

Newsletter

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

My thanks to the 10 parents who have updated their children's inoculation status. At this stage measles hasn't reached our town but it's better to be prepared for such events. Please, if you are going to the medical centre for any reason then request this document and give a copy to Leonie in our office.

There has been a large amount of media coverage about Modern Learning Environments (MLE) and their impact on student learning. The current MOE policy is that any new buildings will be built in this style. These create large barn like structures with 2 or 3 classes sharing a space. We won't be creating these spaces because we aren't due for new teaching spaces. But the most important thing about these spaces is the philosophy that underpins them! This philosophy includes making use of anytime, anywhere information via ICT. The learners following areas of interest, work collaboratively and share their information with other learners. This new way of learning is based on an 'inquiry model' where students have a great ability to drive their own

learning and to inquire into areas of personal interest. This philosophy has existed in our Primary school for several years and is being adopted with Core Studies in years 9 and 10. In a nutshell, we won't have open plan classrooms but we will have new ways of learning. Possibly the best of both worlds ie new learning in single cell classrooms!

The good old Whangamata rumour mill has been working overtime recently. Contrary to the rumour there are plenty of our Groove-star school jackets available in our school office. They are popular because they are warm and look sharp. Once again can I urge parents to check that all winter clothing is labelled because we still have a large box of unnamed lost property.

We understand that there are a number of families who wish to holiday overseas outside of normal school holidays. Particularly for those families who are busy running businesses over summer, such a holiday makes sense! Please can you contact myself or the office well in advance so that

we are aware of arrangements. Officially we cannot condone such trips but as your local school we understand why they make sense. If the child has NCEA assessments due then these need to be negotiated well in advance!

Over the last 2 weeks we have had several cultural events involving all areas of our school. We had the Arts/ Culture/ Kapahaka display in the town hall, this was popular with the whole Whangamata community. This was followed by Friday's year 1-8 disco, which was a fundraiser for our year 7-8 camp. This week we have 50 of our senior students competing in Stage Challenge in Tauranga. There was a dress rehearsal here on Sunday that was very popular.

We are hosting Onewhero Area School here on the last 2 days of term. We need about 100 beds to billet all their athletes. Please contact us if you can provide a bed and tea for a visitor on Thursday July 7th. Onewhero did a brilliant job of hosting us last year!.....Cheers RP

Our Taiwanese Student Group will once again be visiting us at the start of Term 3, from Sunday 23 July to Friday 28 July. The students' ages range from 12 to 18 years old. Last year parents used this as a fundraising opportunity for their child's camp later in the year. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact Margaret Birkett, international@whangamata.school.nz, or phone the school office.

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Year 1—6

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6



Tena Koutou,

What a busy week we had last week. A big thank you for all the support the fundraisers have had. It was unfortunate that the Tapuwae tournament had to be postponed due to the weather. We are trying to reschedule this next term. The sausage sizzle was a big success, as was the disco on Friday night. The funds raised will help the year 7/8 camp.

On Friday a large group

of Students went to the Tough Guy Tough Gal competition with Mrs Stewart. The photos show the joy and relief on their faces at the finish line. Thank you Mrs Stewart for your organization and time.

On Sunday many people came to school to view the stage challenge rehearsals. What an amazing production. Our students are so lucky with the opportunities they get.

It is that time of the year again. Students

are busy completing assessments so that the teachers have more information about student progress for the reports that they are busy writing. Interview slips will go home with the reports in Week 9. Ms Thompson has spent a lot of time redesigning a new report format that will be trialed with Years 4-6 for this report.

Stay warm and dry

Regards

Sue Brookes

Sausage Sizzle / Baked Goods

Monday 20 June held in the stage area of the school break 1. \$2.00 Sausages—baked goods as marked. Junior school can pre-order from the class. Spirit Day fundraiser.

A few Fridays ago a junior student left her bag of dancing gear on the deck by the sandpit. It contained her dance gear for hip hop and jazz.

Perhaps your child picked it up by mistake?
She'd love to have it back.

Please return it to Room 6.

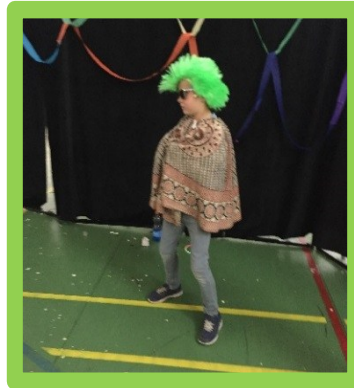




"New World" Futuristic Disco + Sausage Sizzle

A great night had by all at the "New World" disco. We greatly appreciate all of you who came and supported us by joining in the fun and those who donated goods or their precious time. Thanks to the Whangamata Kindergarten for lending us your Popcorn machine and to Rachel Fulton and Bronwyn Mulvihill for running it all night. 😊

A special mention to Whangamata New World for donating the sausages and bread... We sold 300 in total!! Thank you Allen Watson and Stephen Marsh for running the sausage sizzle. 😊 The success of these initiatives would not have been possible without your support.



Camp Permission Slips

We are still waiting on a number of permission forms to be returned back to school. These are needed ASAP in order to make final arrangements.

