



## Orcadaceous\* senior picnic

By Chloe Bentley and Olivia Bamber



A beach barbecue with mates-is anything better?-Brooke, Alyssa, Desirae, Olivia and Molly preparing lunch.

The Year 7-10 students not only had perfect weather for the picnic at Sandy Bay, but a pod of 6 Orca turned up to take part as well. Chloe and Olivia tell the story.

The 4th of December finally rolled around and the year 7 to 10s, excited as ever, scurried to Children's Bay. They began the scramble up the hill towards the giant tin rhino. After 45 minutes the group of 30 or so

students waited in the shade and reunited with each other.

We stretched then headed down towards Takamatua Bay. When we approached the poo particle stream we took our shoes off and attempted to cross and get to safety. We carefully walked across sharp rocks and over trees. We got to the next destination, the steepest hill. We became mountain goats and

climbed. When we reached the beach we were greeted by a vile smelling dead sheep. **Yummy.** After listening to instructions we lit our fires, cooked and ate our lunch. We went for a refreshing swim and looked out to sea and saw 6 orca whales looking back at us. This was a great day!

*\*orcadaceous -17thC old English; when an outdoor activity, such as a picnic, is interrupted by a group of*

## Zen at National Secondary School's Athletics

Last weekend Zen Little took part in the National Secondary Schools Athletics Comp. Earlier in the year Zen had won the Junior Javelin Canterbury title and had been producing throws of over 40 metres in training leading up to the Wellington event. Wild and wet conditions made it really difficult for all competitors and Zen struggled to find the form he was hoping for. His throw of 36.39 metres earned him 16th place in the whole of New Zealand, no mean feat.

"They were not the best conditions for javelin with a crazily strong cross wind. My result was not

quite what I was hoping for but it was a great experience just to be there"



## Final House Points 2019

Lavaud 24.5

Stanley 20.5

Rakaihautu 19.5

Langlois 15.5

## Students 'slip, sliding away' at Junior Picnic

By Remedie Palmer



Last Friday as part of the Junior school picnic the Akaroa Fire Brigade came to our school and boy did they give us a lot of things to do. The first thing was a maze that was covered over by a black plastic to make it look like you were in a house fire and the black plastic was the smoke from the fire. That was really fun but to be honest some of us got a bit lost. The next and second spectacular thing was of course was the waterslide. As soon as the lovely teachers told us to go to the gym

The high powered fire hose pushed us down the soapy slide. Penny Osborne said "that the maze was scary and the water slide was really refreshing and of course slippery."

Another student, Scarlett Ryan loved the day, "I really enjoyed the food of course, but the best part of the day was the water slide. I liked it because it felt satisfying screaming, sliding on the soapy suds"

Thanks to the Fire Brigade and



## "Haere ra" as our Head Girl heads off to University

By Jodie Osborne



Maddy in the Te Kaika Haumarū room she developed as a 'safe space' for students.

Last week I sat down and had a chat with Maddy, our Head Girl in 2019. First up I asked what was her earliest school memory?

"My earliest memories was when I had Mrs Minto and Ms Mann as teachers in Room One and Two.

Even before coming to school I had this reputation from preschool, as a problem child. I would always just hide under the tables."

After thirteen years at school I figured Maddy must have some perceptive insights into what makes the school

what it is. She did! "The most memorable thing about Akaroa is that the school is so community based. It has this family atmosphere where all the younger and older students and also the teachers get along. You can see this in how the values are role modelled by the older students at school."

So what are her plans going forward I wondered? "Next year I am going off the University of Canterbury and will study to be a criminal psychologist."

I couldn't resist asking Maddy for some parting words of wisdom. "I would finally like to say that you should have the determination to challenge yourself and remember that Akaroa is always your home." All the best Maddy. You have been an amazing Head Girl and a wonderful role model for all the students.

## Former student inspires with travel tales

By Molly Osborne

Earlier this month Year 9 and 10 had a lovely visit from a former student at Akaroa Area School in 2014, Aoife McClosky. She was here to tell us all about her travels that began as an 18 year old in different countries whilst also being on a budget. We were told of experiences in Iran where she was invited to a complete stranger's wedding, being stranded in one of Jordans many deserted areas trying to get to the Dead Sea. She had so many adventures in so many different cultures. Stunning images of the world now filled our minds, no doubt giving many of us a very sudden urge to travel. Then there was all the planning and details she had recorded. I must say

that Aoife is incredibly neat and had planned everything very well. She even had recorded every single dollar that she spent, so that other

young people planning to travel could know how easy it is to do things on a budget. Thirty days in Iran only cost her \$314.



Aoife was somewhere in Jordan when a wild donkey came and made friends!

## Stunning Spirit of Adventure trip for Yr 12

Year 12 student Jodie Osborne has just returned from an amazing trip on a sailing ship. This is her story.

The Spirit of Adventure traveled from Tauranga down to the Marlborough Sounds, with 40 trainees from all over New Zealand. During the full 8 day trip over 800 kilometres covered and the other half of the time was spent around the Sounds. Along the way there were plenty of activities to keep us occupied including; climbing the 28 meter high mast, learning about navigation tools used by Captain Cook and Maori. It was an event called Tuia 250 which was acknowledging the first meeting between Maori and Pakeha 250 year's ago. The event was created to bring together and weave a combined future for New Zealand. The whole event included a flotilla of boats; the HM Bark Endeavour which had sailed from Australia, multiple Waka

from Tahiti and then also the Spirit of Adventure, who represented the youth for the combined future. During the last couple days of the voyage there were a couple of Pōwhiri, when we were coming up into Picton for our last voyage we were joined by over a hundred boats as we came up and into the harbour.

