

Newsletter

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

It's been a busy couple of weeks around our town with Easter and then Beach Hop. Obviously such weekends generate a huge amount of revenue for our town. Our school also benefits particularly from 'the Hop'. The combination of the quiz night, caravan/bus parking, hosting the security guards and numerous sausage sizzles will raise close to \$15000 for our school. A special 'thank you' to all the parents and my staff who helped in any way. I would like to make a special mention of the Quiz team called 'Mavericks'. This team took out the top prize of \$1000 cash and promptly donated this money to our school. This is the 2nd time this team has won the prize and donated their winning to our school. Such generosity is amazing, especially as most of the team are visitors to town.

This weekend we have a working bee scheduled for Sunday starting at 10am. This is organised by the PTA and aims to give our grounds a

makeover. We are also undertaking mass plantings of trees and shrubs. Many of these have been donated by our families. My thanks in advance to anyone who helps out in this venture.

It's come to our attention that several of our year 9-13 lads have very 'potty mouths' particularly during break times. We are adamant that such language is not appropriate in any school setting, especially at an area school with plenty of 'young ears' around. Please support us if you are contacted about your child's inappropriate language.

Our newsletter seems to have grown bigger and bigger, especially since we have gone to an electronic format. We have had some feedback to say the vastly increase size has meant that parents are less likely to open and read the document. One idea is that we go back to a one page document with key dates and events highlighted, then we would provide electronic links to other docu-

ments, such as my column or Sues 1-8 piece. Any feedback on this proposal to the office please.

We have our Board of Trustees elections soon. This group has responsibility for governance of our school and our current board is doing some outstanding work. Nominations open for this soon, with elections scheduled for the end of May. If you are interested in being a BOT member then talk to any of the current board, or myself and get an information pack from the office.

Finally just another reminder that there will be no school on Monday 11th for our year 1-8 pupils. There is a teacher only day for all our staff at Whenuakite. Our staff will be enhancing their ability to teach Maths.

This is our final newsletter for the term. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday! Cheers
RP



Year 1—6

Tena koutou,

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is nearly over. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with swimming and other school events this term. We as a staff really appreciate your participation.

Reminder : There is a Teacher Only Day for teachers of years 1-8 on Monday 11 th April. We are all going on a maths course in Whenuakite. SO there is NO

school for students in Years 1-8.

There is a Rippa Rugby Tournament in Whangamata on May 4th. Students in Years 5-8 have been asked if they wish to participate.

If you are buying new shoes over the holidays please remember that school shoes are black.

Please name any new items of clothing so that they do not end up in the Lost Prop-

erty Box.

Have a safe and happy holiday

Regards

Sue Brookes

Yr 1—8 Assembly Awards

<i>Room 9 Harekeke</i> Bronx Pardoe /Luka Wilson Kimi Wharepapa / Neena Hersom	<i>Room 3 Kaponga</i> Koopā Pickett-Heemi / Izabell Hansen
<i>Room 4 Manuka</i> Max Munden / Ruby Milne/ Fiona Robson/ Lara Woolley/ Micah Tai'i/ Koby Cox	<i>Room 5 Kowhai</i> Chloe Hannken /Daniel Lewis Lulu West / Cooper Anderton
<i>Room 6 Pohutukawa</i> Stacie Bathurst /Ryan Brickwood / Taj Millar Dal Bosco	<i>Room 7 Rīmu</i> Solomon Sturkenboom / Mollie-Rose Robinson Kaia Reynolds / Rosie Phillips
<i>Room 20 Totara</i> Otis Baxter / Ethan Burke Ryder McKenzie / Taya Davie	<i>Room 8 Kauri</i> Madison Matthews / Jamie Jacobs Olivia Tollemache / Henry Davis
<i>Yr 7/8 MJ</i> Kloe Robinson / Gianni Sisson Amber Sullivan / Travis Ogg	<i>Yr 7/8IF</i> Bhavik Khatri / Samuel Reymolds Aria Matthews / Jade Grammer

News and Views from the Middle Ages

Year 7/8

Nearing the end of Term 1

Year 7 & 8 Camp 2016

This Friday 8th April students have the opportunity to participate in a Work Day. This will go towards petrol and paying for our parent helpers to attend our Year 7/8 Camp. We are still waiting on a number of permission slips to be returned to school. Please do this ASAP, we expect 100% of our students to commit to this day.

Children are not expected to come to school in the morning and are able to go home at their own accord after they have finished work for the day.

Honours students

Please encourage your child to bring home their Honours book. Look through it together and discuss areas where they can improve to gain more points. Ultimately we would like ALL students to graduate as Honours students after their 2 years in middle school.

Beach Hop...

It was great to see so many dressed up in their "Vintage" Beach Hop inspired clothing on Friday. The students loved watching the Thunder Cruise on their way to Onemana. Our students were a pleasure to take out of school.



Looking good!! Year 7/8 IF/ RS

COMING UP- some important dates to keep in mind

Fri 8th April- Year 7 & 8 Work day

Mon 11th April- No school for Year 1-8 students, staff are attending a course with Numeracy Facilitator Bruce Moody

Fri 15th April- Last day of Term 1

Of Secondary Importance:

Year 9-13

Alistair Luke HOD English



What a busy couple of weeks it has been. Easter and Beach Hop have been and gone and the end of term is now staring us in the face. Senior students should now be starting to complete assessments and receive results. By the time this newsletter hits your inbox, AMP interviews will have taken place and parents and students should have a clear picture of how the year is shaping up. This is a great time for this “academic stocktake” as it is still early enough in the year to make some changes to ensure success.

