

Whole School

Professional Learning

We have been fortunate to have David Anderson with us this week. The main focus has been on developing teacher skills in language. David modelled very effective lessons with each cluster followed by a de-brief session. Every staff member was able to articulate at least one action that they would be committed to following. The feedback from new staff has been positive and the sessions were seen as highly valuable and rewarding. David also ran a workshop in peer coaching which was attended by all new staff.

Staff workshop – TOD

We revisited the action plans that were created on teacher only day. In our groups we chose 3 actions that we would like all staff to put into practice, these are now displayed on the staffroom wall as a reminder for our on-going professional learning. These actions may form a part of teacher goal setting and as part the appraisal process.

Ultraset

All teaching staff are currently very busy learning to establish u-space sections, chapters and pages for each student in each curriculum area. We are then able to scan save and upload samples of students work to their u-space.

Open Day

Was held in week 7 and a lot of parents took the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and see for themselves what life is like at school. Teachers were encouraged to show parents examples of goal-setting, Beachlands Learner and ways that their child is supported in their learning.

Friday Fun Day

Was a lot of fun! The whole school dressed up in their house colours and took part in a whole range of exciting activities with their buddy class. This was a great opportunity for buddy classes across the school to build relationships and a great time was had by all.

Kool Kids Show

Was once again a great success – the magic show included amazing magic tricks together with parrots, rabbits and audience participation. The theme of the show supports our values and the message of being a 'kid that cares' is a great way to start the year.

Canterbury Earthquake Fundraising

The school-wide theme of 'reach out' has certainly been evident with our enthusiastic response in support of the victims of the earthquake. As well as the official 'red and black day' which raised funds for specific schools, individual students, groups and classes have been very busy with a wide range of fundraising events to raise money for the red cross. We have all been very impressed with the organisational skills of many students and the generosity of our parent community.

The 'B' Club

A singing and dancing club (think of Glee). Auditions have been held and members selected – this very popular club has many very enthusiastic members who enjoy singing and dancing.

Koru Team

Open day was very successful; we received a large turn-out of parents and they seemed to enjoy spending time learning about school and what their children are doing in class.

Last week the Koru Swimming Carnival took place, many parents came along to watch

Parents have been invited to come along to school with their child and plant a remembrance plant for Rozelle in the Butterfly garden or in the garden behind room 2

PMP started this week and is run in the hall each morning from 8.30 -10.00. Parent helpers are still required to support this programme to operate to its full potential.

Garden Club meets on a Wednesday at morning tea. They are experimenting with germinating seeds in used tea bags. They will then be able to transplant the young seedlings to the garden without disrupting the roots.

Year 3 and 4's.

New Block: All classes have moved into the new classes, and are busy sorting out their spaces and new routines. Children contributed well to the move.

Learning Pathways: We have been lucky enough over the last few weeks to have students from Christchurch staying with us. This has fitted in well with our Learning Pathway about kindness, with students being involved with events to fundraise for Christchurch.

Sport: We have just finished a session of soccer with coaching from Te Puru, and our swimming has also finished. Our Swimming Sports last week was a great event with students competing in relay events.

ICT: In ICT students have been working on developing their profiles for their u-spaces for the schools ultranet site.

Learning Goals: All students have their Learning Goals set and displayed in the class room and are being encouraged to reflect on these as we are quickly moving to writing personal reviews.

Year 5 and 6

Sport: We have enjoyed soccer with Te Puru every Wednesday. Our swimming sports was a great success and we were proud of the students who went on to represent Beachlands at the HPPA event.

A selection of students also attended a softball fun-day event this week organised by the HPPA.

Camp: Was a real highlight for the year, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went – we all came home safe and sound with nothing more than a few bruises. The parents who came to camp really helped make camp the success it was and we are very grateful for their support.

Learning Pathways: We are exploring the concept of kindness, under the umbrella of 'Reach Out' and will be exploring ways that we can reach out to others both in our immediate and wider community. As a result many students have taken the initiative to plan, organise and implement many fundraising options for the Christchurch community affected by the earthquake.

Intermediate School

The theme of the Intermediate Camp this year is "Where the Wild Things Are" we are in the full swing of organising this. Students are getting excited and our parent helpers have been selected. We are holding parent meetings about the camps soon. Teachers are going to camp next week to do their pre-camp visit.

Students have recently been selected for their leadership responsibilities and teachers are beginning to train them in their various roles. The House Leaders have begun taking school assembly and taking tours for new families around the school.

We have attended the ECCS Swimming competition and had two students compete successfully at the Counties- Manukau Swimming Competition. We are also sending a team to the ECCS Softball Tournament.