

Newsletter

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

A fond farewell, to Trudi Conway, Mike Ussher and Dion Mackwood who have exited from our BOT. Their service to our school community has been outstanding. Likewise Raewyn Vause has departed after 25 years at our school. Whilst she is enjoying a well earned holiday in Rarotonga the rest of us are in the grips of winter. (Of course we aren't jealous!)

Speaking of winter it has certainly arrived this week. Although a winter in Coromandel could only qualify for a 'mild' classification. Can I urge all parents to check that sweat shirts and jackets are named? At break 2 today I wandered around and picked up 3 abandoned sweatshirts. None of them were named. Presumably their owners will be looking for them before school tomorrow!

Our roll continues to climb steadily, which is encouraging! In the last 8 days I have interviewed 3 different families who are enrolling to start in term 3. All 3 of them have at least two children and are moving to escape 'the rat

race'. My thanks to our whole community for endorsing our school! An increasing roll increases our budget and more importantly allows us to offer a wide curriculum. As an example, this year we have offered digital technologies for the first time. This was only possible because of our continued growth.

Rooms 3 and 4 got new funky furniture this week. Our students are loving this and gives them a great choice of how and where they sit! Please feel free to check these rooms out. Other rooms will continue to be modernised as funding is released. We have some other property work planned for later this year. This includes turning our old canteen into a careers centre. We will also refurbish Rm 11 into a state of the art music centre (complete with practice and mixing rooms). Our outdoor education equipment will be stored in a large shed, which will enable wet gear to dry without ruining the carpet. This will let us refurbish Rm 1 as a normal classroom.

We now have 3 teams of senior students who are competing in the Tauranga Wednesday night Basketball leagues. A huge thanks to all the parents who are involved in the logistics of transporting these teams. Likewise I loved last Saturday where I got to see most of our junior Rugby teams as they did battle on club day. Again it's fantastic to see how much parent support these teams get. On the subject of rugby we were pleased to host the Ranfurly Shield this week. This was part of the Thames Valley promotion of their upcoming challenge. Sadly this will probably be the nearest that Thames Valley comes to holding the shield!

Enjoy the holiday weekend and please take the 5 seconds required to check that your child's winter clothing is labelled. CheersRP



Cathy Iele who has taken over from Raewyn as the school's new Executive Officer. We would like to extend a big welcome to Cathy

Year 1—6

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6



Tena koutou,

Winter presented itself this week with the first cold days. It is good to see the students in good shoes and their sweatshirts, but we have a large number of sweatshirts and polar fleeces in lost property. If your child has lost something please check out the lost property box. Please label any new clothing so that it can be returned promptly.

We really enjoyed Music Week, last week. Mr Rainey and his musicians held a series of concerts at lunch time.

It was great seeing all the children enjoying the music. What an amazing school we have. Music month celebrations continue this weekend with the Kapa Haka group and some of the bands performing on Saturday in town.

Next week we are having Matariki celebrations with a Tapuwai tournament on 9th June. The teams have been practicing for the last few weeks.

Thank you to the families that have sent in immunization information. We need to up-

date our records in case measles presents itself in Whangamata.

Enjoy the long weekend

Regards:

Sue Brookes



Yr 1—8 Assembly Awards

Room 9 Harekeke Willow Cornwall	Room 3 Kaponga Eli Callaghan / Liam Gray / Zayle MacKenzie
Room 4 Manuka Joshua Hoskins / Richie Pugh	Room 5 Kowhai Claudia Morrison / Lulu West
Room 6 Pohutukawa Abi Pugh / Mark Keenan / Niko Byles	Room 7 Rimu Tadgh Mulvihill / Samuel Mulholland
Room 20 Totara Hamish Moncur / Handley Brough	
Yr 7/8 MJ Joel Holmes / Shanetta Marsters-Barbarich	Yr 7/8 IF Virgil Lopes / Sidonie Hyett

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

Maryanne Judd
HOD Yr 7/8



NEWS & VIEWS from the MIDDLE AGES—YEAR 7/8

Bake Sale + Fundraising

THANK YOU for the delicious baking that was sent to school for our sale last week... Our sweets went down a treat! What a fun Break 1 it was with baked goods and music. We raised \$604!!! A very successful sale...

We will be hosting, "A New World" Futuristic themed disco next Friday 10th June as another fundraiser for our camp. More information to follow in the coming days.

* All fundraising proceeds will go towards paying for petrol and our parent helpers to attend our Year 7 & 8 Camp.



Matariki Celebration Day

As part of our festivities of Matariki, the Maori new year and when the Seven Sisters appear in our dawn sky, we will be hosting a Celebration Day, on Thursday 9th of June. Opoutere and Hikua Schools will be joining us to play Tapuwae which is a traditional game, students in Years 5-8 have been learning. We are hoping to have some children's artwork set up on display in the gym and there will be a sausage sizzle. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in the fun, the day will begin at 10am.

