

# Newsletter

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



The recent holiday weather would have been a real test of patience for all our stay at home mums. The 2 weeks of rain and misery no doubt provided plenty of 'family challenges'. The lucky families escaped to warmer international destinations.

Welcome to all our new students and whanau. Our roll continues to grow and at the moment we are 410 + 9 international students. The MOE has recognised this positive trend and has increased our staffing for 2017, which will enable us to employ extra teachers. I can now share with you 2 recent permanent appointments in our senior school. Michelle Tupper secured the HOD PE position. Jono Drakefield has been appointed HOD English from Whanganui. He brings with him a teacher wife and 3 children. We are just about to make 4 appointments within years 1-8. The process has begun to appoint our new Principal. Applications will close mid November and there has al-

ready been considerable interest. Your BOT has hired an educational consultant to lead them through the process as they want to ensure our positive momentum continues into the future. Thanks to all those families who took the time to fill in the online survey about the future of our school and the requested attributes of my successor!

There are huge changes looming in education and in the world of work. Many of these will make traditional forms of employment extinct. (As a simple example Singapore has already got their 1<sup>st</sup> driverless taxis). Our staff and our community need to understand these changes and what future skills and attributes today's learners will need. There is an award winning documentary called "Most Likely to Succeed" that looks at this global change in education. We are fortunate to have this showing here in Whangamata on **October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the town hall**. The cost

of this screening has been **generously sponsored** by Whangamata Real Estate and our own PTA. It's open to any interested parents from Whangamata or Opoutere schools, so that all our community will have a better understanding of the changes that are heading to us all! Tickets are available from both school offices or "Whanga Books". Tickets are limited to the 192 seats and they are free thanks to the generosity of our sponsors!

Congratulations to all our L1 Art students for completing their folio boards. These 'labours of love' take a huge amount of time and emotional investment from our Art students. There was some fantastic work on display this week. Our L2 and L3 Art and Photography boards are due for completion next week.

Let us hope that this warmth and sunshine continues over the long weekend as I am certain that some decent weather is well overdue! Enjoy.... Cheers RP

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



## Year 1—6

Sue Brookes

Assistant Principal



Tena koutou,

Welcome to Term 4 and at last the sunshine. The students have been making the most of the nice weather during break time. Now it is time to find those school hats so that they can be worn during break time.

Next week the pool will be open. We will get the new swimming timetable out to you when it has been completed.

Teachers have asked for fewer time slots but more pool area, so we are trying to

accommodate that request.

This term is going to be very busy. We have year 5/6 going to camp in Otorohanga, Rooms 9, 3 and 4 are looking to go on an excursion to Waihi, Rooms 5 & 6 are planning a surprise trip that is yet to be announced.

We had our first assembly this week. The student leaders did a great job organizing and running it.

We have athletics sports coming up on November 1 and Four Schools

Athletics on November 8.

Our theme for the term covers our environment, recycling and reducing waste. Look for changes and notices around the school to see what the students are doing.

We will begin our end-of-year assessments in week 6, so that teachers can start writing the students reports.

Regards Sue Brookes



### *Assembly Awards*

*These will be in the next newsletter*

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



Maryanne Judd  
HOD Yr 7/8

### **Speeches**

Congratulations to all year 7 & 8 students who wrote and presented a speech. Seven students were chosen to perform at the speech finals on Tuesday to find the overall winners. Speeches were of an extremely high quality. A big thank you to our judge, Mr Luke.

Special congratulations to the following speech final winners:

**Year 8 First Equal:** Jessica Beaver (we are all perfectly unique) & Joshua Watson (peanuts)

**Year 7:** Alice Hennessy-Webb (brushing your teeth)



### **Honours students**

Please encourage your child to bring home their Honours book. Look through it together and discuss areas where they can improve to gain more points this term. Ultimately we would like ALL students to graduate as Honours students after their 2 years in middle school.



