

# Newsletter

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



So much for the onset of summer! Its nasty weather this week and the first week of the holidays is predicted to be a shocker! Sorry mums.

This week our NCEA pupils are issued with their senior reports. Can I urge all parents to read these and discuss with their 'little darlings'. This year we have included a **Predicted Credits** tally for all students. If your child is in NCEA L1 they need 80 credits to pass, if they are in L2 they need 60 credits at that level to achieve. We have a significant number of students who are 'borderline' in terms of gaining the required credits. If your child is in that category there are 2 things **you** can do to ensure they achieve. Firstly if they do Art or Photography their folios are due on day 1 of T4. Therefore they should be spending considerable time ensuring these are finished over the holidays. The students can arrange access to these rooms during school hours. Secondly they could be starting on revision for their externals because November is not far away and several

students are depending on their exam credits.

Our BOT have decided to activate our bring your own devices (BYOD) policy in the senior school from the start of 2017. Currently we spend about \$30000 per year updating our ICT stock. This has proved to be counter productive. The majority of our senior students have their own laptops but are choosing not to bring them because they can access the school devices. We will not be making devices available for students in years 9-13 from 2017 onwards. This will extend to years 7/8 in 2018. There will be a very small pool of basic devices available for students to book for assessments in the case of emergencies (eg they are doing an assessment and forgot to charge the night before hand? )Devices such as Chrome books are perfect for our network and can be purchased for under \$400. This also includes Microsoft office and protection systems via our Network. We are giving you plenty of notice so please start making arrangements for

February!

Yes its official I am moving on at the end of the year. I've accepted the position of Principal at Ashburton College. It's a very large co-ed school of 1250 pupils (same size as Mount college) and I start in January next year. My elderly parents are still alive in Christchurch and its time to be closer to them. I have been humbled by the positive acknowledgements of my time here. It's most gratifying to leave our school in it's current positive state. You can be assured that our high performing school in our town will draw an impressive set of applicants. Our BOT has wisely appointed an educational consultant to oversee the process. In particular I would like to thank our community for continuing to make Whangamata Area School the logical choice for the children of Whangamata. Many thanks to everyone for their continued support.

.....**Cheers RP**

***Could all trophies from last year please be returned to school urgently***

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Tena koutou,

Welcome to the last week of Term 3. It has been a busy and rather wet term, but we have all survived smiling.

We would like to thank parents for your understanding when we attended the combined union meeting in Thames on Tuesday. Funding is a very important issue and we needed to be informed about proposed changes.

On Friday we had Roald

Dahl Dress Up Day. Students and teachers alike really enjoyed this. His books literally came alive with all the costumes. The photos of Friday's Jump Jam were amazing.

We are busy planning for next term. The year 5/6 students are off to Otorohanga to camp on October 26/27. The students in Years 1-8 are all looking at Zero waste as a focus for Term 4, so it is about Reducing, Recycling, Reusing and Sustainability.

Please check the Lost Property Box outside the office for any missing clothing or footwear.

Have a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the warmer weather and see you all in Term 4.

Regards

Regards Sue Brookes

## *Assembly Awards*

<i>Room 9 Harekeke</i> Ivy West / Kenzie Cox	<i>Room 3 Kaponga</i> Leo Scott / Poppy Robinson
<i>Room 4 Manuka</i> Luka Thompson / Makayla Williamson/ Josh Hoskins	<i>Room 5 Kowhai</i> Ella-Rose Luke / Imogen Ussher
<i>Room 6 Pohutukawa</i> Mark Keenan, Jaxon Higgins	<i>Room 7 Rimu</i> Spencer Holland / Mussy Taikato
<i>Room 20 Totara</i> Seb Alchin	<i>Rm 8B</i> Jackson Mackwood / Seb Resink
<i>Year 7/8 IF</i> Sequoia Kavanagh / Teo Grylls	<i>Year 7/8 MJ</i> Jessica Beaver / Kali Holland

