

Newsletter

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

Welcome to a number of new families who have joined us! You and your whanau will enjoy our kura. All of us enjoyed the 2 week break especially given the stunning weather we enjoyed. This golden weather is continuing and we haven't had to start up our heating system. But sooner or later winter will arrive!

Winter always raises several health issues. We have been already been notified of a measles outbreak in Hamilton. It is likely to reach our school at some stage and this will require drastic action to prevent serious damage. Children who are infected will need to be kept at home until they are safe to return. Likewise those students who haven't been immunised will need to stay away from school for the duration of the outbreak.

Welcome to 2 new staff members. Andy Murray will be teaching our year 11 workshop class with Bob Pipe assisting with the theory and NCEA bookwork. Diane Soffe has joined us to provide extra classroom release for our primary classes. Both of these positions were made possible because of roll growth. My thanks to all of you for sup-

porting our school. Julie Facey is about to have a hip replacement and will be absent from her class for the next 8 weeks. Her class will be taught by Paul Hughes Raewyn Vause is due to retire at the end of May after many years of valuable service. We are delighted to appoint Cathy Iele to this vacancy. Cathy has a significant background with school systems and various financial packages.

Our winter sports codes are about to 'kick off' (yes I do know a bad pun when I write one) with my thanks in advance to a large number of parents who are involved with our teams. This year we have multiple rugby, soccer, netball and basketball teams at all levels throughout our school. Sadly I have withdrawn our development team from the Thames Valley competition even before the season has begun. The team had coaches and a manager but the players didn't display the necessary commitment, because only 3 or so players were prepared to train. There were 16 players registered for this team but they were unwilling to put in the training ethic to make a team. My apologies to the coaches and managers for wasting their time.

Congratulations to Zhane Taikato, Emmitt Wickens and Connor Emerson who were selected for the Central North Island Area Schools team to compete in the July holidays. These championships are moved around the regions and this year it's in Dunedin. The team is saving hard both for the cost of travel and accommodation. They will also need plenty of 'winter woollies!' Well done lads.

Today we have just heard that we do have 5 nominations for our Board of Trustees. Nominations close today with some of our current board returning. Because there are only 5 nominations for positions on the Board of Trustees, there will be no need for an election. My thanks for those who are leaving the board for all their hard work and a warm welcome to our new comers! Cheers RP



Year 1—6

Tena Koutou,

Welcome to term 2. The school community would like to welcome our new families. We would also like to welcome three new staff members. Due to roll growth we have had an increase in staffing. Mrs Diane Soffe will be working in all rooms from Years 1-8. Mrs Soffe is a very experienced teacher and we are pleased to have her on our staff. Mr Paul Hughes is teaching in Room 4 while Mrs Facey is on medical leave. Paul is an experienced junior school teacher and he is looking forward to the term with this amazing class. Ms Alice Pipe has joined the staff as a teacher aid working in years 1

-6. Alice is an ex-pupil. She is enthusiastic about being able to work in our school.

It was great to see the happy smiling faces and hear about the adventures that different children have had over the holidays. We have a busy term ahead of us.

On Wednesday there was an interschool Rippa Rugby tournament at the rugby grounds. Thank you to the parents and teachers who have been working with the teams.

On Friday we have a multi-day to raise funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. This is a very worthy cause and a great service that is available to people in Whangamata. Please give generously.

On Wednesday 11th May our year 3 & 4 girls have a self defense course. This course is provided by the Women's Self Defense Network. It targets specific age groups that statistics show are most vulnerable. Last year they worked with our year 7/8 girls.

More work was done around the school grounds over the holidays. The new gardens are looking great.

Have a great May, enjoy the good weather. Remember, if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Sue Brookes

Yr 7/8 Bake Sale Fundraiser

Brownies and Sweets Galore!!

Join us for all the sweets you adore...

**When: Break 1, 11:00 - 11:30,
Monday 23rd May (Week 4)**

Where: Stage Area

***Or if wet the Cooking Room**



Baked goods will be priced from \$1 - \$3

Proceeds to go towards paying for petrol and our parent helpers to attend our Year 7 & 8 Camp



News and Views from the Middle Ages - Year 7/8

Maryanne Judd
HOD Yr 7/8



Year 7 & 8 Camp 2016

A reminder to return Work Day money back to the school office ASAP. There are a number of people who haven't returned their money. The money from Work Day will go towards petrol and paying for our parent helpers to attend camp.

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. It is encouraged that you start making regular payments to avoid any financial hardship close to camp time. We will be looking for support with fundraising activities to cover our costs. We will send out more information in the coming weeks.

Home Learning

A reminder to parents/ caregivers to check out what your children are doing for home learning. Encourage them to be managing their time to complete portions of their work each night.

Reminder

If your **child is sick/late or not in correct uniform**, we need a **note please** to confirm this. However this will only be excused a certain number of times each term.

Uniform Reminders:

If wearing a t-shirt under your shirt this needs to be PLAIN WHITE

Socks need to be PLAIN white or PLAIN navy

Shoes need to be PLAIN BLACK

Caps are not allowed at school in terms 2 or 3

When wet the school jacket is an option or an umbrella. Not any random jacket.

We appreciate you support with these issues.