***Congratulations***

**Congratulations to Tiarna Sellars and Lena Heegardt for  
making the girls Under 18 Rugby Team.  
A fantastic achievement for these two talented players.**

### **Westpac Banking for Students**

Today was the last banking for our students. They can take their books to the branch until it closes 2 November 2016. Westpac wish to thank all those students who have made regular deposits each week and these are the winner for this year:

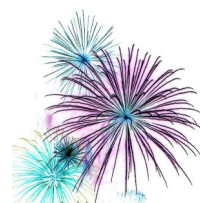
1st equal      Taya Davie & Emmitt Wickens (have banked every week week)  
2nd place      Xavier Davie (missed one week of banking)  
3rd place      Ella-Rose Luke

Well done to these students and a prize will be deposited into your account.



### **Paeroa Lions Club 27th Annual Fireworks Display**

Saturday 29th October at Paeroa Domain. The fireworks display promises to be more spectacular and longer display than previous years. Gates open at 5pm and we have a bigger range of food, entertainment and drink stalls.



The entrance cost remains at \$15 for a family ticket which covers 2 adults and 2 children.

Adults \$5 and children \$3 each.

For the safety of those attending:

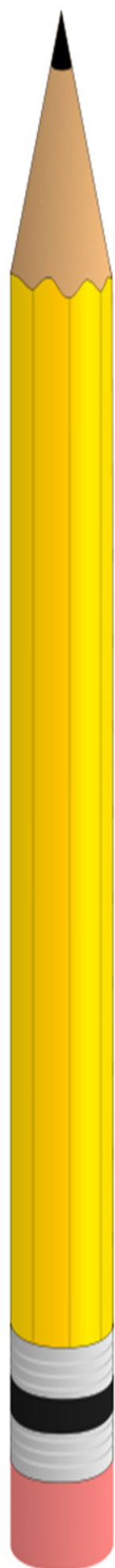
NO ALCOHOL, PERSONAL FIREWORKS, PETS, BICYCLES are allowed on the grounds

### **'Most Likely to Succeed' documentary screening**

Thursday 27 October 2016, 7pm—Memorial Hall

FREE - Whangamata Real Estate proudly sponsoring the joint initiative with Whangamata Area and Opoutere Schools. An inspirational film encouraging everyone to explore new possibilities for designing, learning and transforming education in our community. Please contact the school office for a ticket. You must have a ticket to attend as it is limited seating for our school. Thanks.

PTA Fundraiser



★ W.A.S PTA FUNDRAISER ★

# CHRISTMAS PARTY & A FAREWELL FOR LONGSTANDING STAFF

2 DECEMBER - Friday - 7.00 pm @ WHANGAMATA RUGBY CLUB

LIGHT SUPPER CASH BAR LIVE MUSIC FUN! R18 EVENT

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WAS OFFICE & WHANGA BOOKS **\$10**





## **Whangamata Amateur Swimming Club**

It's getting close to that time of year again! Our swim club season will get underway on Monday 7th November. We welcome new and existing members as we have an exciting season ahead.

### **Registrations will be held at Whangamata Community Pool**

Tuesday 25th October	4 – 6pm
Thursday 27th October	4 – 6pm

### **You are welcome to join if you:**

- Are school age
- Can stand in the school pool, feet flat on the ground (shallow end)
- Can float on your back unassisted
- Can initiate your freestyle arm stroke

### **Season Fees as follows:** (Season runs during school terms: Term 4, 2016 & Term 1, 2017)

1 child	\$100
2 children	\$180 (within the same immediate family)
3 children	\$250 (within the same immediate family)

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL SWIMMERS (EXISTING & NEW) ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND REGISTRATION NIGHT. BRIEF ASSESSMENTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE POOL FOR ALL SWIMMERS. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN THEIR TOGS.***

For any further information please email [swimwhanga@gmail.com](mailto:swimwhanga@gmail.com)

## Whangamata Boardriders Junior Surfing

Registration night is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Esplanade at 5.30pm

Membership is \$30 per family or \$20 single plus \$10 for Junior Surf

Boards will be available to use but there will not be lessons that evening.

