

Newsletter

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

Congratulations to our new BOT. We had 5 nominations for the 5 positions so no election was required. Our new board will consist of Ali Mills, Jerry Cox (both returning) plus Preston Hughes, Justin Leach and Rebecca Munden (new members). In addition to these parent reps there is Kelsey Pugh, myself and a staff rep (yet to be finalised?). This forms our new BOT, who are lucky to be the inheritors of the wise governance of our outgoing board. A huge thanks to Mike Ussher and Dion Mackwood who are stepping down after 3 years. The biggest acknowledgement must be due to Trudi Conway who is stepping down after 9 years on the BOT, the last 6 as Chair. Trudi has plenty of energy and involvement in numerous ventures around town. She has been outstanding as a board chair and I have valued her input and warmth. She has been a key driver of our current successes.

Another key person departs our school next week. Raewyn Vause is retiring after 25 years and she has been a key in growing our sound financial situation. Her wise guidance and monitoring of all our money and property will be missed. It's her intention to do more travel, enjoy

more time with her Grandchild and master the game of golf! (2 out of 3 isn't bad).

Last weeks cross-country went ahead as planned and the weather co-operated. It's always a positive day with huge parent support and I'm always impressed with the 'family atmosphere' of the cross country. Well done to all of our students who completed the course and to Jimmy Bell and Rae Thomas-Foster for their organization and set up. Sadly I finished **last again** in the 5 year old boys race. A little lad explained to his teacher that **"Mr Preece will need a walking stick if he's going to do the cross country cos he's really old!"** LOL.

Winter is looming and a seasonal issue has arrived. We have 2 lost property boxes at school and both of them have many school jackets and jerseys. None of these items are named. These garments aren't cheap so please take the 5 seconds required to name them! It will avoid frustration for all concerned. We also have an XL school jacket at the office. This was left in a classroom in the last few weeks. Typically the outer layers of clothing is discarded as they day warms up and then 'lost'!

Our winter sports season is underway and last week I went to Waihi to watch the netball grading. It's always a pleasure to see all our students out giving it their all. I also enjoyed watching our senior men's rugby team recent success. Its pleasing to note how many of this team are ex WAS pupils.

Please check your child's inoculation status because measles are already in Hamilton. If the outbreak reaches our school the health authorities take over. If your child isn't protected they cannot come to school for 2 weeks! We have compiled an immunisation register for health authorities to work from. The onus is on all of us to take all steps to keep all children safe!

Once again thanks to Trudi, Dion and Mike!

Cheers RP

Year 1—6

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6



Tena koutou,

We had a fantastic day at cross country last week. I was really impressed with the effort that the students put in. I was amazed at the smiles as they crossed the finish line. Thank you to all the parents that came to support this event.

Last week the Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a self-defense course. Jan, the instructor, was impressed with the girls, their commitment,

behavior and manners. Great ambassadors for our school.

Well the cooler weather is arriving and as a result a lot of students have new sweatshirts and polar fleeces. Please make sure that these are named to stop any confusion at home time.

Next week the music department is celebrating New Zealand Music month with pop up performances at break time. I am looking forward to seeing our

students participating in this. There is a lot of talent within our school community.

Stay warm

Regards

Sue Brookes



Yr 1—8 Assembly Awards

Room 9 Harekeke Jack Hetherington-Lowe / Willow Cornwall	Room 3 Kaponga Nova Rowberry/ Mila Tamaka / Smith Vandy
Room 4 Manuka Lucy Walton / Krishna Lander	Room 5 Kowhai Ella-Rose Luke/ Zander Manson
Room 6 Pohutukawa Seb Gleeson / Titoki Kerepeti Te Peke	Room 7 Rimu Spencer Holland / Rosie Phillips
Room 20 Totara Sam New / Kayla Hersom	Room 8 Kauri Fred Phillips / Bridie Pugh
Yr 7/8 MJ Kristy Blake / Isaac Cunningham	



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

Maryanne Judd
HOD Yr 7/8



Bake Sale

Our camp is dependent on the success of a number of fundraising initiatives. We have organised a bake sale Break 1 (11:00-11:30), next Monday 23rd May. We would greatly appreciate it if you could send along some BAKING. Popular baked goods are, cakes, biscuits, brownies, fudge, muffins, and scones.