The entire experience was a very memorable one, I meet so many people, some that will definitely be friends for life. Before I left on this trip I had many members of the community come up to me and shared their own experiences on the Spirit and say how much they recommend it.

I would a hundred percent back them up and like to say how much I enjoyed the lucky experience I had and would recommend it to any one who gets the chance.



Jodie with two of her shipmates aboard the Spirit of Adventure

## Pohatu swimmers rapid progress



Pohatu swimmers made rapid progress this year. Ben, Te Maiharanui, Willa, Te Paia, Meadow, Tom, Hector, and Jackson with Yr 12 coaches Maia and Jodie. Pohatu teacher Rachel McLaughlin said "the difference from Term One to Term Four is amazing"



## Akaroa students excel at Little River Athletics

By Josh Crawford

As the cars parked up and people crowded the Little River Domain it was clear that the next BP Athletics was on.

Kids lined up in their year groups and got ready for their first events. Everyone was excited since a winner for Shot Put, Discus, High and Long jumps and Sprints were up for grabs

In the stalls fresh baking and sausages from keen Little River teachers and parents wafted around the school and domain.

Akaroa got a lot of first placings. Emma Hansen won the Discus and Shot Put, while Penny Osborne won three of her events and was our top athlete. Chloe Bentley was another star, winning the Long Jump and Discus, while her younger brother Oscar gained an amazing two firsts, a second and



Winning relay team- Remedie, Eden, Oscar and Tahu

two thirds. Santina Sullivan won the Shot Put and Millie Vogan the 1200 metre race. To top it off the Yr 5 and 6 relay team, pictured above, got

first place in a very close race.

At the end of the day, tired kids got into their cars and drove away, happy to be going home.

## Poetry writer to be published

By Penny Osborne

In Term One this year some glorious Year 5 and 6's did a Writers Workshop run by the famous Heather McQuillan an author and a writing teacher. She taught us some writing tips and was very helpful with boosting creativity.

How my poem below came about was Heather gave us a picture and we had to write how it made us feel or what we thought the picture was doing. Heather McQuillan said that she would pick a story or poem to be published in the Write on magazine.

### The Six Buffaloes

*Six buffaloes cross a gravel road.*

*Alone, heads hanging low.*

*No colour no happiness.*

*Working together.*

*Hooves pound on the ground.*

*Shadows stick to the buffalos like glue.*

*Horns ready in case of battle.*

*Tails linger near the ground.*

*Heavily breathing.*

*Inhaling the gloomy air*

## Senior citizens entertained at Health Hub

By Desirae Conaglen



Year 5 and 6 students listening to mountaineer Peter Farrell

Last week the Yr 5's and some Yr 9 and 10's headed up to the Akaroa Health Hub to have a lovely morning with the residents. We started by singing a couple of lovely songs including *Jingle Bells* *Kiwi Version*, *Summer Wonderland* and *Aotearoa Christmas*. Through the event our junior students got to connect with our wider

community. The younger students made Christmas cards to give out, while the older students made morning tea for everyone. Penny Osborne said happily "it was really cool to see them all sing along with us and enjoying our company". One of the highlights was hearing from mountaineer Peter Farrell talk about his amazing adventures.

## Spring Show full of fun and games

By Millie Vogan

Excited kids dashed through the school gates welcomed by the smell of fresh lamb poo and chocolates. There were stalls filled with fun and games. Everything from ice blocks for sale to a good old barbecue. The stands "were very creative and fascinating" said Remedie. Bella commented "the lines for the stalls were so long. We was working all day." With only a few lamb entries, Cooper de Vink tried to enter his dog (Fleur) in the lamb competition, but was not allowed. Tigger enjoyed the balloon burst game "I had a blast" he said. Meadow Rogal said that she enjoyed seeing the dogs and also Sam Uren's huge pig and his rats.

The plant stall was massive, thanks to Oding's Nursery donating lots of plants,



which was greatly appreciated.

Over all, the day was full of fun and we made lots of money. According to the friendly school office

people, Tania and Sharon, we have raised approximately \$1400.

It will be going towards general school funds.

*Pictured above is Sam Uren and his friendly pig.*



# Sun, sand and sea for awesome Activity weeks

By Eden and Alice

The students from Year 6 to 10 enjoyed a number of different activities including paddle boarding, surfing, sailing, kayaking, diving and more during Activity Weeks, held earlier in the term. We went to Le Bons Bay twice and spent most of the day there surfing, kayaking, snorkelling and fishing. "On the first day the waves were not so good" said Hugh, "but that made the kayaking amazing". Thanks to Mr Brittenden and his helpers on the boat we got to have a great lunch of crayfish and by the end of the day we were all quite tired and ready to go home. Another two days were spent at the Akaroa Boat Shed, where we enjoyed sailing, diving, paddle boarding and fishing. While we were diving we collected lots of paua, cockles and mussels which we then got to have for lunch. They tasted great! Meanwhile even though there was no wind the sailors had fun learning how to capsize and the paddle boarders had a great time going around to the lighthouse.

We also spent a couple of days of the 2 weeks getting ready for the Spring Show and based a whole day making Christmas cards, beeswax wraps and bird feeders to sell. Everyone enjoyed it very much and we hope that we can do it again next year.

Pictured, clockwise from top, the whole team at the Akaroa Boat Sheds, Jasiah with his Kahawai catch, Lily, Bella and Chloe on the Le Bons Bay beach, kayakers on Akaroa harbour, boogie boarders at Le Bons, and kaimoana collectors, Jasiah and Josh in Akaroa harbour.





