

# Newsletter

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



Winter is here with a vengeance and our poor old boiler is struggling to cope. This weather is always a challenge to keep your child warm enough, whilst at the same time ensuring that they come home with the same amount of clothing at the end of the day. It's a busy term, especially for the NCEA students as they push to complete internal assessments whilst at the same time preparing themselves for the school exams at the end of this term. It's a really scary thought that there are only 10 school weeks to go before the NCEA exams begin. In terms of deadlines for internal assessment its worth reminding all **Art** and **Photography** students that their folios are due at the start of Term 4. This will give them the 2 weeks of the upcoming holidays to concentrate on this deadline. This will then enable our senior students to concentrate on their NCEA exam preparation.

Last week we hosted a Tapawai tournament for students in years 5-8. We were delighted to host teams from our small con-

tributing schools and the weather co-operated and there was plenty of parent support. We are looking to make this an annual event. Well done to our organisers and our older students who refereed. We were all delighted with Saturdays rugby victory by the mighty under 11 Rugby team in their final. Congratulations to Dion and Muskie who have done a brilliant job of coaching this team. Today we have a senior boys soccer team competing in the TVSS soccer championships. Whilst we don't have a senior soccer team competing each week, this team has been strengthened by including our 6 German internationals!! I will let you know the result?

I'm delighted to be able to announce that Dean Rainey (music) and George Kiwara (Maori) have been appointed permanently at WAS. Both of them understand that they need to be growing the numbers in their subjects. Both of them have done a good job this year of teaching to our younger learners. Paul Hughes has start-

ed teaching in Room 9 and he only has 2 students in 'his class' so far. We imagine that he will finish with about 15 students. Today I received Dave Webb's resignation from his permanent position, that he's held for 37 years. We will go through a process to appoint a replacement and I will keep you updated! My thanks to Dave for all his years of service and he assures me that retirement is highly recommended! We have also advertised for a Deputy Principal to replace Mr McKenzie.

It has just been announced that there is a combined NZEI + PPTA union meeting scheduled for **September 13<sup>th</sup>**. This regional hui is in Thames and it's to discuss a new funding model which appears to threaten future funding. It has the potential to disadvantage our school. All schools in the region will attend so **WAS will be closed all day**. Sorry about this and we will provide plenty of reminders ..Cheers RP

**There will be no Sushi orders this week. Next order will be 18 August.**

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# Year 1—6

Tena koutou,

It was fantastic last week to host the Tapuwae tournament with Hikuai and Opoutere. The games were really exciting. it was good to see all the students enjoying the competition. The weather held off until the finals which were held in the hall. At the farewell the year 1-4 classes performed a Samoan Sasa Dance that they learnt that day. The feedback from the other schools is that they would like to see more of these occasions. A big thank you to all the parental support and also to the teachers, especially Mrs Judd, who organized the event.

Congratulations to the junior

rugby boys that won their final on Saturday. It was an excellent effort.

Our next Year 1-8 assembly is Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 2.10. Mr Rainey, the music teacher, has a student band performing.

**Pencil Grip:** In the last newsletter I wrote about students not developing enough strength in their fingers to be able to hold a pencil correctly or to form letters properly. I suggested some good old fashioned colouring or drawing on bad weather days. Another suggestion is using play dough or modelling clay to make different things. Using a trigger spray bottle also helps, so maybe the children

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6



could use the spray and wipe to help with the house work!

