

# Newsletter

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



Term 4 is always a frantic time within a school and this year is no exception. Last week we held our Senior Prize Giving where we acknowledged our seniors for their academic, sporting and cultural achievements. This is always a significant milestone in our school year. Well done to Jerry Cox who did a great job with his 1<sup>st</sup> 'official speech'. Our Dux for 2016 was Constantin Hansen who has been with us for 2 years and is intending to train as a Primary teacher. The other significant announcement was the naming of Ben Williams and Mollie Lang as our head students for 2017. The identification of these leaders involves 2 interviews in conjunction with input from students and staff. We have named a student leadership team of 8 for 2017 and they begin their training with a week at OPC this December.

This week our seniors begin their NCEA exams in the community hall. It's certainly a completely different system now to the old days. Most students will have already achieved the re-

quired credits via internal assessment, so there is far less 'exam pressure'. Those students wishing to endorse with Merit or Excellence or who are still missing some required credits are those likely to give of their best during exams. Senior students who are still missing some of their required credits should be attending school to complete assessments!

There have been plenty of 'expressions of interest' in being Principal at our school. Your BOT have employed an advisor to ensure that: they get the process correct and they get the best person for the job. They are being spoilt for choice which is encouraging. My thanks to all those families who filled in the survey about our school. Your feedback is being analysed by our BOT because we are in the process of updating our Charter and Strategic plans. These are the key blueprint documents that guide our school into the future. My thanks to all those who shared their thoughts to help us go forward. Speaking of

the future I found the free viewing of "Most Likely to Succeed" a challenge. This fantastic film reaffirmed how we need to do things differently within schools to enable our graduates to thrive. However changing a deeply embedded system such as an education system will always be a challenge. My thanks to anyone from our community who attended this viewing, because you now understand the necessity for change. My thanks to Amy Webb and Gina Kenning for organising the showing and to Whangamata Real Estate for sponsoring the night.

Even though it's not a school event, it's timely to acknowledge Jo Cullen and her crew for yet another fantastic show. These shows are outstanding and the level of skill and confidence exhibited by the dancers is outstanding. Great work from all involved!

On with assessments, planning for camps, reporting, organising budgets etc.

.....**Cheers RP**

**School lunches:** Tuesday—Friday Subway / Thursday only Sushi. NO LUNCH ORDERS ON MONDAYS. Forms available at the school office

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Tena koutou,

Welcome to week 5 of Term 4. We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers that came and supported all the students on Athletics Day last Tuesday. We definitely had the perfect weather. The students did really well completing and participating in all the events. I really enjoyed the relay at the end with teachers, students and parents all involved.

Scooters are a popular mode of transport for getting to school. Mr Andy Murray has been busy in the workshop making scooter stands. They are amazing and reduce the hazard of scooters lying on the ground.



As the weather has improved it is important that students have a hat to wear at break time and when they are outside for PE. Please make sure that they have a hat at school. Classes are now using the swimming pool. We have reduced the number of swimming times per class, but increased the space that they have in the pool ( the pool is now split in half instead of thirds.) , this gives the teacher and students more room to do meaningful swimming instruction.

Next week we will be beginning our end of year assessments in preparation for report writing.

Congratulations to everyone that was involved in the dance show. What a fabulous event.

Regards *Sue Brookes*

## Assembly Awards

<p><b>Room 9 Harekeke</b></p> <p>Liam Munden, Hollie Scott Emily Archer, Ronan Brunsden</p>	<p><b>Room 3 Kaponga</b></p> <p>Koopa Pickett-Heemi, Te Paea Te Aho</p>
<p><b>Room 4 Manuka</b></p> <p>Dahlia McClain, Krishna Lander, Lucy Walton</p>	<p><b>Room 5 Kowhai</b></p> <p>Caleb Jameson, Jacob Mars</p>
<p><b>Room 6 Pohutukawa</b></p> <p>Luke Kinninmont</p>	<p><b>Room 7 Rimu</b></p> <p>Hunter Williams, Ethan Jameson</p>
<p><b>Rm 8B Kauri</b></p> <p>Jackson Mackwood, Olivia Tollemache, Ben Milne,</p>	<p><b>Yr 7/8 MJ</b></p> <p>Chyanne Wright, Riana Flanagan</p>