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



Maryanne Judd  
HOD Yr 7/8

## Camp

What a wonderful experience camp was for our students! Students developed leadership skills, team building and independence. They also learnt about managing safety in outdoor activities and showed commitment and courage to meet new personal challenges. Activities at camp included: Burma trail, rock climbing, abseiling, crate climb, raft building, kayaking, hydro slide, BMX, human foosball, target shooting, low ropes, frisbee golf and many more... With lots of support and encouragement our students attempted almost everything and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. Another big THANK YOU to our Parent Helpers without your support camp would not have been possible!!! :-)

## WHAT THE STUDENTS SAID:

### What I enjoyed:

"The food mmm..." (*Regan Hansen*)

"I enjoyed the crate climb because I beat the record." (*Kloe Robinson*)

"I enjoyed getting out of my comfort zone and working as a team." (*Keeley Brown*)

"I enjoyed the Flying Kiwi and all the activities that involved height." (*Joshua Crofskey-Lee*)

### What I found challenging:

"Abseiling... BUT DEFINITELY DO IT" (*Ana Laing*)

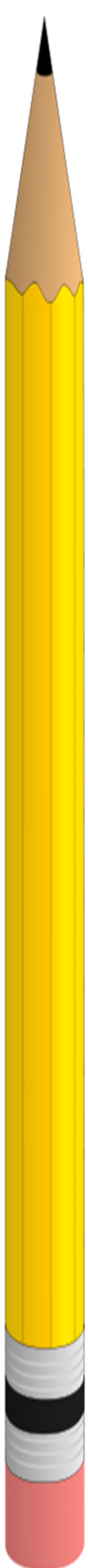
"The challenging part was the Adventure Run because of the mud and sand." (*Joshua Watson*)

### Advice I'd give to students going on camp next year:

"Make sure you leave your gear in your bag so it doesn't get lost!!" (*Sienna Taikato*)

"Try everything, it's all fun!!!" (*Riana Flanagan*)





## *Year 7/8 Speeches*

All year 7/8 students are required to write a persuasive speech. Students are trying to persuade their audience to feel the same way they do about something important. They have been learning about various techniques to do this by:

Showing why your point of view is important- use examples and be informative

Using voice, face and gestures to show that you believe in what you are saying

Students will present a speech in their class in Week 1 of next term. Three or four students will then be selected to perform at a semi-final with both Year 7/8 classes. Finalists will then be chosen to perform at the speech finals (date to be decided on very soon!).

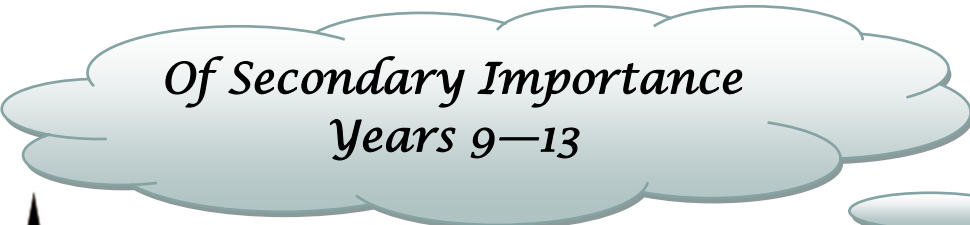
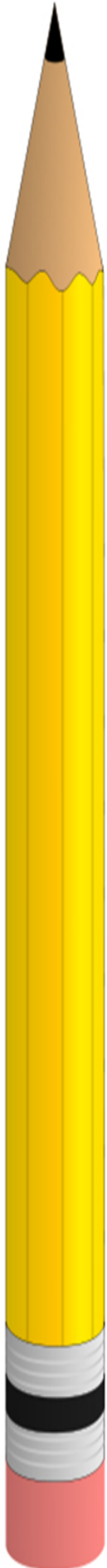
Over the holidays students are expected to ensure their speech is written on cue cards. Cue cards will help increase student's confidence and ensure they are free to interact with their audience.

Support from home is always appreciated with these activities.

## *Maypole Dancing*

During the holidays the Junior Maypole Dance girls will be performing this traditional spring festival dance at the opening of the Brits at the Beach Village Green Fair (at the Beach Road Reserve just up from the Boat Ramp) at 10.20am. Come along at 10am Saturday 1st October and support them and enjoy the festival.





