## SEDDON SCHOOL

Moku, Mou, Mo te wa kei te tu Knowing Ourselves Connecting with Others, Growing Towards the Future



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#### Kia Ora

I was driving back out to Seddon from Blenheim this afternoon and was completely taken back by the absolute beauty of the Awatere Valley. We certainly live in an amazing part of the country with breath-taking landscape! I am incredibly grateful to be sharing this community with you all as well. The Seddon community is wonderful - there is a genuine interest in other people and the wellbeing of others. It is fabulous to see this coming through in the school as well. Our students are really helpful, they look out for each other and are very forgiving. The time I have been able to spend talking to our students or popping into the classrooms has been the highlight of my day.

We have some busy times ahead of us with School Swimming Sports and Meet the teacher evenings happening next week. A number of parents have asked about assembly with Swimming Sports - it will still go ahead just at a different time. To help you with your calendars we have included the assembly dates for this term in the newsletter.

We will be focussing on Health and Well-being again this year. I encourage you to think about attending the Pep Talks speaker Lucy Hone coming up in March. It has been advertised in the school newsletter. Lucy is an amazing speaker and has some practical suggestions for managing resiliency and improving our health/well-being. She is well worth a listen. My understanding is tickets are \$28. The staff are all attending and we are really looking forward to it.

Just a gentle reminder to make sure your children are aware of the transport arrangements for them to go home - we have a number of children who aren't sure if they are being picked up or not at the end of the day. We really do want to send your child home to the right place and would appreciate it if you make sure both your child and the school office knows. We do realise that life happens and sometimes we forget! It definitely makes things easier for us at school if either the office or your child knows though. And if collecting your children and they are on a bus run please cross them off the lists.

The staff have all begun our year long journey in mathematics professional learning. They have worked on a project called DMIC - Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities. It is exciting work that will bring mathematics back to life in the classroom and make it fun. Staff are excited about the possibilities of this project.

Our senior students are currently preparing to apply for the leadership roles within the school. We are hoping to develop these within our health and well-being work and we are all looking forward to seeing what this very forward thinking and community minded group of senior leaders come up with. I am looking forward to working with our student council soon!

#### Thought for the week:

A child is like a butterfly in the wind. Some can fly higher than others, but each one flies the best it can. Why compare one against the other? Each one is different, each one is special and each one is beautiful.

Ngā mihi nui Anita

### **Community News and Advertisements**



Book tickets here www.peptalkmedia.com/lucyhone



#### **HOUSE FOR RENT**

3 Bedrooms – 7 Schwass Street

The Seddon BOT invites applicants to apply for rental of the school house. Please apply in writing to the school office providing two references. NOTE -No PETS

Applications to be submitted no later than 26th February 2020

Awatere Rugby JAB Muster Day 14th March 2pm Seddon Domain





## Inviting...YOU

- the South Marlborough community to an evening of information and feedback with complimentary wine & cheese.

Monday 24th February, 2020 7:00-8:30pm The Station, 8 Mills St Seddon





# Respect

Means treating people, things and places as important.

### The Kiwi Can Corner



This week in Kiwi Can we begin to look at <u>respect for ourselves</u>. This will include identifying our strengths and what makes us unique – and looking at ways we can respect our unique selves!

Why not talk more about this at home? You could ask your child:

- what does respect mean to them?
- what they think are some of the things that make them (and you!) <u>unique</u>?
- what are some ways we can show respect to <u>ourselves</u>?
  (Examples <u>could</u> be things like understanding what makes them unique and special, positive self-talk, staying true to their beliefs, eating healthy food and exercising, being ok with doing their best etc)



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