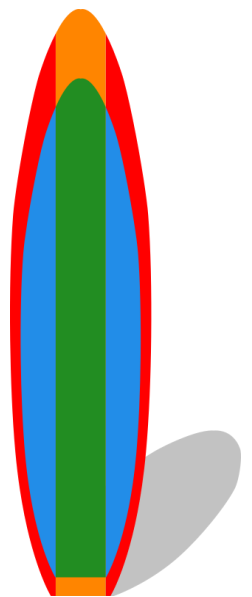
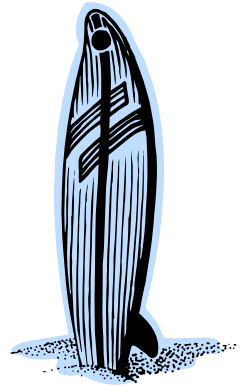
Term 4 dates are as follows:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> December

There will be a programme for the more experienced surfers who have been through the Junior Surfing Programme

Membership forms are available from the school library





## WHANGAMATA BOARDRIDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

MOBILE:

EMAIL:

FAMILY MEMBERS:

AGE:

JUNIOR SURF

1.

2.

3.

4

5.

Membership year 1 October 2015 - 31 September 2016

Single Membership

\$20

Family Membership

\$30

+ Junior Surf Programme

\$10 each surfer

Please circle or tick according to your surfing ability

Beginner

Needs help to catch waves but can stand up;

Can paddle and catch white water waves on their own

Can paddle and catch green water waves on their own

I am capable of swimming 50m

Yes

No

If you suffer from any medical condition that may affect your safety or the safety of other water users please give details in the space below and bring it to the attention of your instructor. Conditions that should be disclosed include (but are not limited to) heart problems, epilepsy, asthma, allergies and any medical condition likely to be made worse by participating in a surfing lesson.

I understand that Whangamata Boardriders Inc and its surfing instructors, while taking all reasonable care, cannot be held responsible for personal injury or any loss of, or damage to, their students personal property/valuables.

I agree to have a professional photographer take pictures of me to use for promotional purposes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver to sign)      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Post payment: to 1/100 Hunt Rd, Whangamata \$20 or \$30 plus \$10?

- or -

Internet banking: Whangamata Boardriders 03 1577 0010515 00

(Please include name in payment and email completed form to  
boardriders@vodafone.co.nz)



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

TERM 4 CALENDAR		
Wk		
1	Oct 10	
	11	
	12	
	13	
	14	Yr 11/12 Outdoor Ed re-assessment /Yr 9-13 Assembly / Mates & Dates year 12
2	17	
	18	
	19	Level 1 art folios due
	20	
	21	Year 7/8 Outdoor Education day Mates & dates year 12
3	24	
	25	Goldfields train trip Year 1—2
	26	Level 2 Art folios due / Otorohanga Camp / year 7/8 trip
	27	Otorohanga Camp
	28	Year 9 Outdoor Ed day / full school assembly
4	31	
	1Nov	Year 1—8 athletics
	2	Senior Prize giving 11—13 / Seniors finish
	3	Level 3 art folios due /
	4	Year 10 Outdoor Ed day
5	7	
	8	4 schools athletics
	9	
	10	NCEA exams start / 4 school athletics back up day
	11	Year 9—10 assembly / zero waste
6	14	
	15	Year 9—10 exams
	16	Year 9—10 exams
	17	Masterhouse Chef
	18	Zero waste
7	21	Zero waste week
	22	Thames Valley Primary Schools Athletics / Year 10 Camp/Barista training
	23	Year 10 camp / year 9 day trips/Barista training
	24	TVPS Athletics back up day/Barista training/Year 10 camp/Year 9 day trips
	25	Full school assembly / year 10 camp / year 9 day trips
8	28	
	29	
	30	
	1 Dec	Rooms 5 & 6 Hamilton Zoo Trip
	2 Dec	