Speaking of success, summer sports have pretty much wound up but not before Tayla Taupaki made one last splash for the season. She won the 50 metre

butterfly race at the Waikato Junior Swimming Championships recently. This caps an outstanding season for our swimmers and surfers. Over now to our winter sports teams to carry on this momentum.

An issue that is presenting itself for us in the secondary school is the number of students who are bringing energy drinks to school, and in some cases class. These drinks are generally infused with generous doses of sugar and caffeine and do little to assist students with learning or maintaining consistent energy levels throughout the day. Students are welcome to bring water bottles to both school and class for hydration but energy drinks will be confiscated if students choose to bring them to school. Your

assistance with this issue would be greatly appreciated.

As this is the last newsletter for term one, we wish all students a safe and restful holiday. Term two is vital for NCEA students as it is relatively free of disruption and is a great chance to take some giant strides towards this qualification

Nga Mihi Nui.

PTA Working Bee

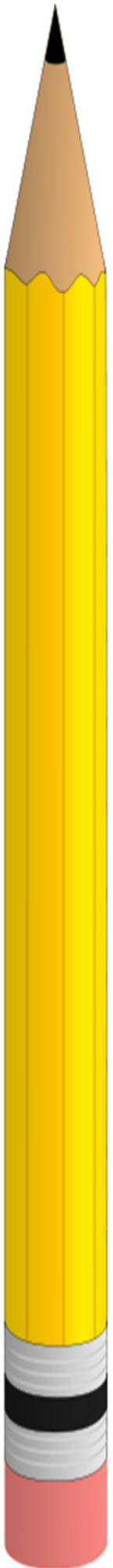
Sunday 10th April, 10am—2pm

Meet by the GYMNASIUM

(not 9th April as previously advertised)

Please BRING any garden paraphernalia, wheel barrows, shovels, garden rakes, gloves.....all helpful.

There will be a free sausage sizzle. Water, tea and coffee making facilities available.





Beach Hop!

Beach Hop in Whangamata is smokey, smelly, super and amazing!

Jukeboxes pumping old school music

Cars coming from near and far

Popped tyres when they go over bumps

Hydraulics bumping and hissing

Outstanding cars on the road

People screaming and cheering for all the cars

V8s revving, exciting engines

Horns honking, tooting and even mooing!

Funny horns saying Ah-ooh-Gah!!

Would you rather choose \$10,000 cash, a vintage caravan or a red hot rod?

Room 5 thinks that the Beach Hop is so much fun!

Make sure you don't miss the next one!

By Room 5 Whangamata Area School 2016

Student of the Month—March

Year 1—3	Zander Manson
Year 4—6	Caitlin Tilsley
Year 7—8	Ethan Jones
Year 9-10	Kaea Barbarich
Year 11—13	Reuben Fleetwood

Student Support person required (teacher aide position)

To support a student with specific learning needs. Teacher aide experience would be an advantage.

Contact Janice Hope / Sue Brookes via the school office

Win a Share of \$50,000*

Get your school involved and win

We would love your school to benefit from the healthy heart message too and to be in to win a share of **\$50,000 Rebel Sport vouchers**.

Here's how it works

All you need to do is spread the word about the Jennian Homes Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk to your school community and ask them to nominate your school when they register online for the event.

After registrations have closed, the primary school with the most nominations in each event nationwide will win **\$2,500 of Rebel Sport vouchers** to purchase sporting equipment, promoting exercise and healthy hearts to their students.

Terms and conditions apply visit jennian.co.nz



Mother's Day — Fun Run Walk

8 MAY 2016

Join us at Whitianga Waterways, Whitianga, for a 5km run, roll or stroll with family or friends this Mother's Day.

Sunday 8th May, 2016

Check-In from 9:00am

Event starts 10:30am

Register online before the **3rd May 2016** at jennian.co.nz or at our show home—1 Roseberry Place, Whitianga.

Costs

- Single \$20
- Mother/Child combo \$15 each
- Senior \$15 (aged 65yr+)
- Group (10+) \$14 each



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Further information is available on the notice board outside the school office

Gymnastics Registration

Registrations for Gymnastics 3rd May 2016 (1st week of term 2).
3.15pm in the school hall.

All welcome. Ages from 2 years old and up.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

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

10	4	
	5	Thames Valley Secondary Schools Tennis
	6	
	7	TVSS Tennis back up day AMP Interviews all day
	8	Year 9-13 Assembly Year 7/8 workday
11	11	TEACHER ONLY DAY – YEARS 1 – 8 ONLY
	12	Waikato Swimming
	13	1-6 Tabloid sports
	14	1-6 Tabloid sports back up day Thames Valley Secondary School Sevens Rugby
	15	LAST DAY OF TERM 1



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- KIDZ KINGDOM (OUTDOOR ONLY)
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- SPECTATOR PASSES ONLY AVAILABLE WITH KIDZ KINGDOM TICKET \$15
- \$12 TO EXTEND YOUR DAY SUPERPASS
- SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE GREAT DEALS

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