

# Newsletter

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

It's been a brilliant 2 weeks for our school.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> year we enter Stage Challenge and any student who wants to be involved from year 7 up is welcome to join. Obviously this year's entry swept all the competition before them and won the overall trophy and 6 of the 8 categories. We beat Hauraki Plains College and all the large Tauranga schools. These schools have 100s audition for a spot and have budgets of many thousand dollars. Well done to everyone connected with this year's event, especially the adults (Carrie, George, Dean, Andy, Jo Cullen & Trudi and the student leaders). Another big event was Friday night's Netball Club's Masquerade Ball. All our students looked and (more importantly) behaved amazingly! They all can feel pride about their appearance and their behaviour! They were all amazing ambassadors for themselves and their school. A huge thank you to Shona Taikato and her netball club helpers! This event only happens because of Shona!

Attending our school is far more exciting than when most of us attended school. This week our students are down in Wellington as part of their History studies. This weekend our senior Outdoor Ed students are away Friday- Sunday on a 3 day kayak expe-

dition. My thanks to staff and parents who made these trips possible!

Next week there is a key date for parents with students in years 9-13. We are **combining** the traditional 'meet the teacher' meetings with our senior (NCEA subjects for 2017!) 'subject selection evening'. All senior staff will be in the Library from 3.30- 6.30 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. There are no booked times, with the idea being that you can talk to your child's current teacher about any concerns **or** talk to other staff who are offering NCEA subjects. It's vital that you support your child to make informed choices because you are the adults and you have adult ears not teenage ears (which as we know sometimes don't function correctly). It would be great to think that this event got the same attendance as our AMP interviews, because it is as important!

On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> July our student leaders are running Spirit day from 11.40 onwards. This is a chance for students (and teachers) to dress crazily and have fun. There are a whole series of fun activities which are all designed to build school spirit. Mr McKenzie and our student leaders have put a lot of effort into this event. We are hopeful that the weather co-operates. On the last 2 days of term we are hosting Onewhero Area School for our annual exchange. This is 2

days of fierce winter code competition. Onewhero is bringing 95 students and at this stage we only have 40 billets. All you would need to provide a visitor is a bed for the night + tea & breakfast. Unless we find **enough billets by Friday I will be forced to cancel this event!**

Finally there are some staffing changes pending next term. Mike Blackstock is moving north of Auckland to teach Science and Math. Lena McKillop is going to start a family. So we will have some returning staff to help us out. Amber Wynn will be returning to teach year 9/10 numeracy. Julie Facey will be returning to Rm 4. Paul Hughes will be teaching any new entrants who start with us in terms 3 and 4. Peter Stretch will be teaching photography and Kelly Leach will be our new Health teacher.

The other fond farewell is to our international students who return to Germany for the start of their academic year. I know they have had a great time and we will miss Lennart and Sara. We have 3 'new Germans' and a short stay (4 days) group from Taiwan joining us to start Term 3. Stay warm over the break! .....Cheers RP

**Reminder: No lunch orders are taken on Mondays. This day is set aside for fundraising only.**

**Subway orders Tuesday—Friday and Sushi on Thursdays only**

# Year 1—6

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6



Tena koutou,

Hopefully everyone is managing to stay dry with all the rain we have had. Mr Bell has been closing the fields to help stop mud clad students coming back into the classroom after break.

Reports go home on Thursday. With the report there is an interview slip to be filled out and returned. Interviews are on Monday and Tuesday next week. **ON TUESDAY SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 1.40 FOR YEARS 1-8.** This is to give teachers more time to schedule all the interviews. Please return the slips on Friday so that confirmation of appointment time can be sent home on Friday. **Buses will run at the normal time of 3.10pm so Bus Students need to**

**make arrangements to get home.**

Mr Paul Hughes has been relieving in Room 4 for Mrs Facey for the last eight weeks. He has done a great job and the students have enjoyed his sense of humour. We look forward to Mrs Facey's return but also looking forward to Mr Hughes continuing to work in the school.

Next Wednesday we have a group of year 5/6 students going to an Interschool Tackle Day. Wednesday is also Spirit Day. There will be a variety of activities happening throughout the day to celebrate school spirit.

We hope everyone enjoys the two week break. It will be a good time to recharge batteries and hopefully

stop the spread of some of the nasty bugs that are around at the moment.

