



## Newsletter – Friday 16th September 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

In the week since the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, we have all been witnessing history as we move, as a member of the commonwealth, into the reign of a King for the first time in most of our lifetimes. The students have, particularly at the end of last week, had lots to say about the Queen. For us as adults too, we consider the future of our banknotes and coins after a lifetime with the Queen. This brings a slight change to our term, with a public holiday on Monday 26th September (last week of term).

This week I am writing the newsletter from Ōtautahi Christchurch, where I am attending the New Zealand Principals conference. This year over 800 principals from around the country have come together (without masks) to connect, share ideas and be inspired. One of the stand out speakers so far for me has been Dr Farrah Palmer, of rugby fame and success but more broadly an inspirational leader. One of the frequent conversations I'm having is as people ask me about my move to Greytown School and it strikes me that though it's only been 9 months, I feel very much at home within our school community- it is thanks to all of the staff, students and families that I have been so warmly welcomed.

This week is te wiki o te Reo Māori, a time when we celebrate Māori language and its place in our everyday lives. Matua Miu has been sending out daily updates for staff for activities to do with students and for us as adults to continually develop our knowledge. I describe myself as someone who is still at the early stages of my journey but I realise when I hear Māori spoken, I understand more than I think I do.

I want to congratulate our wonderful Dancesplash group, whose performance I was incredibly sad to miss! I got a special performance last Friday and I was really impressed with how quickly the team had pulled this together. Mrs Jones has again put in a huge amount of work alongside the students and the feedback that made its way all the way to me in Christchurch was fantastic! Tino pai to mahi!

We are working on the calendar for term 4 and will have the dates set for all of our end of year activities before the end of this term. We will share these dates with you as soon as we have finalised them.

### **Kōwhai Structured Literacy Information Evening**

On Tuesday, September 20th between 6 and 7pm the Kōwhai teaching team are holding an information evening for parents in the school library on the whys and hows of using a structured literacy approach to teaching reading and writing. After the event, the information we present to all Kōwhai families. It would be appreciated if you could email or message your child's teacher if you will be attending the evening.

**“DREAMS COME IN A SIZE TOO BIG, SO THAT YOU CAN GROW INTO THEM!”**



Ngā Mihi Nui (warmest regards)  
Mrs Paula Weston - Principal



**Pet Day**

Pet day registrations will be coming out this week ([link](#) in this newsletter) and will close off at the beginning of week 10 - term 3 (Monday 26th September) - so start training your pet.

If your child is entering a dog, there will be an extra form to fill out.

We are also calling for all pet day cups to come back as soon as possible.

There will be food available on the day. If you are interested in helping with this please let the school know.



If your child is entering a lamb/ calf they have the option of taking them to the South Wairarapa Group Day in the following week. We will give out the invitation and rules when we receive the entry. The A & P show is being held on Oct 28th- 30th.

**Remember, on pet day school finishes at 12.30.**

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## Dates For Your Diary

21st Sept	Year 8 EOTC
22nd	Year 7 EOTC
26th	Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day
21st Oct	Pet Day
25th	Labour Weekend
28th-30th	A&P Show



### Recycling Competition - Lila Holden

For the rest of Term 3 and some of term 4, I am running a competition to see which class can collect the most milk bottle or jam jar lids. The class with the most lids will win morning tea, sponsored by the Orchards, our new neighbour. I am asking people to bring in WASHED lids each week. Each class's total will be recorded and the winner announced at the end of the competition. All the lids will be taken into Wellington for recycling at the end of the competition. Thank you for your support and may the best class win!

Save the kids in Ukraine!



So a lot of people think that now there isn't anything about Ukraine on the news anymore, that the Ukraine war against Russia is just about over. Well it's not! In fact it's quite the opposite. Ukraine is still in danger, and so are the children. Myself and my dad have split some wood in case you didn't already know, and it's now ready to be sold. The type of wood we will be selling is wattle and gum. The price we are looking at is \$450 for a 2 cubic meter truck load. However the wood was ringed in autumn and split in spring. Therefore the fire wood will not be ready to burn until next winter. If you are interested in buying some of this wood please contact either myself or my dad via text message. We only have a certain amount of wood so, first in first served.