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



Maryanne Judd  
HOD Yr 7/8

## Honours Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the following honours awards.

<b>Jessica Beaver</b>	Academic Merit Cultural Excellence
<b>Kloe Robinson</b>	Academic Excellence
<b>Riana Flanagan</b>	Civic Excellence
<b>Sienna Taikato</b>	Civic Merit



## Coming Up

### **Zero Waste**

In Weeks 5, 6 and 7 classes in Years 1-8 will be participating in the **Zero Waste Education** (ZWE) programme. The programme educates children about "sustainability," including waste minimisation, reusing, recycling, composting and water conservation. It is an award winning programme which is now offered to over **500 schools** nationwide to students in years 1-8.





## *Of Secondary Importance* *years 9—13*



*Alistair Luke HOD  
English*

As you read this many of our senior students will be sitting their first NCEA Examination. For a number of students, success or otherwise for the year hinges on the next two weeks. We wish all our senior students well for this important period of the year.

Students in year 8 and 9 have been selecting their options for 2017 this week. For two weeks, starting on Monday November 28th, students in years 8, 9, and 10 will be following their 2017 timetable. This gives students an opportunity to taste the courses that they have chosen for next year and establish relationships with the teachers they will have in 2017. This fortnight is particularly important for students heading into year 11 in 2017 as it provides an opportunity to assess the wisdom or otherwise of the subject choices they have made. Any student who wishes to change a subject during this period, should see their house dean.

We have several exciting events coming up in the next two weeks. Next Wednesday (16/11) we have our annual Masterhouse Chef Competition. This competition is in its second year and should again be popular with participants and spectators alike. Teams will be given their ingredients and their brief at 11am on Wednesday morning with tasting and judging scheduled for 2pm. Parents are warmly invited to attend during the day to watch the culinary magic unfold. Judging will take place on the outdoor stage, weather permitting.

Also on Wednesday the 16th from 2-4pm, we will have representatives from Noel Leeming in school. Noel Leeming offer highly competitive deals on laptops and devices suitable for school and they will be available to outline the specifications of their various products, and take orders for products. This display will be based in the library.

From Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th of November our year 10 students are away in Rotorua for the annual Blue Lake Camp. Medical forms for this camp will be coming home on Friday of this week. From Wednesday 23rd to Friday the 25th, year nines will have the opportunity to participate in a range of day activities outside the traditional classroom programme. Options for these three days will be sent home early next week and students will indicate their preference for each of the three days.

Only five weeks to go but there is plenty happening for our students.

Nga mihi





## *School Fete 2017*

Hi

On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** the Whangamata Area School PTA will hold its third Summer Fete on the school grounds from 4pm to 7.30pm.

We are writing to invite you to contribute to, or sponsor, this event. We appreciate that in our small community, you may be asked several times a year to make such contributions. Please note that this is the main Whangamata Area School PTA event we have planned for 2017.

This Fete will have an inflatable theme with giant inflatable games for the whole family. Children and their teachers will also be organising stalls to sell a variety of products, food, raffles and games. There will also be a live band and performances from the school.

### **Important Information**

- No entry charge to the Fete
- All proceeds will go to Whangamata Area School
- It will be a fun night for children, families and friends of the school, as well as visitors to Whangamata

### **Invitation to Sponsor**

**The PTA's aim is to cover the costs of the Fete through sponsorship.** The major costs will be the advertising, the giant inflatable games, and the purchase of food for sale at the stalls.

We have attached a Return Form, in which we have described the three levels of sponsorship available. If you would like to select the sponsorship option A can you please return this form and payment ASAP as we anticipate to get two large signs up at both entrances to town in November so we can advertise the event over summer. The students and families of the Whangamata Area School really appreciate your support and this will be publicly acknowledged in several ways (detailed on the Return Form).