Regards

Sue Brookes



## Yr 1—8 Assembly Awards

<b>Room 9 Harekeke</b> Kate Turnbull / Neena Hersom	<b>Room 3 Kaponga</b> Helena Thomas / Mia Mulholland / Mac Hamilton
<b>Room 4 Manuka</b> Indie Leach	<b>Room 5 Kowhai</b> Jacob Mars / In Petchkav
<b>Room 6 Pohutukawa</b> Adeyne Taikato / Daniel Cox	<b>Room 7 Rimu</b> Nevaeh Leach / Maui Kavanagh
<b>Room 20 Totara</b> Otis Baxter / Topia Hansen	<b>Room 8 Kauri</b> Seb Rensink / Madison Matthews /
<b>Yr 7/8 MJ</b> Oskar Williams / Milanyan Thompson-Davis	<b>Yr 7/8 IF</b> Blake Anderton / Sequoia Kavanagh

# *NEWS & VIEWS*

## *from the MIDDLE AGES—YEAR 7/8*

Maryanne Judd  
HOD Yr 7/8



### **Reports + Parent Conferences**

Reports have been completed and will be sent home with your child on Thursday. If you would like an interview following these, please fill out the interview slip with a time that would suit you best and return to school promptly. We will endeavour to give you a time as close to the one that you have requested.

### **Camp**

A reminder that we require a \$50.00 deposit fee to secure your child's place by this **Friday 1st July 2016**.

Fees are payable to the office. We are pleased to take payments for camp as soon as is convenient to you. All camp fees or financial arrangements are to be finalised by Monday 22nd August 2016 (Week 5 of Term 3). We suggest making regular payments in the weeks prior to camp to avoid any financial hardship close to camp time. Contact Leonie in the office to sort out details if you would like to pay off in instalments. It is an expectation that all students will attend camp.

### **Matariki Celebration Day/ Tapuwae Tournament**

We are pleased to inform you that we have rescheduled the Matariki Celebration Day/ Tapuwae Tournament for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August (Week 2, Term 3). We will get more information out in the coming weeks.

### **Physical Education with Ms Tupper**

A fantastic example of leadership, team building and student voice during Physical Education. A group of students in Y7/8 MJU were responsible for teaching their class members basic touch rugby rules and thinking of *drills* to concentrate on the required *skills*. It was obvious the students all saw the value in this learning experience!





# *Of Secondary Importance:*

## *Year 9-13*

*Alistair Luke HOD*  
*English*



What a fortnight it's been. The obvious highlight was our Stage Challenge victory in Tauranga last Friday. A huge congratulations to the many students, teachers, and parents who were involved in this success. A true team effort.

In addition to Stage Challenge, our winter sports codes continue to tick over. Basketball, netball, rugby, and volleyball are all running under either the school or a club banner, presenting opportunities for our students to stay active. On this note, we are looking forward to our annual exchange with Onewhero Area School next Thursday and Friday. This is always a keenly contested occasion and parents are warmly invited to come and check out sports. A full programme of events will be available early next week.

There are two big academic events happening between now and the end of term. **Mid year reports for students in years 9-13 will be issued on Thursday 30/6. These reports will be accompanied by the preliminary option choice sheets for 2017.** These are a first indication of what courses students are looking to select for the following year and allow our timetable team to start building timetables that provide the least number of subject clashes for students.

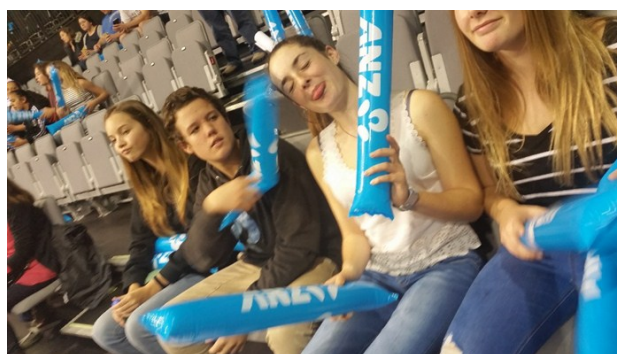
To help students and parents with this choice, the second major event will be the **Parent Interview and Subject Information Evening on Tuesday 5/7.** All parents and students in years 9-13 are invited to come along to this evening to both discuss current progress and achievement and talk to teachers about subject options for 2017. **All teachers will be available between 3.30 and 6.30pm.** There is no need to book appointments, just come along at a time that suits and seek out the teachers you wish to talk to.

For parents of year 10 students who are heading into NCEA next year, there will be a **presentation about the NCEA qualification in Lab 2 (Mrs Whatley's lab) at 5.15pm on Tuesday 5/7 also.** This presentation has been especially helpful in the past for parents who are experiencing NCEA for the first time with their children. If you wish to attend this presentation, your visit to the other event can be timed around this.