Please drop off your donated baked goods to Mrs Judd's room on Monday morning by 9:00am so we can package the items.

Thank you for your support with these initiatives.

Banqer

We are going to be integrating Financial Literacy into our classroom programmes. We will be using and learning about money in lots of different ways. To help us do this we will be using Banqer (www.banqer.co). This means every student in the class will have their very own online virtual Banq account.

Initially, we will be learning about the basics of money such as, savings, income, making online payments, and earning interest. From there we will look into making class businesses.

You can help support your child's financial understanding by asking them questions about what they are learning in class. Get them to log into their Banqer account and show you how they are going.

Being able to make sensible financial decisions is a really important life skill and starting early will be very beneficial.

We are very fortunate to have our classes signed up to a sponsorship plan through Kiwibank. Meaning, Kiwibank is covering payment for our two Y7/8 classes!!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

COMING UP- some important dates to keep in mind

Thurs 19th May- "Mighty Maui Performance" for Years 1-8, 2:00pm

Mon 23rd May- **Please send to school some BAKING for our sale**

Mon 23rd May- Year 1-8 Assembly, all welcome. Be seated by 2:00pm

Weds 25th May- TVSS Cross Country

Mon 6th June- Queen's Birthday

Of Secondary Importance:

Year 9-13

Alistair Luke HOD English



Now that we are well into term two, students in the senior school are starting to form a picture of how they are tracking towards NCEA. A number of our students are making fantastic progress and are not only achieving credits, but doing so with excellence. This week we would like to publicly acknowledge students who have worked and achieved excellence grades in internal assessments recently.

Sport Science: **Level One** - Gabriella Pitcher, Tayla Ogg, Trinity Moore, and Matthew Thompson **Level Three** - Constantin Hansen

Biology: **Level Two** - Quinn McCabe

English: **Level One** - Danielle Jones, Reuben Fleetwood, Dylan Preston, Gabriella Pitcher, Amber Abbott

Level Two - Quinn McCabe, Molly Laing, Kelsey Pugh, Caitlin Watts

Congratulations to all these students who have made an excellent start to the year and are well on the way to achieving their qualification with an endorsed grade.

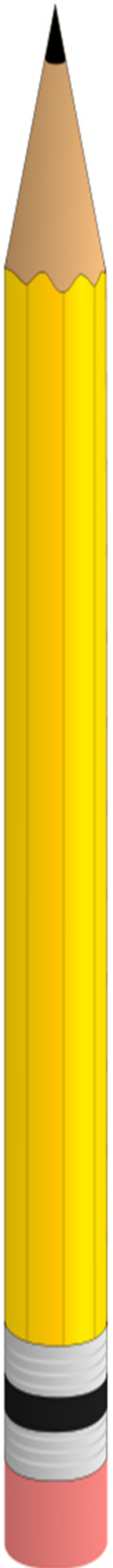
As the sports and cultural season starts to heat up many students will find themselves with competing commitments. When this occurs, student organisation becomes paramount and it is always courteous to let a team coach or teacher know in advance when a student cannot attend a practice or rehearsal. All of our coaches, and adults involved in various cultural activities, give their time generously to create opportunities for our students and good communication is a way of showing gratitude for that.

To sign off this week, a further reminder about the pop up bands that will be performing at school during break time next week, and also the public Stage Challenge and music performances taking place at the Memorial Hall on Saturday the 4th of June. Parents are warmly invited to attend both events.

P T A

A big thank you to all involved in the GARDEN MAKEOVER. We have had many compliments on how nice the grounds look. A special thank you to John Whittle for his tireless efforts in organising this.

Watch this space for a future working bee.



School Cross Country

Held last Thursday 12 May and what a fantastic event. A big thank you to students, parents, teachers and especially **Rae Thomas Foster** for making this event so enjoyable. Also a big thank you to **Whangamata Golf Club** for allowing us once again to have our cross country at their wonderful venue.