Matariki Celebration Day/ Tapuwae Tournament

Unfortunately Tāwhirimātea, the god of weather was not working in our favour last Thursday for us to host a Matariki Celebration Day/ Tapuwae Tournament. We hope to reschedule the tournament, we will let you know a date as soon as it has been decided.

Of Secondary Importance:

Year 9-13

*Alistair Luke HOD
English*



The term is steaming towards its conclusion and over the next few weeks students in years 9-13 will be receiving their mid-year reports. These are due for issue on Thursday June 30th. The issue of reports will be accompanied by the issuing of the first option choice sheets for 2017 for students who will be in years 11-13 next year.

To assist students and parents with making these choices the subject information evening will be combined with the traditional parent/teacher interviews. This combined evening will allow parents, students and teachers to both discuss current progress, and discuss options for 2017 and beyond with the relevant staff. This evening will take place on Tuesday July 5th from 3.30 to 6.30pm. More details about the format for the evening will be sent home in due course. We look forward to seeing students and whanau at this evening.

Finally, best of luck to the Stage Challenge performers who are off to Tauranga for competition day on Friday. Many of us were lucky enough to attend the dress rehearsal performance last Sunday and it is obvious that these students will do us proud on Friday. We wish them every success.

Year 12 Skí Trip

*Michelle Tupper
HOD PE & Sport*



We are offering the opportunity for our Year 12 students to continue the fantastic tradition started by Mr Webb in 1985, of doing a week long excursion to Mount Ruapehu to ski or snow board. The trip will be held in September and the approximate cost of this camp is \$650.00. We understand that this may be a financial stretch for some families, but you are welcome to organise regular payments to help with this during the year. We will be staying at Tokoroa Alpine Lodge at the Top of the Bruce road at Whakapapa Ski Field. Permission slips are available from Miss Tupper. She can also be contacted on michellet@whangamata.school.nz

Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways.



After \$2.5 million donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones it is time for a new multi award winning NZ charity - Sustainable Coastline to benefit from this scheme.

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have.

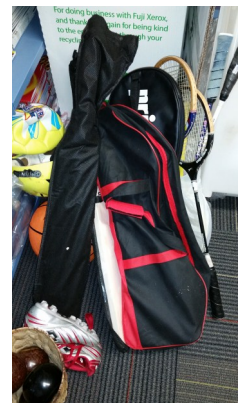


Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School

A Big Thank You

A big thank you to Westpac Whangamata and to the Whangamata community who have donated sporting equipment to our school. All contributions were most welcome.



Adult Literacy Trust

Do you want to get better at reading and writing, or does someone you know have so much trouble they can't read this?

The Adult Literacy Trust has free one-to-one coaches who can help you for half an hour a day by phone or video conference. The Trust also has some easy and fun online practice software you can use from a library computer or from home.

The people who use the Trust's service have different things they are learning – for some writing is more important, for some reading is. Several still have problems with the alphabet, others can write a few sentences but want to improve. Others can read and write OK but want to spell better, to read harder words, to read meeting notes more quickly, or to write in a better style, maybe for letters to school, or job applications, or to write their life story for their children. It doesn't matter what level you are, The Adult Literacy Trust can help.

Contact Wendy

Tuesday – Friday 9.00am to 2.00pm

0800891339

student deals

for Whangamata Area School

Available Monday 13 June - Sunday 31 July 2016

\$599 Incl GST

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bundle includes
Bag and mouse



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- 2GB RAM
- 500GB hard drive
- Intel HD graphics
- Windows 10

bundle includes
All Blacks bag and mouse



\$665 Incl GST

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HP 14" Chromebook Blue

- Intel Celeron N2840 2.16GHz
- 2GB Ram
- 16GB Solid State Drive
- nVidia Graphics
- Chrome OS

\$1169 Incl GST

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Acer 15.6" Notebook Bundle

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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

Onewhero Billeting

On 7 and 8 July, we are hosting the Onewhero Sports Exchange. If your child is in one of the teams, or if you can possibly help with billeting for the Onewhero students for the night of the 7th, please make contact with the school office. Or alternatively please email Michelle Tupper on michellet@whangmata.school.nz

| TERM 2 CALENDAR | | |
|-----------------|------------------|---|
| 7 | 13 | Music/Drama Evening Bake Sale for Youth forum |
| | 14 | |
| | 15 | Victoria University visit |
| | 16 | |
| | 17 | Stage Challenge Tauranga Competition Full School Assembly Year 12/13 Heli tramp Mufti Day – Spirit Day BOP open day year 10 |
| 8 | 20 | Bake Sale for Spirit day |
| | 21 | |
| | 22 | |
| | 23 | |
| | 24 | Year 9 – 13 Assembly Year 12-13 OE back up Netball Ball Adult Ball History Trip |
| | Sat 25 Sun 26 | |
| 9 | 27 | History Trip |
| | 28 | History Trip |
| | 29 | Netball Tournament |
| | 30 | Year 9-13 reports issued |
| | 1 July | Kayak Expedition Saturday and Sunday |
| 10 | 4 | Year 1 – 8 interview week Sausage/bake sale |
| | 5 | Parent interviews Year 9-13 |
| | 6 | Spirit Day |
| | 7 | Onewhero sports Exchange |
| | 8 | Onewhero Sports Exchange |

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