**If you are interested in supporting this event, please simply complete the relevant section of the attached form and return it to the school or contact [jodimilne@thephysioroom.co.nz](mailto:jodimilne@thephysioroom.co.nz) or on 021415200**

Jodi Milne

Kind Regard

Whangamata Area School PTA



***I am interested in supporting the Whangamata Area School Summer Fete***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Details:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete the relevant section to indicate the level of contribution you wish to make.***

**A**

☐ **Sponsor – cash donation of \$250 or equivalent value in donated products or services**

- Business name to appear on advertising posters and in all promotional material for the event **including large signs at both entrances to Whangamata to be erected in November.**
- Acknowledgement of contribution in the School Newsletter and in Coastal News

I wish to make a

☐ Cash donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Donation of \_\_\_\_\_ (describe products or services to be donated, and value)

**B**

☐ **Supporter – cash donation of \$100 or equivalent value in donated products or services**

- Acknowledgement of contribution in the School Newsletter and acknowledgment on the night

I wish to make a

☐ Cash donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Donation of \_\_\_\_\_ (describe products or services to be donated, and value)

**C**

☐ **Supporter – voucher donation for products or services for our mystery envelopes**

- Acknowledgement of contribution in the School Newsletter and acknowledgment on the night

I wish to make a

☐ Voucher Donation of \_\_\_\_\_ (describe products or services to be donated, and value)

**\*\*Please see next page for payment options which is also tax receipt for your business.**



## **Payment**

### **Direct debit**

This can be made by deposit into the following account

Whangamata Area School PTA 2008  
Westpac  
A/C. 031577 0415790 00

- please add your business name as a reference.

### **Cheque**

Please send to;

Whangamata Area School PTA  
P O Box 8  
Whangamata 3620  
Attention: Jodi Milne

- Cheques to be made out to Whangamata Area School PTA

### **For your records.**

PAYMENT OF \$.....  
AS DONATION TO WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL PTA  
DATE.....

**Or please call Jodi Milne 021415200 to arrange collection of your donated products/services for food stalls, raffles and prizes on the night.**

**Many Thanks**

**WAS PTA**



***Bring Your Own Device***

With BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) happening next year, Noel Leeming will be showcasing their wares on November 16th from 2-4pm at the school. Further details to come at a later date.





## *Whangamata Area School Master House Chef*

**Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**11am- 2pm**

The Food technology department is hosting the second annual Master House Chef competition on Wednesday 16th November. The competition will be based in the food tech room with the outdoor stage being the starting and judging podium. (Weather permitting and sunhats necessary)



Each house has selected four students from each year level and they will be in their house colour aprons, ready for some fierce competition.

The event will start at 11am and the teams will be given their mystery box items which they will showcase in their entrée, main course and dessert. They will be given 30 min to prepare their recipes and the gun will allow 90 minutes till service.

There are 4 local foodies judging the event and New World Whangamata has kindly donated product for the food pantry and mystery boxes!! Also a number of people have kindly donated prizes and cash for the extras- Aprons- Hats!! Much appreciated.

Parents and local community are all very welcome to come along and enjoy the event during the 11 – 2 pm time frame. The school band will also be entertaining the audience while the judges deliberate..

## *Caregivers Wanted*



### **Do you want to make a difference in a child's life?**

Child, Youth and Family are currently looking for people in this area who can offer safe, caring, stable homes for young people in need of short term care, time out over weekends and/or holidays, or a home for life.

Our team will support you to understand and manage the challenges of fostering a young person, and we will be there with you to celebrate the successes.

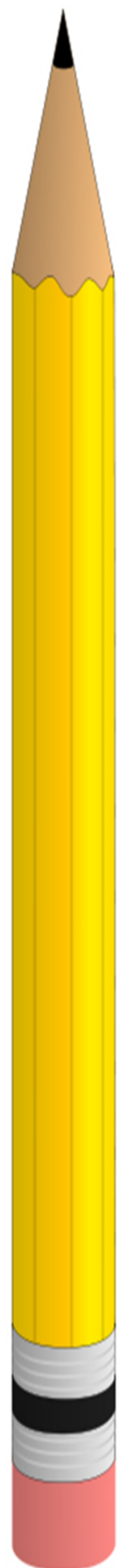
You may be surprised; you could be just the right person to offer your care to a young person who needs you!

