

Newsletter

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



With 2 weeks of rain, storms and miserable weather I know that many mothers were delighted to have term 3 begin. There have been a considerable influx of new families to our kura and you are all very welcome. If there are any issues you have with your child's learning then please contact their class teacher asap! Congratulations on the wise move to our town!

Welcome to a significant number of new staff. Mr Hughes is starting a second new entrant class in Rm 9. Ms Leitch is taking 9/10 health. Ms Battman is taking over senior Chemistry. Mr Stretch is taking photography and Mrs Wynn is returning from maternity leave to pick up years 9 /10 Numeracy. Please make these new staff members welcome. We also have had an influx of students. We have 7 new Germans who are with us for varying lengths of time. We also have 13 Taiwanese students, who are with us for a week. These students made a connection with our school because of our links with the Waihi Academy. My thanks to our host families for including their visitors into their whanau.

We are endeavouring to provide our senior students with state of art education including adapting our traditional subjects at years 9 and 10. Our requirement that seniors 'bring their own devices' (BYOD) is a key development in new learning. It's frustrating for staff when a significant number of students don't have BYOD available. We have been able to provide for those without by staff booking PODs of laptops. However as our roll continues to grow, the class sizes have increased and a pod of laptops are no longer providing for all of those who haven't BYOD! With Xmas starting to appear on the horizon then \$5 pw would ensure that your child is appropriately equipped for modern learning, for 2017. There is information about special offers and preferred specifications available via our office.

My thanks to all staff, pupils and families who were involved in any way with the Onewhero Sports Exchange. Whilst we lost overall there was an outstanding atmosphere during the events, with both schools departing happy. Finally congratulations to Emmit, Zhane and Connor who represented us in

Dunedin at the recent NZ championships. All 3 of the lads were brilliant 'ambassadors' for our school. According to their 'support crew' they were a pleasure to take away. Well done to both Zhane and Emmit on making the NZ teams in their sports.

Yesterday I saw my 1st blossom on a tree, which is always a positive milestone! This term is only 9 weeks long and our senior students need to be ensuring that they complete all their internal assessments and start considering their external practice exams. Good luck to the Whangamata senior rugby team for their finals this weekend!

.....Cheers RP

Onewhero

A big thank you to all those who billeted the Onewhero Sports Exchange students last term. What a huge success this event was.

There will be no Sushi orders taken for the next 3 weeks. Next order will be 18 August. Congratulations Joel on the arrival of your new baby girl.

Year 1—6

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal Yr 1-6



Tena kouotu,

Welcome back to a very wet Term 3. It was great to see so many children and parents happy to be back at school on Monday. Term 3 is only 9 weeks, so time is going to pass very quickly.

We would like to welcome all our new students and their families to Whangamata Area School.

Next Thursday we hope to hold the Tapuwae tournament that was postponed last term. We also have the Thames Valley Cross Country in Whitianga on September 7th and the Thames Valley Touch Tournament on September 21.

Our fields are closed this week in the hope that they might dry out. (This is obviously not the case .)

We made this decision because of the amount of mud students were tracking back into the classrooms after breaks.

A point of interest: Current research shows that children are very good at swiping, from touch screens and manipulating controllers to play games **BUT** they are losing muscle control and fine motor skills because they are not using pencils and pens to colour. This impacts on their ability to form letters and to hold a pencil correctly. If the children are bored and

looking for something to do please consider good old fashioned drawing and colouring activities.

Regards

Sue Brookes



Yr 1—8 Assembly Awards

<i>Room 9 Harekeke</i> Ronan Brunsden / Ashlee Grover	<i>Room 3 Kaponga</i> Jayden Smith / Skylah Gibson-Brockwell
<i>Room 4 Manuka</i> Sabin Sheasby/ Allie Hanner/ Eli Burke	<i>Room 5 Kowhai</i> Jake Turnbull / Tutea Te Aho
<i>Room 6 Pohutukawa</i> Max Mills / Daniel Cox /Taj Millar Dal Bosco	<i>Room 7 Rimu</i> Enzo Scott -Spencer Holland
<i>Room 20 Totara</i> Hamish Moncur / Angus Hetherington-Lowe	<i>Yr 7/8 IF</i> Keeley Brown / Jade Lurman
<i>Yr 7/8 MJ</i> Alice Hennessy-Webb / Sidney Woodroffe	

NEWS & VIEWS *from the MIDDLE AGES—YEAR 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, Mata-mata, 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 a \$50.00 deposit fee is needed to secure your child's place on camp **ASAP**. 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 now to avoid any financial hardship close to camp time. Contact 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 next Thursday 4th August. We will get more information out shortly.

