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Senior Syndicate Newsletter Term 2

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What's happening this term?

Our Inquiry topic this term is called '**Endangered Animals**' and continues from Term 1. We will be looking at how animals become endangered and what we can do to minimise our impact. Our trip this week to Orana Park gave the children a great insight into the lives of many endangered animals.

In the arts we will be performing for **Skoolstars**. This includes learning a song, creating a dance and recording these onto a DVD. This DVD will be on display and available for purchase at the Skoolstars Premiere Show at Branston Intermediate Hall on Monday 28 June.

Our focus for Maths is **Time** along with **addition and subtraction**. With the improvement in broadband and technology there are now a number of web based educational games available for free. The following ones practise basic fact knowledge for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We would encourage parents to visit these websites and look at these activities with the children.

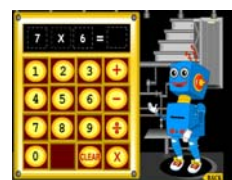
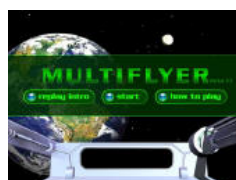
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Hagley Winter Sports

This interschool weekly winter sports competition involving a large number of our children playing soccer, hockey, rugby league and netball will begin on **Friday 14 May**. Thanks to the parents who have already volunteered to coach our teams. We are still in need of a netball coach and a soccer coach. If you are available can you please contact Mrs Jack in Room 15.



Cross Country

Our next sporting event is the school cross country. This will be held on **Wednesday 5 May**. There will be two events. One will be a trial to represent South Hornby School at the West Zone Cross Country at Burnside Park on Tuesday 18 May. We wish all trialists for this team well. The other is a fun event for all other children.

Uniform/Shoes

Now that we are well and truly into winter our playing fields can be quite muddy. It is great to see the children out playing touch rugby and soccer at break times but it leads to the problem of muddy clothing.

We would like the children who wish to play these games to bring a spare pair of track pants to wear while they are playing. We can keep our muddy shoes in the cloakroom but muddy trousers pose more of a problem.

Trainee Teachers

Room 8, 15 and 16 are lucky enough to have trainee teachers from University of Canterbury College of Education. Amber Davis is in Room 8, Rachel Tanner is in Room 15 and Rosie Wolland is in Room 16. The Senior Syndicate welcome them and know they will enjoy their time at South Hornby School working with our wonderful children.



Choir

The South Hornby Choir children are busy learning and practicing songs for their repertoire.

In October the Choir will be hosting a visit from Hawthorndene School from Adelaide. Both choirs will be performing for a number of other schools, the Christchurch City Council, Kids in Town, our school and their parents and families.

Remember

Please check to see that your child has the correct stationery. After term holidays many items seem to go missing.

The teachers of the Senior Syndicate would like to thank all our parents for their continued support. We welcome all parents into our school. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, even if it is to tell them how wonderful they are, please don't hesitate to organise a time. We do have meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays but would be only too pleased to talk to you outside these times.

Senior Syndicate Teachers