Stay warm and dry

Regards

Sue Brookes



## Yr 1—8 Assembly Awards

<b>Room 9 Harekeke</b> Tammy Wharepapa / Neena Hermsom	<b>Room 3 Kaponga</b> Stevie Grant / Korby Orchard
<b>Room 4 Manuka</b> Pippa Els-Johnson / Richie Pugh	<b>Room 5 Kowhai</b> Stella Murphy / Nova Reynolds
<b>Room 6 Pohutukawa</b> Maddy Resink / Ryan Brickwood	<b>Room 7 Rimu</b> Luka Foote / Hunter Ussher
<b>Room 20 Totara</b> Stella Murphy / Nova Reynolds	<b>Rm 8B</b> Madison Matthews / Violet Moxsom
<b>Yr 7/8 MJ</b> Caitlyn Foote / Chyanne Wright / Regan Hansen	<b>Yr 7/8 IF</b>

# *News and Views from the Middle Ages*

## *Years 7 & 8*

Maryanne Judd  
HOD Yr 7/8



### **Camp**

Camp will be upon us before we know it. The Year 7 & 8 Camp at Totara Springs, Matamata, takes place from Monday September 5th - Thursday September 8th 2016.

Camp fees have been finalised. The cost per student will be \$250. This price includes transport to and from camp, food, accommodation and all activities including specialist instructors. All efforts have been made to keep the cost of camp down while maintaining a memorable, safe and comfortable EOTC experience.

A reminder that 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 now to avoid any financial hardship close to camp time. We are pleased to take payments for camp as soon as is convenient to you. 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**

A great day had by all last Thursday. It was a pleasure to host Opoutere and Hikuai Schools for a belated Matariki celebration. Congratulations to W.A.S 1, for securing second place in the senior division and to both of our W.A.S teams for placing first and second in the junior division.

### **Outdoor Education**

Some of our Year 7 & 8 students went to Wentworth Valley last Friday for Outdoor Education. They learnt some important navigation skills such as, map orientation and compass reading... Some vital survival skills, ways to conserve energy and how to respond to rescuers. Students had the opportunity to cross rivers where they learnt about safe entry and exit points and discussed when not to cross. They built their own bivys that were then tested by the rain that arrived!! A very valuable experience in our local environment.





# *Of Secondary Importance:*

## *Year 9-13*

*Alistair Luke HOD*  
*English*



It is hard to believe we are in week three already. Term three is flying by and students are now tracking their progress towards NCEA with increasing eagerness. On that subject, students sitting NCEA at any level this year should be bringing home notices about NZQA entry fees this week. This fee is required by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) for the administration and management of the NCEA qualification. It is vital that this fee is paid as otherwise students will not receive their official qualifications records from NZQA at the beginning of next year. This fee can be discounted if there is more than one student in a household sitting NCEA in the same year, or if the financial circumstances of the household qualify for a discount. Students have also been issued with the paperwork required to apply for these discounts, which are substantial. We would encourage parents or caregivers who think they may qualify to fill in the relevant form and return it to school. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr Stewart at school.

Internal assessments continue to happen at all levels and we are proud to acknowledge the following students who have recently achieved excellence grades:

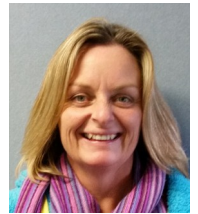
<b>Digital Technology -</b>	Matthew Thompson (Level One)
<b>English -</b>	Amber Abbott, Reuben Fleetwood, Qiana Wharepapa, Tayla Ogg, Tylar Campbell (Level One)
<b>History -</b>	Amber Abbott, Reuben Fleetwood, Tayla Ogg, Danielle Jones, Mohini Patel, Qiana Wharepapa (Level One). Tayarni Hyett, Kelsey Pugh, Ben Williams (Level Two)
<b>Sport Science -</b>	Reuben Fleetwood, Tautahi Hansen, Shannon Hughes, Teppei Makino, Trinity Moore, Samuel Nicholson, Kento Niwa, Tayla Ogg, Monini Patel, Gabriella Pitcher, Dylan Preston, Matthew Thompson, Qiana Wharepapa (Level one) Constantin Hansen (Level Three) has achieved excellence in two recent assessments in Sport Science.

A fantastic list and it is great to see a number of students achieving excellence across a range of subjects. Congratulations to all of these students.

Our year ten students are travelling to Tauranga this Friday to experience a taster day at Bay of Plenty Polytech. This is the first in a range of careers experiences for these students and is an excellent opportunity to sow the seeds of thought about life after school. We trust these students will enjoy this day.