Harvest Festival

On the very last day of Term 2 the Junior Council participated in a one day cultural experience at the Waihi Academy. Students were involved in various artistic, musical and sports activities. All activities were hands on and interactive, it was a great day had by all! The underlying message to the festival was to have gratitude for the food we eat, our environment and the life we are given. A big thank you to Nicola Phillips who provided transport and help on the day.



Of Secondary Importance:

Year 9-13

Alistair Luke HOD
English



Welcome back to term three and an extra warm welcome to our new students who were welcomed at a Powhiri earlier this week. July is the time when traditionally we are joined by a new group of international students and this year is no exception. We welcome these students to our school community and trust they will enjoy the many experiences that New Zealand and Whangamata have to offer.

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the Subject Selection Evening at the end of last term. Students have now made their first option choices for NCEA subjects for 2017 and we are beginning to construct a draft timetable based on these choices.

Congratulations are due to Zhane Taikato and Emmitt Wickens who both gained national selection at the recent New Zealand Area School Sports Trials in Dunedin. These boys, along with Connor Emerson, fundraised extensively to make these trials and all three boys performed with distinction during their time away.

For other senior students the realisation of just how little time remains in the year is starting to dawn. Term three is only nine weeks long and assessment deadlines will start to pile up for many seniors. Students who are having issues with their workload should stay in regular communication with their KORU Teacher or Dean to ensure that the stress of assessment doesn't become overwhelming.

A final reminder about the availability of Mrs Birkett, our careers advisor. Many year 12 and 13 students are heading into the period where applications for various tertiary programmes will start to fall due. Much of the paperwork required to complete these applications can seem overwhelming, particularly for families who are going through the process for the first time. Mrs Birkett is available to meet with students (and parents) to help everyone through this process.

Have a great term
Nga Mihi

School Banking

A reminder to parents / caregivers—Westpac are here every Thursday morning in the Deans office at 8.20am for school banking. If your child does not have a school bank account please see our local Westpac Branch.





Stage Challenge 2016

We had many celebrations in the last week of term 2 with our winning Stage Challenge team. Showing the plight of the Maui dolphin the team won first place in the RAW division of the Stage Challenge competition in Tauranga. The group's performance called "Aihe Maui - Whawhai nui tonu ake!" shows how only 55 of these marine mammals remain and are facing extinction from the likes of seismic testing for deep sea oil. The powerful performance wowed the judges on Friday night. Production judge, Tim Julian says he was impressed by the school's concept saying it was meaningful and relevant. "It was a superb performance, totally engaging." Design judge, Daniel Pepperell agreed describing Whangmata's performance as a "real visual feast". Event manager Hazel Reid says she was impressed by the school's performance. "Whangamata Area School put on a brilliant performance tonight addressing a great theme. It was really enjoyable to watch." The students were thrilled to win against much larger teams from bigger colleges in the region. Drama teacher Carrie Burns explained that the students chose to explore and promote this issue from the Maori perspective as tangata whenua and Kaitiakitanga of the moana. The performance was introduced by Sam Baxter who explained that "Just 55 remain. Maui's dolphins, facing imminent extinction, now face a new threat. Seismic testing for deep sea oil. Relentless noise for mammals that rely on echolocation. Drilling risks an oil spill that could mean the end for these rare little dolphins. Oil exploration affects us all. Aihe Maui - Whawhai nui tonu ake!"