Rusty's phone: 0276068584

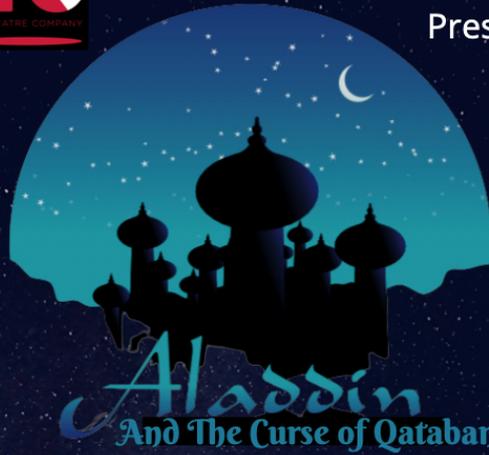
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Written by Lucinda Hight



Proudly  
Presents



Written by Paul Percy

Playing at the Majestic Theatre  
Ngaumutawa Road, Masterton

6th - 9th October 2022

Tickets

Adult \$28 Senior \$25 Student \$15

Available from 12th September

[www.iticket.co.nz](http://www.iticket.co.nz) or Masterton i-SITE



**St Matthew's Junior School**  
Presents



**Tuesday 1 November 7pm**  
**Wednesday 2 November 7pm**  
**Friday 4 November 7pm**

at

**St Matthew's Auditorium**  
**Pownall Street, Masterton**  
**Admission by way of a Koha**

**Director**  
**Doug Davidson**

**Music Director**  
**Maggie Fauvel**

Music & Lyrics by  
**Elton John & Tim Rice**

Additional Music & Lyrics by  
**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer**

Book by  
**Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway production directed by  
**Julie Taymor**

Music Adapted & Arranged and  
Additional Music & Lyrics and  
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**

Disney's *The Lion King JR* is presented through special arrangement with  
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## WAIRARAPA SPITFIRES BASEBALL CLUB

2022/23 Wairarapa Spitfire Baseball season online registrations are now open!

We have club teams available for all ages and levels of experience.

**ROOKIE BALL** – Ages 5 to 9 will play on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College at 9am.

**MINOR LEAGUE 11U** – Ages 9 to 11 will play on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College at 10.30am

**INTERMEDIATE 13U** – Ages 11 to 13 will play on Wednesday afternoons at Kuranui College and MIS at 5.30pm

**13U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS** – Baseball in the Wellington Regional Competition. Spitfires teams will be formed mid-September, email [mcwilliamae@gmail.com](mailto:mcwilliamae@gmail.com) asap if you are interested. Games are on Sundays and played at home and away in Lower Hutt, Wellington and Levin.

Our Have a Go Open Day is on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm at the Kuranui College Baseball Diamonds. Come along for a fun morning learning about baseball and free sausages.

For more information and **to register check out our website** [www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball](http://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball).

Join our Facebook Page: Wairarapa Spitfires.

Contact our Teams Coordinator, Eileen McWilliam, on [mcwilliamae@gmail.com](mailto:mcwilliamae@gmail.com).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>3 October - Dance Party</b> \$40	<b>4 October - Laser Wars</b> \$45	<b>5 October - Staglands</b> \$50	<b>6 October - Multisport</b> \$35	<b>7 October - Movie Time</b> \$45
	Bring your dancing shoes we will be learning new moves with KTS Dance.	Palmerston North YMCA are coming over for the ultimate Laser wars battle in our very own Gymnasium.	Spend the day exploring nature and the animals we will find amongst it.	We love active recreation, let's participate in 4 different sports and see what is the most exciting for you out of Basketball, Cricket, Soccer & Floor Ball.	Let's take a walk down to the local Regent 3 cinema and check out the latest movie on the big screen
					
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>10 October - Halloween</b> \$35	<b>11 October - Te Papa</b> \$55	<b>12 October - Nerf Wars</b> \$35	<b>13 October - Space Day</b> \$35	<b>14 October - Cloud 9</b> \$55
	Build yourself a costume for Halloween, a lolly bag and more with us today.	Join us on an adventure to New Zealand's national museum, Te Papa. We will be doing a kid's trail scavenger hunt to find some of the best parts of the museum's collections. There's always something new to see!	Creating targets, signs and a battlefield to see who the last person can be standing.	Learn, create and build a solar system, star signs and rockets.	Lets bounce over to Palmerston North to embrace the trampoline world they have.
					

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**Y-Kids Holiday Programmes**  
 Masterton October 22