COMING UP- some important dates to keep in mind

Fri 6th May- Mufti Day Chopper appeal

Mon 9th May- Year 7-8 HPV dose 2

Mon 9th May, 2:00pm- Year 1-8 Assembly

Thurs 12th May- Cross Country

Fri 13th May- Y7-8 OE Day

Fri 13th May- Full School Assembly

Monday 23rd May (Week 4) - Please send to school some BAKING for our sale

Of Secondary Importance:

Year 9-13

Alistair Luke HOD English



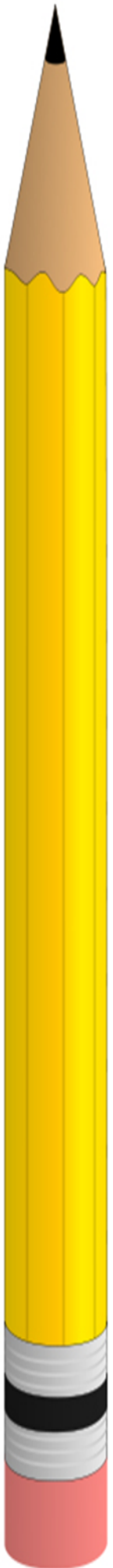
Welcome back to term two. For most of our NCEA students this represents a “moving term” with a number of opportunities to move towards the credit requirements for the NCEA qualifications on offer.

For many year 12 and 13 students, it is also a term where students start pondering their future directions. It is normal for students to feel a sense of uncertainty or anxiety as these important decisions loom into focus. For students wishing to discuss their options beyond school, Mrs Birkett, our Careers Advisor, is available to meet with students and/or their parents to discuss options, qualifications, and the often overwhelming process of applying for tertiary institutions. Students can arrange appointments through Mrs Birkett or through their KORU teacher. Often a brief conversation with a teacher or mentor is all it takes to put students on a path that they are passionate about beyond school.

It is fantastic to walk around the school grounds during breaks and after school and see the number of organised activities that students are taking advantage of. For many students, there is a chance to put their hard work into practice this term. The students who have been part of the Band Academy programme will be running a series of break time “pop up” concerts to celebrate New Zealand Music Month. These concerts will take place during week 4 (week beginning 23rd of May) at break one. Parents are warmly invited to come and check out the talent. Stage Challenge students are furiously rehearsing for their performance season which starts with a public performance at the Memorial Hall on Saturday June 4th. This performance will be part of a display of artwork and musical performance from our students and once again, parents are warmly invited to come and check it out.

Have a great term. I’m sure the cooler weather is just around the corner.

Nga Mihi Nui





Year 9 Parents Health Information Meeting

Many Year 9 parents have requested a meeting around our Sexual Education Programme. This is advanced notice that there will be a meeting on the 30th May in order for there to be discussion around this. Details will follow. Please feel free to contact Miss Tupper on michellet@whangamata.school.nz with any agenda items.

Year 1—13 Inter-house Cross Country Competition

Competition. Fun. Getting out there and active.

This exciting school wide event is taking place on Thursday 12th May at the Titoki Golf Course from 9:30 onwards. This event will include staff participation too, so come down and share the morning with us.

All students will be expected to actively participate. If this is not possible for medical reasons, a medical certificate must be sent to school.

Students would appreciate parental support, so please come and shout and encourage our children to do their best.

Junior Girls Basketball—Fundraiser

MONDAY 9TH MAY. Junior girls basketball are having a sausage sizzle and burger fundraiser.

Sausage \$2.00

Burger \$4.00 (in the burger you can have pattie, tomato, cheese, carrot, beetroot, lettuce, mayo and sauce)

Pre-orders will be taken for the years 1-8. Please pre-order by **FRIDAY 6th.**

Seniors can just come and order theirs at break.

A Big Thank You

To Aileen Williamson who entered a Facebook competition for the school and won 9 sports balls from the iSport foundation (3 x rugby, 3 x soccer and 3 x netball). Thank you very much Aileen.



MAY 2016

NZ MUSIC MONTH
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BAND WEEK

23rd – 27th of May



Live Music at Lunchtime

11am-11:40am

WHANGAMATA NETBALL CLUB



Senior
Black & Gold
Masquerade
BALL

FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2016

Whangamata Memorial Hall

7pm to 10.30pm

Light Supper provided

PRIZES For: King & Queen, Belle & Beau,
Prince & Princess and Best Dressed...

Doors Open 7pm - Close 7.30 Till 10.30pm

\$50 SINGLE

\$90 DOUBLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL OFFICE

TERM 2 CALENDAR		
1	4	Rippa Rugby Tournament
	5	
	6	Muft Day – chopper appeal Yr 9 Surf day
2	9	Yr 7-8 HPV dose 2 Sausage Sizzle fundraiser
	10	
	11	Yr 3-4 girls self defence
	12	School Cross Country
	13	Full School Assembly Waikato University Open Day Year 7/8 Outdoor Education day
	14/15	Marine Studies Dive Course
3	16	
	17	
	18	
	19	Cross country back up day
	20	Year 9 Outdoor Education day Bank Camp
	Sat 21	Band Camp
4	23	Year 7/8 bake sale MUSIC WEEK
	24	MUSIC WEEK
	25	MUSIC WEEK
	26	MUSIC WEEK
	27	Year 9 – 13 assembly Year 10 Outdoor Education day MUSIC WEEK
5	30	Yr 9 parents Health info evening
	31	
	1 June	
	2	
	3 4 Sat	Year 11 Overnight tramp Year 11 Overnight tramp
6	6	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
	7	
	8	
	9	Matariki Celebration Yr 1 - 8 (Yr sausage sizzle fundraiser)
	10	Full School Assembly Matariki disco
7	13	Music/Drama Evening
	14	ZERO WASTE WEEK
	15	Victoria University visit ZERO WASTE WEEK
	16	ZERO WASTE WEEK
	17	Stage Challenge Year 12/13 Heli tramp ZERO WASTE WEEK
	18/19	Year 12/13 Heli tramp
8	20	
	21	
	22	
	23	
	24	Year 9 – 13 Assembly Netball Ball
9	27	History Trip
	28	History Trip Netball Tournament
	29	
	30	Year 9-13 reports issued
	1 July	

This calendar was correct at time of printing. For confirmation on any of these entries please contact the teacher involved or the school office