Nga Mihi

## *The "Nurses Natter"*



Hi, my name is Tracey Hilt and I am your WDHB Public Health/School Nurse.

I am available to all staff, students and parents to help support the health of the students in order for them to remain healthy, happy in their learning and are present at school.

I feel very lucky to be given a regular slot in the school newsletter entitled "The Nurses Natter" to keep you up to date with what is happening for health within the school and the Waikato region. So please watch this space for interesting, informative information and healthy ideas.

I am available to all parents via cellphone : (021) 241 7800 Mon-Fri and visit the school fortnightly on a Monday. Feel free to get in touch with me if you need support with the health of your children. Kind regards, Tracey.

## *Raise Money and Protect the Planet with the Colgate Community Recycle Drive*

Whangamata Area School has joined the Colgate Community Recycle Drive.

Please send your oral care waste (any brand) to the box at the school's office.

Products required are:

***Toothpaste tubes and caps***

***Toothbrushes***

***Packaging that the abovementioned products come in***

***Floss containers***

All we need to do is collect 1Kg or more by Friday 26/8/16 so we can enter a draw for cash prizes or a park bench made from oral care waste products!

Thank you for helping - Good for our planet and our school so please send your empty containers to the school office as soon as possible.

## *Bobbies—Bears—First Steps Whangamata 25th Reunion*

September 23, tickets \$15.00 available at the centre (107 Casement Road).

For further details join us on Facebook or phone 865 9590. *Tracey Keenan / Irene Wilkinson*

# Westpac School Banking



*If you would like  
your child to do  
school banking  
please visit our local  
Westpac branch for  
details.*

- \$ Every Thursday 8.20am by school office**
- \$ 2 lucky bankers drawn out each week will receive a Subway Voucher**
- \$ Monthly prize draw for the students who bank regularly**

Whangamata Equestrian group would like to  
invite you to a family fun day & fundraiser  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August



**Time:** From 10:30am

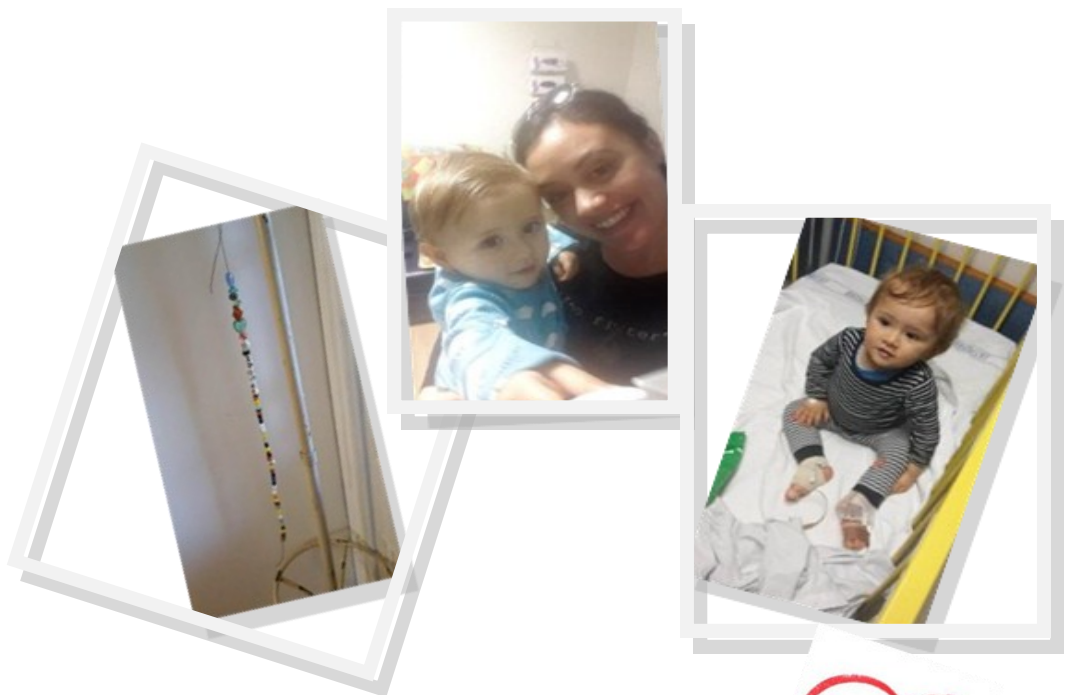
**Where:** Equestrian grounds, Mayfair Ave Whangamata