## *A Magic Night*

20 of our students attended the Magic Netball game in Hamilton on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> June. It was a great night with much singing, enthusiastic cheering and banging of Thunder sticks. The atmosphere was rather dead, as Magic were losing to the Queensland Firebirds, but our group never stopped encouraging and chanting. They made the atmosphere!! A huge thank you to Sheridan Pugh, Dennis Hart and Michelle Gray for going with the group. Also, thank you to the parents who understood the late return to school.



## *Year 12 Ski Trip to Mount Ruapehu*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016



We are offering the opportunity for our 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 organize regularly payments to help with this during the year

There are still places available for this trip. Please see Miss Tupper or contact her on [michellet@whangamata.school.nz](mailto:michellet@whangamata.school.nz) for information.



Michelle Tupper  
HOD PE & Sport





## *Sustainable Coastlines—Old Mobile Phones*

Please drop your old mobile phones into the box at the school office. They will support a new charity called Sustainable Coastlines. This charity helps look after our coastlines and waterways.

### *Found*

Size 8 leather black basketball style boots. Please come to the school office to claim.

### *Scholastic Surfing*

Congratulations to the following students for their placings in the first Scholastic contest of the series held at Whangamata on Sunday.

Girls Under 14	Jayde Hanner	1st
Boys Under 16	Dylan Preston	2nd
Boys Under 14	Sam Kinzett	2nd
	Sam Baxter	4th

The next contest is Sunday July 24th at Hot Water Beach or Whangapoua, this is the last Sunday of the school holidays. Entry forms are available from the Library and must be returned by Thursday 7th July.

### *Netball Club*

#### **Area Schools Tournament Hamburger / Sausage Sizzle / Bake Sale**

Monday July 4th on stage area. Years 1—6 can pre-order in their classroom. Years 7 and up can come at break one and get theirs.

Money raised is for the 3 boys going to Dunedin to compete at Area Schools in the first week of the school holidays.

#### **A big thank you**

To the parents that came along and helped set up the Memorial Hall for the Senior Ball. It looked absolutely amazing and the students had a great time.

Cant wait until next year!.. Shona Taikato

### *School Holiday Work*

Some strong teenagers wanted to work over the school holidays doing farm clean up work. 4km up Wentworth so will need own transport to and from. If interested please phone Natasha 027 687 9779 and leave contact details.

# Whangamata Area School

**Date: 6 July**

**Time: 11.40—3pm**

In the hall and on the field. Theme is  
“supercalifragilisticexpialidocius” Students  
and staff to get dressed up as Superman,  
A rock’n’roller, a cowboy or whatever!

**Excellent prizes for best dressed  
spot prizes**

**Inter-house Competitions  
(can Lumley win again?)**

**Activities including :**

**Sumo Wrestling**

**3 Legged dodgeball**

**Slippery Soccer**

**Lip Sync**

**Noodle War**

# Spirit Day



# Whangamata HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



**BASKETBALL**



**BADMINTON**



**MAORI GAMES**



**Thursday 21st  
July 2016**

**10am - 2pm**

**Whangamata Area  
School Gym**

**Ages 8-13 year olds**

**Cost: Gold coin**

**Bring: lunch and water**

**Register with:**

Contact: Justine Baverstock  
027 434 1565 or 07 868 0815

Email: [thamescoro@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:thamescoro@sportwaikato.org.nz)



**KiwiSport**  
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<b>TERM 2 CALENDAR</b>		
<b>9</b>	27	History Trip
	28	History Trip
	29	Netball Tournament
	30	Year 9-13 reports issued
	1 July	Kayak Expedition Saturday and Sunday
<b>10</b>	4	Year 1 – 8 interview week Sausage sizzle /bake sale
	5	Parent interviews Year 9-13
	6	Spirit Day Thames Valley Primary Schools tackle rugby
	7	Onewhero Sports Exchange
	8	Onewhero Sports Exchange
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<b>TERM 3 CALENDAR</b>		
<b>1</b>	25 July	FIRST DAY TERM 3
	26	
	27	
	28	
	29	
	1 Aug	
<b>2</b>	2	
	3	
	4	Matariki Celebrations Day Tapuwae Tournament
	5	Year 7/8 Outdoor Ed day
	8	
<b>3</b>	9	
	10	Coromandel Road Show
	11	
	12	BOP open day Year 9 Outdoor Ed day

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