## *Of Secondary Importance Years 9–13*



*Alistair Luke HOD  
English*

As always seems to be the case, the end of term three has loomed and arrived quickly. With practice examinations completed, students in years 11-13 will receive their end of year report on the final day of term this Friday. These reports contain valuable advice for assisting students with their study priorities for term four, which for NCEA students, is less than four weeks duration.

Students in the NCEA years are now starting to approach the 80 credit mark, and are therefore on the brink of achieving their qualification. The temptation for many is to see the achievement of the 80th credit as “the end of the year.” We strongly advise students to continue to strive to gain further credits at a higher level of achievement, and ensure that their performance in external standards in the examinations is similar to their performance in their internal assessment. These are small improvements that can have a large bearing on a school leaver’s prospects in the employment or tertiary markets, both of which are increasingly competitive. Both of these sectors are starting to look past the headline of the qualification and study the quality of the credits that make it up.

A number of students will be reliant on success in Art, Photography, and Trade. These subjects all have deadlines in early term four and the folios and projects which fall due carry large credit values. It is vital that students are aware of these deadlines and the times when these classrooms may be available outside of school hours. These deadlines are not flexible and meeting them can be the difference between success or otherwise.

Term four brings with it a number of important dates, and the first one to be aware of is Thursday November 3rd. This will be the final official day of classes for year 11-13 students, and will be followed that evening by our annual senior prizegiving. NCEA Examinations begin on Tuesday November 8th.

Term three has been busy with winter sports, the ski trip for year 12, and a range of Outdoor Education and other EOTC experiences. We wish all students a safe and restful holiday and encourage them to prepare for the sprint that is term four.

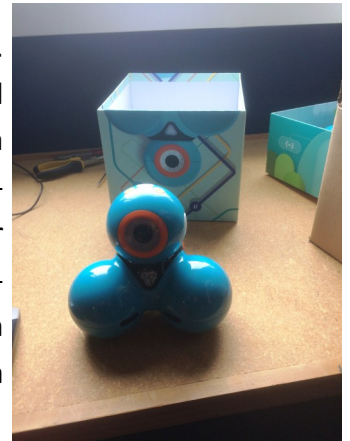
Have a great break

Nga Mihi

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to Amy Webb, who after 9 years of being a driving force on the PTA, has decided to step down. Amy has given vast quantities of time and energy to the PTA's various endeavours. We thank her for her dedication and unwavering energy.



In the last few years the PTA, led by Amy, has embarked on various fundraising endeavours and has been able to contribute approximately \$20,000.00 back into the school for the benefit of the students. We would like to thank all the parents, extended whanau, teachers and community who have helped to raise these funds. The purchase of a new school tent, robotics kits for digital technology, computer equipment for music, school tee shirts for use at sports events, the junior school stage, the year 7 & 8 Honours Board, the school sign that advertises our events, cash contributions to the Library and Food Tech department and the make over of the gardens around the school are a few areas to which the funds have been distributed.



We are always looking for new members so if you feel that you would like to contribute please email [jodiemilne@thephysioroom.co.nz](mailto:jodiemilne@thephysioroom.co.nz) or pop along to the next meeting on Monday 17th October, 7pm at the Physio Room.

### Coming Events:

Keep Friday 2nd December free for the PTA's Christmas Party at the Whangamata Rugby Club. Live band, refreshments and light supper (R18). Tickets on sale soon.

## *Good Luck to our Thames Valley Reps.....*

Connor Emmerson for the U18's last game of the season in New Plymouth on Saturday against Taranaki.

U16 rep Kael Cornwall for his last game against Counties in Karaka on Saturday.

Our two Roller Mills Joel Bathurst and Johnathan Handy for the Northern Regions week long tournament in New Plymouth starting this Sunday.

And congratulations for your seasons Anaru Aupouri-Te Huia with the U14 reps and Isaac Cunningham and Ben Fleetwood with the U45's.

***It is a great achievement to make selection to represent your region***

***Well done all of you***



*Year 12 Ski Trip 2016*



*A full article  
will be in the  
newsletter  
next term*



# The "Nurses Natter"

Tracey Hilt - Public  
Health Nurse



Hi there, this fortnights newsletter "Nurses Natter" I dedicate to the mighty Pediculosis Capitus aka Kutu/ Headlice.