Cross Country Champions	
5 year girls	Mia Mullholland
5 year boys	Mac Hamilton
6 year girls	Luka Thompson
6 year boys	Koby Cox
Year 3/4 girls	Abbie Pugh
Year 3/4 boys	Max Mills
Year 5/6 girls	Jayda Williamson
Year 5/6 boys	Rory Bathurst
Year 7/8 girls	Kloe Robinson
Year 7/8 boys	Shore Harada
Under 14 girls	Bryony McNabb
Under 14 boys	Callum Fulton
Under 16 girls	Trinity Moore
Under 16 boys	Dylan Preston
Open girls	Tiarna Sellars
Open boys	Sam Hilliar



Fabric Room Request

We are looking for material pieces any size and colour, wool for knitting and weaving, old pillows and cushions to recycle.

If you can donate any of these items, please leave them at school office.

Many ThanksJanice Hope



Year 0-8 “Mighty Māui”

YEAR 0-8 will see this PERFORMANCE on May 19th 2pm" MIGHTY MĀUI " -

is an up-beat puppet musical written and performed by Jeffrey Addison and Te Whaitaima Te Whare, about the extraordinary deeds of our own super hero - Māui Tikitiki-ā-Taranga, including his fishing up of land, slowing down the sun, shape-shifting and bringing fire to humankind. Audience children play the parts of Maui's dolphins, Maui's buff brothers, fish, forest birds, and a giant eel called Tunaroa. They puppeteer, dance and sing along to original waiata while immersed in non-stop interactive action and drama. Ngā Rā ā Māui features sixty fabulous 'Flatso' puppets – a new form of layered 2D puppetry created by Jeffrey & Whaitaima in their Waitahanui Workshop. Ngā Rā ā Māui is a 30- 45 minute, quality theatrical production for children of all cultures from the age of 2 to 12 years, developed with funding from Creative New Zealand and touring nationally from February, 2015. Each puppet show is followed by 15 minutes of learning Numba Haka – a fun numeracy dance, set to live percussion. This show features live hand drumming and traditional Maori instruments.

Year 9 Parents' Health Information Evening

A Hui around the year 9 Sexual Education unit will take place on Monday 30th May at 6pm in the Library.

There is also an amazing web site available to view on this topic too. It is

<http://health.tki.org.nz/Teaching-in-HPE/Policy-guidelines/Sexuality-education-a-guide-for-principals-boards-of-trustees-and-teachers>

Stage Challenge

The cast and crew having been working really hard to develop an outstanding performance for this years competition and it would be fantastic if you could be there to support them on the day. The PhD research by Dr. Jan Traves into Stage Challenge events, highlights the positive benefits of all those participating in the events. One of the factors in this research is the students hard work culminates in performing in a professional venue in front of an audience of their peers, family members and the community. This is one reason our students' performance in Tauranga on Friday 17th June is not to be missed!

