

PRINCIPAL COMMENT

The Key points about bullying in New Zealand Schools from the latest International Survey:

- Rates of bullying in New Zealand are very high compared to other countries
- The percentage of Year 5 students reporting recurrent bullying was statistically significantly lower in 43 of the 50 countries in the study
- Only in one country was statistically significantly more bullying reported
- New Zealand has not been reducing bullying in primary schools. This negative pattern has been evident since 1994.
- 31% of the New Zealand middle primary students surveyed said they experienced bullying “about weekly”.
- Students who reported the most frequent bullying had significantly lower achievement in mathematics and science.
- Bullying has negative effects on student identity and well-being.

This is the reality for our students in schools everyday and along with our community we have to do better. At Dannevirke South School we will be following the “Bully Prevention and Response: A Guide for Schools” to work with our teachers, students and community to make our school a safe and happy place for everyone.

This term we have started to review our policy and procedures around bullying. Opportunities for parent and whanau discussion will occur during the remainder of the term before the Board finalise Policy. In the meantime staff have -

- Defined a consistent response to bullying incidents. This will be on our website from today and a copy sent home next week.
- Improved the recording and analysis of every incident so we can check progress and guide prevention strategies.
- Incidents that come to our notice, particularly on social media, often occur outside of school hours. We will look into all these incidents as they can have a real impact on student wellbeing.

We need the support of our community. This is not a one off but we will be discussing this issue in all our newsletters and providing information for our community until we start making a real difference.

Definition of Bullying:

- **Bullying is deliberate**
- **Bullying involves a power imbalance**
- **Bullying has an element of repetition**
- **Bullying is harmful**

I’m always interested in your comments and you can do this in a number of ways.

- ⇒ Phone me on 027 5064862
- ⇒ Make an appointment to see me
- ⇒ Send a note to school
- ⇒ Use the school website contact
- ⇒ You may even have another way we can discuss any concerns

Stephen Snell
Principal

TERM CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
JUNE	
Monday 12	ICAS Writing
Wednesday 14	ICAS Spelling
	7 aside tournament in Pahiataua 8.40am
Friday 16	Last day for SOS Winter Fundraiser orders
Friday 23	S.O.S. school disco
Wedn 28th	Interschool Cross Country
Thurs 29th	Room 10/11 trip to Puhaka Mount Bruce
Friday 30th	Room 10/12 trip to Puhaka Mount Bruce
	Interschool Cross Country Postponement
JULY	
Tuesday 4	Mid Year Interviews—Pick up SOS pies
Wednesday 6	Mid Year Interviews
	PhotoLife Studios—Sports Photos
Friday 7	S.O.S. sausage sizzle—no canteen
	End of TERM 2
Monday 24	Start of TERM 3

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We have a few limited sweatshirts and polarfleeces in the school office to sell. Once these are gone you will have to deal direct with the Warehouse or StitchMe. (see attached flyer) StitchMe have Polar fleeces for \$40 and polo shirts for \$26. They will also name items for \$3 or you can buy name tags 50 for \$35.

RUGBY CAKE STALL

Many thanks to all those who baked and donated goods for the Rugby Cake Stall held a few weeks ago. Your efforts made approximately \$600

PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS

By now you should have received your classroom photos that you ordered. If you have any concerns or would still like to order a photo please ring PhotoLife direct on **080050140**. There are still a few sibling photos in the office to be picked up.

ACCOUNTS

Enclosed with this newsletter are updated school accounts. If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office. Please remember you can start a direct debit up at any stage to pay into your child’s account. A follow up phone call can be expected for those who continue not to pay accounts.

S.O.S.—PIE ORDERS

The S.O.S are again selling their very popular frozen food from Iceland Products. The last day for orders is Friday 16th June and the orders can be picked up from the school hall on Tuesday 4th July between 2.30—3.15 pm.

READING QUOTE

“The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it” - James Bryce

REMINDERS

- Please remember to come to the office and sign your child out if you are taking them away from school during the day or picking up early
- Please contact the school each morning your child is away. You can leave a message on 374 8915, txt a message to **027 506 4860** or leave a message on the school app
- No food containing nuts to be brought to school—especially for Year 1-2 children
- The Dental Clinic is now closed until further notice so please contact the Huia Range Dental Clinic. Phone **374 7672** Monday -Thursday and on a Friday contact

EPRO8 CHALLENGE

The EPro8 Challenge is a competition against other schools. You need brains and skill, plus the ability to work in a team.

Georgia, Anson, Jay and I were chosen to be in a team called the “South Puzzlers”. The heats were held in the DSS Hall. We had to create/build structures for points. There was only a small place where you could build. In the heats, our team came second place; coming in the top four meant we would go to the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals it was a lot more challenging than the last. It was held in the Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School Hall. We created an amusement park ride that could be spun using one finger. Then we created a robotic fishing rod. We came 5th which just got us into the Grand Final.

In the Grand Final we created a wheel that went down a ramp without falling over. Then we made another wheel that went down a ramp but it had to jump over an L & P bottle. Our final creation was a bus with stable sides and could be pulled along.

In the Grand Final our team came 7th. Although we didn’t get first or even in the top 3 it was still great fun and I hope to be picked again next year.

Tyrah-Mei



SPORTS DRAWS & NOTICES

DANNEVIRKE NETBALL CENTRE

SATURDAY 10th JUNE—South School on duty
South Strikers vs Huia A on Court 1 at 9.00 am
South Stingrays vs Kura B on Court 2 at 9.00 am
South Divas vs Kura C on Court 5 at 9.00 am
South A2 vs Combined A on Court 1 at 10.00 am

SATURDAY 17th JUNE

South Strikers vs South A2 on Court 1 at 9.00 am
South Stingrays vs Huia B1 on Court 2 at 10.00 am
South Divas v Combined B on Court 3 at 10.00 am
4 vs 4 players meet at 9.00 am in the Sports Centre
5 vs 5 players meet on Court 5 at 10.30 am

JAB RUGBY

SATURDAY 10th JUNE at Coronation Park

South Terrors v Puketoi 10.30 am on Field 1
South Blue v St Josephs 10.00 am on Field 1
South Black v Puketoi 11.00 am on Field 1

SATURDAY 17th JUNE at Coronation Park

South Terrors v Huia Range Hawks 10.00 am on Field 1
South Black v Norsewood 10.00 am on Field 1
South Blue v Ruahine 11.00 am on Field 1

DANNEVIRKE JUNIOR HOCKEY

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FRIDAY 9th JUNE at Anderson Street courts

South Stars—Bye
South Sonics vs Norsewood Razors Turf 1 at 5.30 pm
South White Kiwi vs Norsewood Phantoms Turf 2 at 4.30 pm
South Red Kiwi vs Ruahine Whitesticks Turf 2 at 5.30 pm
South Blue Kiwi vs Norsewood Comets Turf 4 at 4.00 pm
South Strikers vs Norsewood Eagles Turf 4 at 5.30 pm
South Sticks Quick vs Ruahine Warriors Turf 3 at 5.00 pm



RUAHINE SCHOOL are hosting a **Quiz Night** followed by music and dancing on Saturday 10th June at the Te Rehunga Hall. Adults only. Tickets