

Newsletter

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

"The children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority and they show disrespect for their elders. They love to chatter". Today's teenagers often get a lot of negative publicity and much of it is unfounded. Certainly the media highlight the actions of a few teenagers who do the wrong thing. They never highlight the actions of the 1000's who are doing the right thing! I thought I would share with you the actions of 2 of our students who did the right thing. One of our female staff members took off her engagement ring to put it in her pocket as a 'safe place'. It fell out and was found by a year 11 lad who handed it in to the office. Another senior boy has been supporting a mate through a personal crisis. Both lads did the right thing in the circumstances and neither wants personal recognition. It's always an interesting reflection for adults to reflect on their own behaviour at 14 or 15?

My thanks to all the parents who attended last night's meeting about Core studies.

It was well attended and the parents asked plenty of 'good' questions. All the parents of pupils in years 9/10 should have received a letter with a core studies explanation. If you haven't received this core booklet then please collect a spare from the office. If you have any queries about core studies then please email direct the teacher concerned.

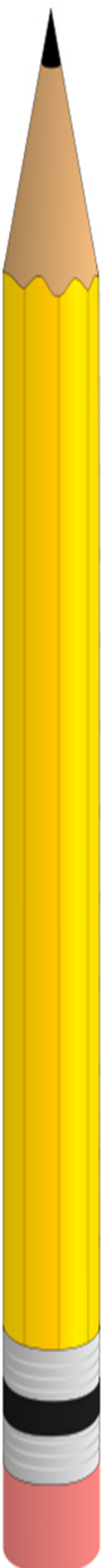
My thanks for your patience with the start of the year. It appears that we will have at least 40+ students above what the MOE predicted. This will generate considerable extra staffing and a major budget increase. These figures won't be confirmed, by the MOE until March 1st, but we will be creating extra teachers to ease some of the larger classes throughout our school. My thanks to you as our parents for spreading the 'good word' about our kura. As we all know word of mouth works!

If you are looking to purchase a computer for your child then please check out the offers from Noel Leemings on

the back of this newsletter. You won't be able to beat these prices. Speaking of our newsletter, we have been sending these out via email for the last term, however some parents without computers have requested that paper copies be available? These are available at 'Whanga Books' and our office. (These will be placed there on every 2nd Thursday).

To finish I would like you to refer back to my quote at the start of my column. The writer of these wise words was **Socrates (400 BC)**. Have a great week.

Cheers RP



Year 1—6

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6



Tena koutou,

I would like to thank all the parents for their support at the year 4-8 swimming sports. A special thanks to the Whangamata Swim Club and Ruth Hanner who helped set up the programme and run the day. We really appreciate your expertise and time. This is the first time that we have run the day as years 4-8. It ran smoothly and we welcome feedback to improve the event next year. Next week we host the Four schools swim sports. We welcome you to come and support our team.

It is great to see everyone with hats on. I am also pleased with the amount of named clothing that I have been able to return to their owners.

This week we have had a maths advisor, Mr Bruce

Moody , working in our classes. He is very passionate about maths and the students have enjoyed working with him. On **Monday 11 th April** all teachers of years 1-8 will be participating in a teacher only day with him and teachers from other schools around the peninsula. **School will be closed for students in Years 1-8 on this day. Please put it in your diary.**

Teachers are busy gathering data for the beginning of the year. This helps us plan our programmes of work to meet the needs of our learners.

It is important the children realise that it is okay to make mistakes.... so I would like to share this poem.

Mistakes Can Be Good

Mistakes can be good.

They can help you grow.

They can show you what you need to know.

So whenever you make a mistake,

Just say:

“Now I’ll try another way.”

By Judy Lalli

Don’t forget if you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to get in touch .

Regards

Sue Brookes



News and Views from the Middle Ages

Year 7/8

Year 7 & 8 Camp 2016

The Year 7 & 8 Camp is being held in Week 7 of Term 3 (Monday 5th September to Thursday 8th September). We will be going to Totara Springs located at the foot of the Kaimai Mountain Ranges in Matamata. Totara Springs is a purpose built educational facility that provides a wide variety of activities to challenge our students in an outdoor setting.