These little critters are determined to survive and have been around for centuries, did you know even Cleopatra was buried with a golden head comb!

Kutu are very common and are easily spread from person to person. They are small, approximately 2-4mm long and about 1mm wide, they have 6 legs with claws and are usually light or dark brown in colour. They live close to the scalp where it is lovely safe and warm and where their main source of food is... blood.

Their eggs are difficult to see and are close to the scalp, once hatched the casing is a white colour further along the hair shaft and often is seen first.

Against popular opinion, this is not the problem of dirty hair, and studies have shown that they do not swim around in a bubble of air in swimming pools looking for victims. They can be knocked off the hair when using combs, brushes, towels and sharing hats they do like to swing from hair to hair and will take advantage of leaving home to enjoy another head if the opportunity presents itself, they certainly have no loyalty! They can survive off the host for approximately 24hrs so we do recommend you iron the bed linen daily when dealing with them, wash linen weekly and vacuum, they can be found alive on carpets and furniture.

Kutu infestations have to be addressed and addressed regularly as they cause unbearable, uncomfortable itching and scratching this then leads to sores on the scalp which can become infected and in turn requires a GP visit for treatment and children have been hospitalised for severe infections associated with this problem.

For large infestations, meaning a lot of adult lice and eggs, we do recommend a store purchased insecticide, I know some people prefer not to use these so a natural based treatment which includes a Ti - Tree oil or coconut base is proven to help. Regular every 2-3 day head combing with conditioner and a fine tooth Headlice comb ( they are available at Sunnys for \$3.00) is proven to be very effective as this addresses both the adult lice and the eggs. Regular head checking is recommended.

If you need more information the school have pamphlets and combing instructions, see the office ladies or contact me on: 021 241 7800. Happy safe and healthy holidays everyone! Hoping you might get some time to do some combing? J





# *Holiday Fun Football*



New Zealand Football has put together an action packed holiday programme for kids. Delivered by accredited providers, it's a great way for young players to have fun and develop their local football skills.

Suitable for children aged 6 to 12, boys and girls.

Each session includes skill-based training, so kids can learn the tricks and techniques to become better players. There is also plenty of chances to play football games to apply these skills in a fun, safe environment.

Fun Football is designed to appeal to both boys and girls, from total beginners to committed young players. It's part of the NZF junior development plan, so there is the opportunity for talented and hard working players to start the journey to excellence.

Here is what we offer:

**FUN**

Increased outdoor activity

A break for busy parents

Building kid's confidence

Supervised environment

Develop football skills

Meet new friends

Pathway to player development programme

Any questions please contact Scott Parsonage, email: [scott.p@waibop.co.nz](mailto:scott.p@waibop.co.nz)

## **Whangamata Holiday Fun Football**

**Where:** Whangamata Area School, Whangamata

**Date:** Thursday, 29 September

**Time:** 10.00am – 3.00pm

**Price:** \$25 per player

Registrations can be made at <http://www.waibopfootball.co.nz/holiday-fun-football/>



Thank you to Rainbow's End for providing the 2 complimentary day time passes to give to a hard working student at our next full school assembly.

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OPENSIDE



OCT.  
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& JANE DEEZY



OCT.  
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MIKEY  
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<b>TERM 3 CALENDAR</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	Basketball fundraiser
	<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b>	Thames Valley Primary Schools Touch tournament
	<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b>	<b>Last day term 3</b> Loud Shirt Day Mates and Dates year 12 11-13 Reports issued 9-13 Assembly LAST DAY TERM 3

<b>TERM 4 CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Wk</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	
	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b>	<b>Yr 11/12 Outdoor Ed re-assessment</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b>	<b>Level 1 art folios due</b>
	<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b>	<b>Year 7/8 Outdoor Education day</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b>	
	<b>26</b>	<b>Level 2 Art folios due / Otorohanga Camp</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>Otorohanga Camp</b>
	<b>28</b>	<b>Year 9 Outdoor Ed day</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>	
	<b>1Nov</b>	
	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Level 3 art folios due</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>Year 10 Outdoor Ed day</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