*On the 14th of July 2016 Ten month old Mason Allan was diagnosed with bilateral Wilms cancer. Wilms is a cancer of the kidneys. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment at Starship hospital to shrink his tumours and it is hoped that they can be reduced by 60% so he can have an operation to likely remove one of his kidneys and partial removal of the other.*

Come along and enjoy some time with your family to support Mason and his family during his cancer treatment journey.

*(Cash sales only – so bring along your spare change for a worthy cause. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be forwarded to Mason's family)*

- ⇒ **Pony rides**
- ⇒ **Sausage sizzle**
- ⇒ **Candy floss**
- ⇒ **Bake sale**
- ⇒ **Games**
- ⇒ **Bouncy castle**
- ⇒ **Face painting**



**Locals supporting locals - See you  
all there!**



<b>TERM 3 CALENDAR</b>			This calendar was correct at time of printing. For confirmation on any of these entries please contact the teacher involved or the school office
<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	WCST Budget Class	
	<b>9</b>		
	<b>10</b>	Coromandel Road Show Thames Valley Soccer	
	<b>11</b>		
	<b>12</b>	BOP Open day Year 9 Outdoor Ed day Koha Café morning tea Full school assembly Thames Valley Badminton	
	<b>Sun 14</b>	Scholastic surfing	
<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>		
	<b>16</b>		
	<b>17</b>		
	<b>18</b>	L3 Biology Auckland Trip	
	<b>19</b>	Year 12/13 Heli tramp (all weekend) L3 Bio trip Auckland	
	<b>Sun 21</b>	Scholastic surfing day back up / heli tramp return	
<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	WCST Budget Class	
	<b>23</b>		
	<b>24</b>	Waikato University Visitor	
	<b>25</b>		
	<b>26</b>	Tough Guy tough Girl challenge Year 11 Tramp overnight Yr 9 – 13 Assembly	
	<b>Sat 27</b>	AUT open day Yr 11 Tramp overnight	
<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>		
	<b>30</b>	Mates and Dates year 12 Rongohia Te Hau <b>SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY</b>	
	<b>31</b>	Rongohia Te Hau	
	<b>1 Sept</b>		
	<b>2</b>	3 day heli tramp Mates and dates year 12 Yr 10 Outdoor Ed day	
<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Year 7-8 camp week</b>	
	<b>6</b>	Senior exams	
	<b>7</b>	Senior exams Thames valley Primary School Cross Country	
	<b>8</b>	Senior Exams	
	<b>9</b>	Full School Assembly Mates and Dates Year 12 NZ Secondary School Swim champs Thames Valley Primary Schools Cross country back up	
	<b>Sat 10</b>	NZSS Swim champs	
	<b>Sun 11</b>	NZSS Swim champs Ski Trip year 12 until Thursday 15th	
<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	Ski trip year 12	
	<b>13</b>	Ski trip year 12	
	<b>14</b>	Wintec block course – ski trip year 12	
	<b>15</b>	Wintec block course - ski trip year 12	
	<b>16</b>	Heli tramp back up weekend Wintec block course	
<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>		
	<b>20</b>		
	<b>21</b>	Thames Valley Primary Schools Touch tournament	
	<b>22</b>		
	<b>23</b>	<b>Last day term 3 / Loud Shirt Day / Mates and Dates year 12</b> 11-13 Reports issued 9-13 Assembly	