The cost per student to attend is approximately \$250. We suggest that making regular payments in the seven weeks prior to camp to avoid any financial hardship close to camp time. We will require parents to attend camp and act as active helpers with student activities. As camp week nears we will be asking for an indication from parents who

are interested in attending. We will send a note home closer to the time with more information.

JUST BEEN

Year 4-8 Swimming Sports... It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the swimming development and successes of our students. Students should be commemorated on their OUTSTANDING participation on the day. It was great to see so many smiling faces, proud of their achievements.

COMING UP- some important dates to keep in mind

19th February - Full School Assembly, 11:40am

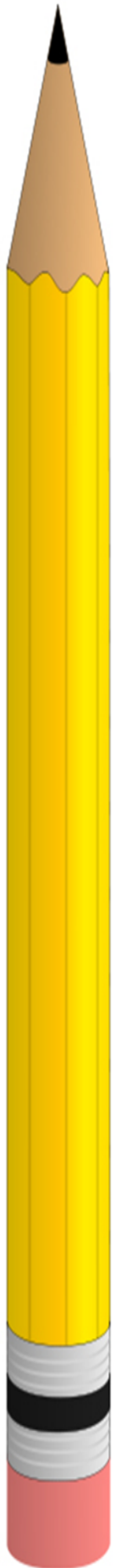
22nd February - Immunisation TALK (consent forms will go home)

24th February - 4 School Swimming

14th March- Immunisations

18th March- Full School Assembly, 11:40am

06 March- WSC Triathlon



Of Secondary Importance: Year 9-13

Week three has rolled around in no time and students are now settling into the routines of the new school year. For year 9 students, in particular, this can be an uncertain time as they adjust from the primary school model to the secondary one. For these students, the KORU Teacher is an excellent source of information and also the first port of call for parents should you have any concerns or questions.

A number of our students have been excelling outside the classroom in recent weeks. Three of our young swimmers, Tayla Taupaki, Jayde Hanner, and Callum Fulton have all qualified for national events in the coming weeks. Tayla is off to the National Junior Age Group Championships in Auckland, whilst Callum and Jade will compete in the National Division Two Championships in Invercargill.

These students have worked extremely hard to qualify for these national events and, given there is only a seasonal facility in town, their dedication is to be admired. Good luck to all three students.

Also enjoying success in his chosen sport is Dylan Preston who was 2nd in the Whangamata edition of the National Grom Surfing Series at the weekend. Congratulations to Dylan for continuing to perform at a national level.

With the term now in full swing, a number of opportunities are presenting themselves to students. Mr Rainey is running a "Band Academy" on Mondays after school for students who wish to be involved in performance music. Stage Challenge planning has kicked into gear and students have been invited to express interest in being involved with this. Cross-fit training is running



Alistair Luke HOD English

after school on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Gym. This is a great way to start preseason training for winter sports. Speaking of these, a number of winter sports have had, or are about to have, sign ups or musters for the coming season with training already underway for many. Please encourage your son or daughter to keep listening to the daily notices for details about these. School is much more enjoyable when students take advantage of these opportunities.



Netball News

If you are wanting to play netball for the 2016 season can you please put your name, year and contact details at the school office. Any parents that would like to coach or manage this year please contact Shona on 0274 977236 or 865 7395

Basketball

Junior girls that are wanting to play this season can you please get your name and contact details down at the School Office by Friday 19th February. Any queries call Shona on 0274 9772361 or 865 7395

Lotteries Funding

In 2015 **JOHN WHITTLE**, with assistance from **Amy Webb** applied for funding from the **LIONS FOUNDATION** for IT upgrade and towards costs of programmes to use in class.

We are happy to announce we were awarded **\$10,000.** towards these costs. This is very exciting news for the year 7-8 area, and will make a significant difference to DIGITAL LEARNING. We are now looking at the most cost effective devices and hopefully will have them to use in classes by term 2.

HUGE THANK YOU TO JOHN WHITTLE FOR HIS TIME AND COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT

Creative Soft Textiles

We are looking for recycled irons and ironing boards for the fabric room. If you have any in good order and wish to sell them or donate them that would be super.

If you have a sewing machine in good working order and wish to sell it please contact the school office. Material is also required for creating a variety of items.