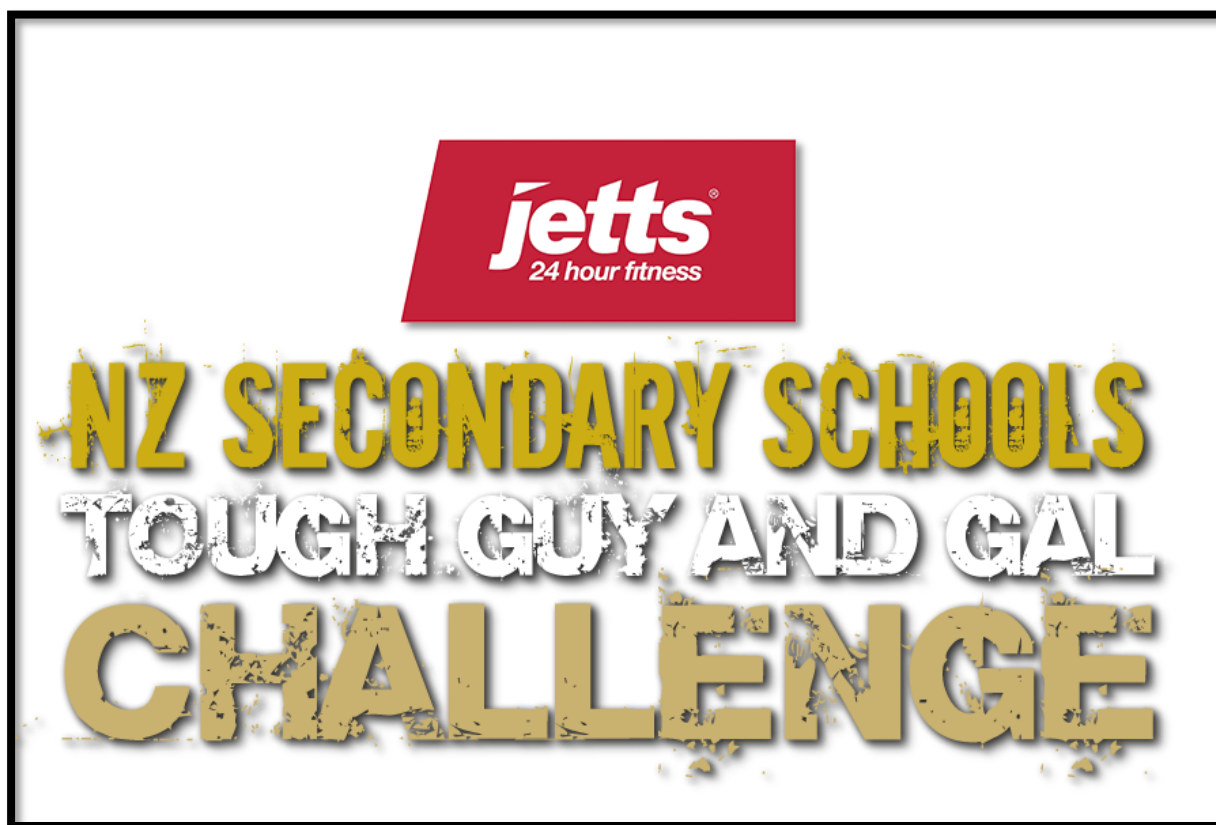
So that as many supporters as possible can attend the performance, the Stage Challenge Foundation has reduced ticket prices to 2009 levels. The tickets are \$33 for adults and \$27 for children.

Tickets are available to purchase through the school office **by Friday 20th May**. Or after this date you can buy tickets online: <http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=STAGECHA16>

Thank you for your continued support!

Level 1, 2 and 3 Sports Science (SPO) Event in Term 3

A HEADS UP



This will be held on **Friday 26th August 2016** in Rotorua. This is the original home of the Tough Guy & Gal Challenge and will form part of our SPO students completing work, training and commitment towards NCEA credits, both in the physical completion of the event and in other AS work. This will include examining various aspects of event management such as safety and risk, sociological factors in sport and personal performance improvements.

It will be a **compulsory event for all L1 to 3 SPO students**. To enter the event will cost \$45 and the cost of the bus is yet to be confirmed. Deposits can be made at the office.





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

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

TERM 2 CALENDAR		
3	16	
	17	
	18	
	19	Mighty Maui Years 1-8
	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 Thames Valley Cross Country
	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	Year 11 Overnight tramp
	4 Sat	Year 11 Overnight tramp return
6	6	QUEENS BIRTHDAY
	7	
	8	
	9	Matariki Celebration Yr 1 - 8
	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	Mufti Day – Spirit Day Year 12/13 Heli tramp
8	20	
	21	
	22	
	23	
	24	Year 9 – 13 Assembly Netball Ball
	Sat 25 Sun 26	Adult Ball History Trip
9	27	History Trip
	28	History Trip
	29	Netball Tournament
	30	Year 9-13 reports issued
	1 July	Kayak Expedition
10	4	Year 1 – 8 interview week
	5	Parent interviews Year 9-13
	6	Spirit Day
	7	Onewhero sports Exchange
	8	Onewhero Sports Exchange