20th–Friday 24th March

School swimming at Mossburn pool.



Saturday 25th March

Mrs A-T is swimming from Hidden Island to Kelvin Beach in the Whakatipu Legend 5km race! Come and support.



Monday 27th March

Home and School meeting at 7pm