

Newsletter

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Principal Preece's Piece (or Ross's ramblings)

It's been a pleasure to welcome best described as 'solid rather than spectacular'. In a nutshell school. We have had over 60 new enrolments to start this year. There seems to be a significant number of new families in the area and we have welcomed back several whanau who have been doing the big OE. Our school role is likely to be 30 students in excess of MOE estimates, so these numbers will generate 2 extra teachers and a significant increase in funding. Thanks to all our existing families and our community for spreading the positive word about WAS.

We have several new teachers including Miss Tupper (PE/Health), Mrs Stewart (7/8+health), Mrs Judd (7/8), Matua George (Te Reo), Mr Post (math/ physics), Mr Rainey (music) and Mr Whelan (trade). Please make them feel welcome and we will make some appointments for Term 2 once our increase staffing is official.

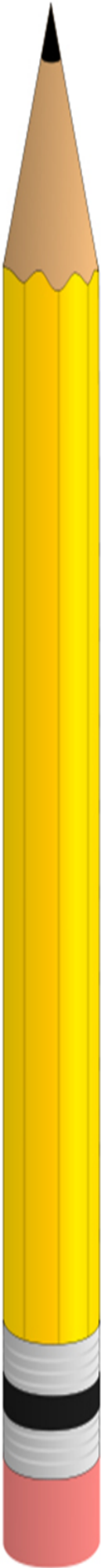
After 2 years of fantastic NCEA results our 2015 results would

tem is due for replacement. Sadly the heat pumps won't be installed until near the end of term. We will keep you posted on this development.

As from next week we are going to block access to the car park outside the gym from about 2.30-3.10. As you will know I do duty on this spot and there are always a series of 'near misses' as our children are walking out of school and cars are backing out of parks. There is plenty of other parks available but it will mean that children may need to walk to the cars. My thanks for your understanding in this matter but we all agree that keeping our 'little tigers' safe has to be our priority.

We have BOT elections coming up in May, if you might be interested in joining this positive and forward thinking group then please talk to myself or any of our current board. Enjoy another long week-end. Cheers RP

With all this heat, our pool is incredibly popular. Please make sure that the togs and towels are included in the school bag because we have already had several 'melt downs' amongst our younger pupils that their togs were missing. On the subject of heat, our BOT is investigating the cost of heat pumps for all rooms, because our coal fired boiler sys-



Year 1—6



Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6

Tena Koutou,

We would like to welcome all our new students and their families to Whangamata Area School community. It was great to see so many smiling faces on Wednesday. I visited all the classes and they all seemed very settled and happy.

Thank you everyone for being so organised. It makes the start of the year much

smoother for everyone.

As it is very hot, I would like to remind everyone that all students must have a hat to wear during break times and when students are working outside.

It is really helpful if all items of uniform are named. This makes it easy to return articles to their rightful owners.

Most students will have

swimming each day , so please bring togs and towels, named and in a separate bag.

There are quite a few things happening in school over the next few weeks. Please check the newsletter and the school facebook page for these events.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

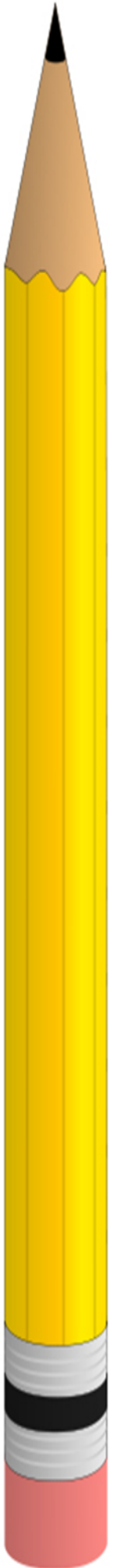
Technology

Our Food Technology department would like to thank ***Dion and Rochelle Mackwood at Olivers Bakery*** for their ongoing support and supply of flour for our food practical. Absolutely appreciated. Many thanks.....*Jan Myers*

Junior Surfing

Starting again Thursday 11th February

Newcomers are welcome to sign up for the last four weeks



Of Secondary Importance:

Year 9-13



Alistair Luke HOD English

Welcome back to all our students and whanau for the 2016 academic year. A special welcome to those who are new to the school and our community. Students in years nine and ten have started their new Core Studies programme. This is a cooperative effort between the Maths, Science, Social Studies and English departments to try and bring more coherence and consistency to the learning experience students have in their first two years of secondary school, and to prepare students for the critical thinking skills required to achieve excellence in NCEA. Over the next few days you will receive further information about the structure and content of the Core Studies programme. For parents who would like to know more about this, there will be an information evening on Tuesday February 16th

at 5.15pm in the Library. Any interested parent is welcome to attend. For years 11-13 the first few weeks are about settling into the routines of NCEA and its learning and assessment protocols. It is important that students sitting NCEA read their course outlines carefully and understand exactly what they need to achieve to be successful. There are subtle requirements for success at each of the three levels. Understanding these will help students be successful. Please encourage students to talk to their KORU teacher or Dean if they are unsure what is required of them.

All students have been issued with a homework diary and we encourage students to make use of these. Many homework

tasks are issued and allow students to work at them over a period of time. Good recording of these tasks will ensure that deadlines are met.



From the school office

SCHOOL BANKING: Westpac are here every Thursday at the school office between 8.20—8.40am. One lucky banker will be drawn each term to win a voucher. If you would like your child to do school banking and do not have a school bank account please see your local Westpac Branch.

EMAILED NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters will be emailed to all parents/caregivers who have a current email address registered with the school. There will be a few hard copies available at the school office if receiving an email is not suitable. Unfortunately if you have more than one child at school then you will receive more than one copy of the newsletter.

ABSENCE REMINDER: If your child is going to be away from school or will be late arriving can you please phone the school ASAP and let us know. Please do not be offended if we ask the reason for the child's absence—it is a Ministry requirement that the reason be noted. Could all late arrivals please come to the office first to let us know you have arrived (Seniors will need a late slip to take to class). Students who are arriving late will need either a written or verbal note from your parent/caregiver.

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS: If your phone number has changed, you have changed addresses, emergency contacts have changed or any details that need updating can you please let the office know. This is very important. If we need to notify you in an emergency we need to have your correct details.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE/PASSPORT and INTERNET AUTHORITY Welcome to all our new students. If you have not already done so, please bring your ID to the office to copy for our records. It is also a requirement that we have a signed authority for students to be able to access the internet. If you have not already done so can you please see the school office. This MUST be done.

LUNCH ORDERS

Monday: No lunch orders taken. Can parents please make sure your child comes to school on Mondays with lunch. This day is set aside for fundraising events e.g. sausage sizzle or bake sale.

Tuesday—Friday: SUBWAY. Please come to the office for a Subway order form. Subway order form and money (enclosed in an envelope) will need to be at the office before 9.00am. Orders will need to be collected from the school office by the student.

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Extra order forms may be obtained from the school office											

Sushi order form

Date: Thursday.....

Name.....

Product	4 pieces	Box	6 piece	Box	Note
Chicken Avocado	\$6.80		\$10.20		
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