Free Ear Clinic for Children (Term 3)

Thames	Thursday 18 August	Thames South School Rolleston St	9.30—1.45
	Thursday 15 September (Close at noon)		(closed 12-1 for Lunch)
Waihi	Friday 12 August	Waihi Central School Moresby Ave	9.30—1.30
	Thursday 1 September		(closed 12-1 for lunch)



From the school office

SCHOOL BANKING: Westpac are here every Thursday at the school office between 8.20—8.40am. One lucky banker will be drawn each term to win a voucher. If you would like your child to do school banking and do not have a school bank account please see your local Westpac Branch.

EMAILED NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters will be emailed to all parents/caregivers who have a current email address registered with the school. There will be a few hard copies available at the school office if receiving an email is not suitable. Unfortunately if you have more than one child at school then you will receive more than one copy of the newsletter.

ABSENCE REMINDER: If your child is going to be away from school or will be late arriving can you please phone the school ASAP and let us know. Please do not be offended if we ask the reason for the child's absence—it is a Ministry requirement that the reason be noted. Could all late arrivals please come to the office first to let us know you have arrived (Seniors will need a late slip to take to class). Students who are arriving late will need either a written or verbal note from your parent/caregiver.

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS: If your phone number has changed, you have changed addresses, emergency contacts have changed or any details that need updating can you please let the office know. This is very important. If we need to notify you in an emergency we need to have your correct details.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE/PASSPORT and INTERNET AUTHORITY Welcome to all our new students. If you have not already done so, please bring your ID to the office to copy for our records. It is also a requirement that we have a signed authority for students to be able to access the internet. If you have not already done so can you please see the school office. This MUST be done.

LUNCH ORDERS

Monday: No lunch orders taken. Can parents please make sure your child comes to school on Mondays with lunch. This day is set aside for fundraising events e.g. sausage sizzle or bake sale.

Tuesday—Friday: SUBWAY. Please come to the office for a Subway order form. Subway order form and money (enclosed in an envelope) will need to be at the office before 9.00am. Orders will need to be collected from the school office by the student.

Thursday: SUSHI. Order forms available at the office. Please have your Sushi order to the office by 9.00am. Orders to be collected from the office.

SUBWAY ORDER FORM

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Name		Name		Name	
Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year

		Tick Cost		Tick				Tick Cost		Tick				Tick Cost		Tick	
Ham	Ftlong		\$7.00	Cheese		Ham	Ftlong		\$7.00	Cheese		Ham	Ftlong		\$7.00	Cheese	
	6 inch		\$4.50	Lettuce			6 inch		\$4.50	Lettuce			6 inch		\$4.50	Lettuce	
	Wrap		\$4.50	Tomato			Wrap		\$4.50	Tomato			Wrap		\$4.50	Tomato	
	Mini		\$3.00	Cucumbers			Mini		\$3.00	Cucumbers			Mini		\$3.00	Cucumbers	
Roast	Ftlong		\$7.00	Pickles		Roast	Ftlong		\$7.00	Pickles		Roast	Ftlong		\$7.00	Pickles	
	6 inch		\$4.50	Capscicum			6 inch		\$4.50	Capscicum			6 inch		\$4.50	Capscicum	
	Wrap		\$4.50	Carrots			Wrap		\$4.50	Carrots			Wrap		\$4.50	Carrots	
	Mini		\$3.00	Mayo			Mini		\$3.00	Mayo			Mini		\$3.00	Mayo	
Chicken	Ftlong		\$9.00	BBQ		Chicken	Ftlong		\$9.00	BBQ		Chicken	Ftlong		\$9.00	BBQ	
	6 inch		\$5.50	HoneyMustard			6 inch		\$5.50	HoneyMustard			6 inch		\$5.50	HoneyMustard	
	Wrap		\$5.50	Extra's	Tick	Cost	Wrap		\$5.50	Extra's	Tick	Cost	Wrap		\$5.50	Extra's	Tick
	Mini		\$4.00	Cookies:		\$0.80	Mini		\$4.00	Cookies:		\$0.80	Mini		\$4.00	Cookies:	
Salami	Ftlong		\$7.00	M&M		Salami	Ftlong		\$7.00	M&M		Salami	Ftlong		\$7.00	M&M	
	6 inch		\$4.50	Choc chip			6 inch		\$4.50	Choc chip			6 inch		\$4.50	Choc chip	
	Wrap		\$4.50	Dbl Choc			Wrap		\$4.50	Dbl Choc			Wrap		\$4.50	Dbl Choc	
	Mini		\$3.00				Mini		\$3.00				Mini		\$3.00		
Tuna	Ftlong		\$7.00	Yoghurt		Tuna	Ftlong		\$7.00	Yoghurt		Tuna	Ftlong		\$7.00	Yoghurt	
	6 inch		\$4.50				6 inch		\$4.50				6 inch		\$4.50		
	Wrap		\$4.50	Apples			Wrap		\$4.50	Apples			Wrap		\$4.50	Apples	
	Mini		\$3.00	Drinks	Tick	Cost	Mini		\$3.00	Drinks	Tick	Cost	Mini		\$3.00	Drinks	Tick
Veggie	Ftlong		\$7.00	Apple Juice		Veggie	Ftlong		\$7.00	Apple Juice		Veggie	Ftlong		\$7.00	Apple Juice	
	6 inch		\$4.50	Mini Primo			6 inch		\$4.50	Mini Primo			6 inch		\$4.50	Mini Primo	
	Wrap		\$4.50	Mini Pump			Wrap		\$4.50	Mini Pump			Wrap		\$4.50	Mini Pump	
	Mini		\$3.00	O.J.			Mini		\$3.00	O.J.			Mini		\$3.00	O.J.	
Total Cost		Money		Change		Total Cost		Money		Change		Total Cost		Money		Change	