Sewing tutoring classes for all ages will be held each Friday at break time. If you wish to repair clothes come along and speak with Janice Hope.

Teacher Aide Position 2016

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This position would suit a trained teacher aide who is willing to work with students from 5-12 years of age. Hours of work will be set as a fixed term contract. Currently 3.5 hrs per week for terms 1 and 2 only. Work time to be negotiated For all enquiries please contact Sue Brookes or Janice Hope 078658557



PTA 2016 Garden Makeover

If you are observant you will have noticed already a few changes around the grounds.....the metal fence down by the music rooms is being taken away, the post and boards around the foot path beside the tennis courts is getting tidied up.

All this is part of a major plan, instigated by the **PTA to update, refresh, makeover, many of the gardens** and grounds around the school!

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

We propose that each family in the school ***DONATES THE COST of ONE plant*** towards this Makeover. There will be a VARIETY of plants at varying costs and you will choose the size or cost of the plant you would like to donate.

A letter will come home shortly with more details and costings of all the plants for you to choose. This is very exciting and we hope you want to be involved in this transformational phase of our school.

It will be awesome to look around the school in 20 years and think you paid a part in how great it will look!!!

THERE WILL BE A SCHOOL WORKING BEE ON THE 9th APRIL, SATURDAY.

We will need as much manpower as possible

PLEASE, welding spades and wheelbarrows!!!

Careers

It's been a great start to 2016 with senior students thinking about future careers and making sure they're on the right pathway, studying subjects that will enhance further training be it at polytechnic, industry training organisations, apprenticeships or university.

Students and parents are very welcome to call in and talk about careers and how to reach their goal.

Waikato Trades Academy

We have nine boys enrolled this year. Two enrolled in Construction & Infrastructure, six in Manufacturing & Technology and one in Automotive Year 2. This is a year long commitment and all students will be working hard to not only complete the course but to catch up on school work missed on the day they are out of school. Last year we had one student achieve 100% attendance and an Automotive student who was top of year!

Gateway

The Gateway Programme aims to create a pathway from school to the world of work by placing students in a chosen workplace for one day each week throughout the school year. This gives students a wonderful opportunity to try out potential careers and build relationships with employers. Students also work on industry-related unit standards which may help them with future employment/training.

We are organising placements for sports coaching, personal training, hairdressing, plumbing, automotive, butchery and agriculture.

All Gateway students must achieve 20 credits to successfully complete the course.



Don't forget to like Whangamata Area School Facebook page for information on careers and upcoming events, including visits from Universities, Polytechnics, Open Days and Careers Expos.



Year 4-8 Swim Sports

We held the 4-8 years swimming sports on Monday. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and there was a great atmosphere with lots of supportive parents who came along to watch.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OVERALL POINTS WINNERS OF THE DAY:

GIRLS	1 st Alice Hennessy-Webb
	2 nd Ruby Woodroffe
	3 rd Te Rina Wilson-O'Connor
BOYS	1 st Fred Phillips
	2 nd Rory Bathurst
	Ben Milne

Congratulations to the following students who were the CHAMPIONS and RUNNERS-UP in their age groups:

	<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>
AGE 12 years champions	Te-Rina Wilson-O'Connor	Samuel Reynolds
runner up	Jess Beaver	Shanohe Thompson-Davis
AGE 11 years champions	Alice Hennessy-Webb	Travis Ogg
runner-up	Clodagh Mulvihill	Shore Harada
AGE 10 Years champions	Kamryn Paul	Fred Phillips
runner-up	Sidney Woodroffe	Rory Bathurst
AGE 9 Years champions	Ruby Woodroffe	Ethan Jamieson
runner-up	Trayn Woolley	Ethan McLeod
AGE 8 Years champions	Rosie Phillips	Ben Milne
runner-up	Izzy Milne	Max Mills

TERM 1 CALENDAR

This calendar was correct at time of printing however it is open for change. For confirmation please contact the school.