COMING UP- some important dates to keep in mind

Sat 4th June- Arts Big Day Out

Mon 6th June- Queen's Birthday

Thurs 9th June- Matariki Celebration Day + sausage sizzle fundraiser

Fri 10th June- "A New World" Futuristic Disco (Year 1-4, 4:30-6:00 + Year 5-8 6:30-8:30)

"A New World"



"Futuristic themed disco"

Parents are invited to stay and join in the fun.

When: Friday 10th June (Week 6)

Years 1-4: 4:30-6:00

Years 5-8: 6:30-8:30

Where: W.A.S Gym

Entry: \$2

Available to buy:

Popcorn: \$2

Bagged lollies: \$2

Drinks: water, sugary drinks \$2-\$2.50

Sausage sizzle: \$2

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

Of Secondary Importance:

Year 9-13

Alistair Luke HOD
English



Halfway through the term already and, for students in the NCEA years, the academic year is effectively half over also. Deans and KORU teachers are now in regular discussion with students about their credit totals and progress towards their qualifications. As is becoming traditional, another student who has achieved excellence deserves recognition. Sara Efe, one of our international students, achieved excellence in a recent level three Geography assessment.

Music week was a fantastic event last week with a number of our students displaying their talents in a series of lunchtime performances. Huge thanks to Mr Rainey for providing our students with a performance platform. Many winter sports are well underway with teams competing in basketball, netball, and rugby, both boys and girls.

Both boys basketball teams have won their first two matches and the Girls Rugby Side have played a number of games with a mixed set of results but an overwhelmingly positive team spirit. We have two college netball teams competing under the banner of the Whangamata Netball Club. Both teams have healthy numbers and are rising to the challenge of competing against much older opposition. Well done to all students who are getting involved in these sports.

Finally a group for whom the big show is looming is our Stage Challenge Group. They have their competition performance in Tauranga on the 17th of June and all students, supported by Mrs Burns, are working hard to ensure our performance reaches its potential. We wish them well for this performance.

Whangamata Kindergarten Garage Sale

WHANGAMATA KINDERGARTEN

All about kids garage sale

Saturday 4th June (Queen's Birthday weekend)

9—11am (rain or shine)

Cost: \$10.00 per table (byo table)

Open to all in our community

ALL WELCOME

We are holding a garage sale with children in mind. Bring along your used toys, clothing, puzzles, books, games, kids furniture etc that you wish to sell. We will also be selling coffee and cake for you to enjoy while you browse. Funds raised will be going towards tolo Lego and outdoor play equipment. Phone 865 6590 or pop in t book a stall

Careers

LIKE OUR CAREERS FACEBOOK PAGE

Parents and students can check out our Facebook page

['Whangamata Area School Careers'](#)



TERTIARY IN-SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Victoria University will be at school on Wednesday 15 June for senior students interested in university study. More information in the school notices closer to the date.

TERTIARY OPEN DAYS/INFO DAYS & EVENINGS

Education Careers Expo – Waikato University, being run at the Windermere campus on 10th June from 12:45 - 3pm. Find out about what is offered in Education programmes in Tauranga.

Bay of Plenty Polytechnic — Open Day 17 June

Coromandel Road Show—10 August, Thames High School

Tauranga Careers Expo—12, 13 August

Victoria University School Leavers Information Evening – Tuesday 29 June 6pm to 8pm. ASB Baypark, 81 Truman Lane, Bayfair, Tauranga

If you're thinking about university, go to the information evening and discover what sets Victoria apart. Bring along your family, whānau, friends and questions. Find out about your study options and take the opportunity to talk to a current Victoria student and a representative from each of their faculties. You'll learn about what life is like at Victoria, information about accommodation and what to expect in your first year.

SAE Creative Media Institute Open Day – Saturday 11 June Interested in the audio or film industry? Come to the Auckland campus in Parnell (11am – 3pm) to find out about Audio Engineering, Film Arts and other programmes on offer.

Otago University Information Evening – Tuesday 28 June, Washington Room, Hotel Armitage, Tauranga at 6.00 pm. Parents and students are invited to find out about degree programmes, life in a residential college, costs and admission requirements.

AUT Art & Design Portfolio Day – Tuesday 12 July (school holiday) If you want to attend, then register by email to: artbox@aut.ac.nz. For more information also about portfolio requirements go to: <http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/art-and-design-at-aut-university-auckland/events-folder/art-and-design-portfolio-and-information-day>

Canterbury University Open Day – Thursday 14 July (school holiday) Find out about degrees, attend introductory lectures, tour the campus, visit new engineering facilities, talk with lecturers & tour accommodation.

Auckland University—Open day, Saturday 27 August

AUT— Open day, Saturday 27 August

Thinking of studying at AUT and want to find out more about degree programmes on offer such as Communications, Creative Technologies, Computer Sciences, Business, Health Science (including Physiotherapy), Sport and Rec, Art & Design and more? Take a look at the link <https://www.aut.ac.nz/future-students-events>

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