Extra order forms may be obtained from the school office

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SUSHI ORDER FORM

NAME.....

Product	4 pieces	Box	6 piece	Box
Chicken Avocado	\$6.80		\$10.20	
Chicken Avocado & Inari	\$6.80		\$10.20	
Salmon Avocado	\$7.20		\$10.80	
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TERM 3 CALENDAR			This calendar was correct at time of printing. For confirmation on any of these entries please contact the teacher involved or the school office
2	1 August		
	2		
	3		
	4	Matariki Celebrations day Tapuwae tournament	
	5	Year 7/8 outdoor ed day	
3	8	WCST Budget Class	
	9		
	10	Coromandel Road Show	
	11		
	12	BOP Open day Year 9 Outdoor Ed day Koha Café morning tea Full school assembly	
	Sun 14	Scholastic surfing	
4	15		
	16		
	17		
	18	L3 Biology Auckland Trip	
	19	Year 10 Ourdoor Ed day L3 Bio trip Auckland	
	Sun 21	Scholastic surfing day back up	
5	22	WCST Budget Class	
	23		
	24	Waikato University Visitor	
	25		
	26	Tough Guy tough Girl challenge Year 11 Tramp overnight Yr 9 – 13 Assembly	
	Sat 27	AUT open day Yr 11 Tramp overnight	
6	29		
	30	Mates and Dates year 12 SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY	
	31		
	1 Sept		
	2	3 day heli tramp Mates and dates year 12	
7	5	Year 7-8 camp week	
	6	Senior exams	
	7	Senior exams Thames valley Primary School Cross Country	
	8	Senior Exams	
	9	Full School Assembly Mates and Dates Year 12 NZ Secondary School Swim champs Thames Valley Primary Schools Cross country back up	
	Sat 10	NZSS Swim champs	
	Sun 11	NZSS Swim champs Ski Trip year 12 until Thursday 15th	
8	12	Ski trip year 12	
	13	Ski trip year 12	
	14	Wintec block course – ski trip year 12	
	15	Wintec block course - ski trip year 12	
	16	Heli tramp back up day Wintec block course	
9	19		
	20		
	21	Thames Valley Primary Schools Touch tournament	
	22		
	23	Last day term 3 / Loud Shirt Day / Mates and Dates year 12 11-13 Reports issued 9-13 Assembly	