3	15 Feb	R 4-8 Swimming sports 9.30am start
	16	Year 9/10 Core Studies Information Evening 5.15pm in Library
	17	Beach visit rooms 9,3,4 Yr 9-13 Swim sports 10.00am (house 10am, pool 10.10am, swims sports 10.30am)
	18	9-13 Swim sports back up / beach visit back up
	19	Year 9 Outdoor Education day Full School Assembly
4	22	
	23	Year 7-13 Athletic sports (time to be advised)
	24	4 schools swimming (event yet to be confirmed)
	25	
	26	Year 10 outdoor Education overnight camp 4 schools swimming (event yet to be confirmed) Massey University visit 10.00am
5	29	Ye 7-13 Athletics back up day
	1 March	Thames Valley Secondary School Swimming Sports
	2	TVSS Swimming Sports back up day
	3	
	4	Year 11 Surf Camp Year 7-13 Assembly
6	7	
	8	Thames Valley Primary Schools Swim Sports
	9	Thames Valley Secondary Schools Athletics
	10	
	11	TVSS Athletics Back Up day Marine Studies Diving until Sunday 13th
7	14	Year 7 and 10 vision screening 9.00am
	15	Thames Valley Secondary Schools Triathlon
	16	
	17	
	18	TVSS Triathlon back up day Full school assembly Year 7/8 outdoor education
8	21	
	22	
	23	Thames Valley Secondary Schools Show Jumping
	24	
	25	EASTER HOLIDAY
9	28	EASTER HOLIDAY
	29	EASTER HOLIDAY
	30	Beach Hop begins
	31	Thames Valley Secondary Schools touch
	1 April	TVSS Touch back up day NO SENIORS AT SCHOOL (BEACH HOP)
10	4	
	5	Thames Valley Secondary Schools Tennis
	6	
	7	TVSS Tennis back up day AMP Interviews all day
	8	Year 7-13 Assembly
11	11	TEACHER ONLY DAY – YEARS 1 – 8 ONLY
	12	Waikato Swimming
	13	
	14	Thames Valley Secondary School Sevens Rugby
	15	LAST DAY OF TERM 1



Whangamata After-school Cricket

VENUE

Whangamata Area School

dates/time

Wednesdays starting March 16/23/30/6 April

3.30pm – 4.30pm

aGes

For primary school years 2-6

BRinG

Shoes, Hat, Sunblock, Drink

This programme is **free** and for all students wanting to give cricket/small ball skills a go in a fun environment

Carl Schwarz

[KiwiSport Waikato | e carl@ndca.co.nz | m 021 942 569](mailto:carl@ndca.co.nz)



PENNINSULA COMBINED FUN CARNIVAL

On behalf of the Whangamata, Mercury Bay and Coromandel Swimming Clubs



Sunday 6th March 2016

Warm-up 9.00am Start 9.30am

Whangamata Community Pool, Achilles Avenue, Whangamata

EVENT 1:	100 FREE	EVENT 8:	25 BUTTERFLY (25.00 or slower)
EVENT 2:	25 BREASTSTROKE (28.00 or slower)	EVENT 9:	100 BACKSTROKE
EVENT 3:	100 BREASTSTROKE	EVENT 10:	50 BREASTSTROKE
EVENT 4:	50 BUTTERFLY	EVENT 11:	25 BACKSTROKE (25.00 or slower)
EVENT 5:	25 FREESTYLE (20.00 or slower)	EVENT 12:	50 FREESTYLE
EVENT 6:	50 BACKSTROKE	EVENT 13:	100 BUTTERFLY
EVENT 7:	75 IM	EVENT 14:	100IM

Meet Information:

1. \$5 per entry, no entry limit. Relays: Enter on day and will take place at end of meet. No entry fee for relays
2. Age as at day of Meet
3. Entry times required for seeding events 1-13 (no times not accepted, please enter an appropriate time taken by coach)
4. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in every heat
5. Swimmers may only enter 1 medley event, 75IM is a beginners event for those unable to do 25m butterfly
6. Spot prizes, food and drinks available.
7. Programmes \$2. Raffles \$2
8. Entries close 28th February 2016. Entries to whangamatascc@gmail.com. Payment to Whangamata Amateur Swimming Club 03-1577-0014794-01 by 1st March. Contact Shelley Rolton 027 211 0385 for enquiries
9. Officials: Clubs are requested to help with officials, please advise names and contact details of officials with your entries
10. Please remember this is a fun meet, come along and have some good fun swimming. All welcome

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