If you are interested in finding out more, or know someone who may be interested, or if you think you might be able to help in some other way then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Johnson Taoho, Care Services Manager, on 07 957 4740 or email [johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz](mailto:johnson.taoho001@cyf.govt.nz)



PTA Fundraiser



The poster features a dark blue background with a festive border of red and white Christmas ornaments. At the top, a string of white lights and a disco ball are depicted. In the center, two white silhouettes of people in Santa hats are shown dancing around a green Christmas tree on a white stand. Below this, a green banner reads '★ W.A.S PTA FUNDRAISER ★'. The main title 'CHRISTMAS PARTY & A FAREWELL FOR LONGSTANDING STAFF' is prominently displayed in red and white. The event details include a calendar icon for '2 DECEMBER - Friday -', an alarm clock icon for '7.00 pm', and an '@' symbol for 'WHANGAMATA RUGBY CLUB'. At the bottom, five green circular icons represent the event's offerings: a hot plate for 'LIGHT SUPPER', a cash register for 'CASH BAR', a musical note for 'LIVE MUSIC', a jukebox for 'FUN!', and a price tag for 'R18 EVENT'. The ticket price '\$10' is highlighted in a large red font at the very bottom.

★ 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**



Subway available Tuesday—Friday. More forms available in the school office.

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO LUNCH ORDERS TAKEN ON MONDAYS.

Please bring lunch from home

SUBWAY ORDER FORM				SUBWAY ORDER FORM				SUBWAY ORDER FORM			
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Extra order forms may be obtained from the school office				Extra order forms may be obtained from the school office				Extra order forms may be obtained from the school office			



Sushi available on Thursdays only

More forms available at the school office

SUSHI ORDER FORM

NAME.....

Product	4 pieces	Box	6 piece	Box
Chicken Avocado	\$6.80		\$10.20	
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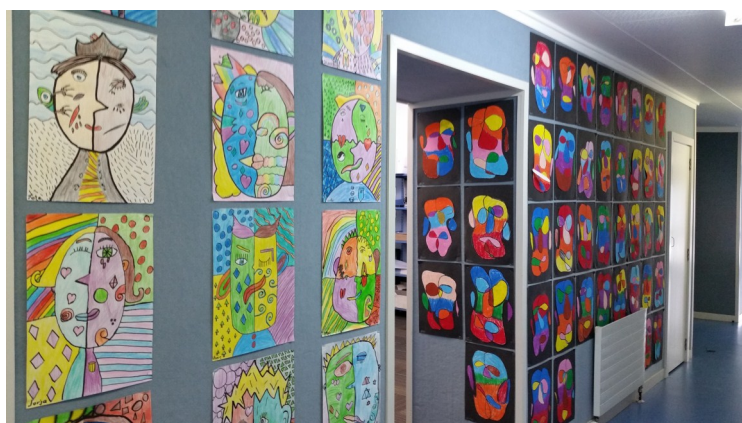
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TERM 4 CALENDAR		
5	7	
	8	4 schools athletics
	9	
	10	NCEA Exams Start
	11	Zero Waste / yr 9-10 assembly / Yr 7/8 surfing
6	14	Year 9 & 10 exams
	15	Year 9 & 10 Exams / hearing & vision checks
	16	Year 9 & 10 Exams / Masterhouse Chef
	17	
	18	Zero Waste yr 7/8 surfing back up day
7	21	Zero Waste
	22	Thames Valley Primary Schools (TVPS) Athletics / Barista skills training Year 10 Camp
	23	Year 10 Camp / year 9 day trips / Barista skills training
	24	TVPS Athletics back up / Barista skills 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	
9	5	Barista Skills training / Rms 3, 4, 5, 9 beach visit
	6	
	7	
	8	
	9	Yr 9-10 assembly /
10	12	
	13	Yr 7-10 prizegiving / yr 7-8 reports issued / yr 9-10 reports issued
	14	Junior prizegiving / LAST DAY TERM 4

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



Check out the beautiful artwork in the administration hallways. We have some very talented students. Thank you Mrs Stewart for making our hallways very colourful.