

# Newsletter

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



This is a frantic time for our school. All our staff have just finished end of year assessments to evaluate progress throughout the year. This is then followed by compiling the end of year reports + compilation of this data for MOE. This week we have our year 10s away on their annual Blue Lake camp which involves 4 fantastic days of outdoor activities combined with some cultural visits. Our remaining secondary staff are offering our year 9s a series of fun day trips. The new Health and Safety requirements have certainly made any trip more difficult.

Congratulations to Jan Myers for a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> inter house Master Chef challenge. The competition to make the team and then the quality of food produced was amazing. Many thanks to New World and our judges for supporting this event!

Now that summer has arrived can I urge parents to remember to pack togs and towels and sun hats each day. We are so lucky to be able to access the pool and the students don't have to

pay (this is covered by the school donations). It seems unusual when I find several students not taking the opportunity to swim. Likewise can I urge everyone to have a hat on when outside during the summer. Many schools enforce a 'no hat no play' policy. We are reluctant to go down that path but please encourage your children to remember their hats! Speaking of summer, over the break all the rooms we are retaining are having heat pumps installed. These should make learning in February / March far more comfortable. This project will be completed over the summer break, along with a 'makeover' of Rm 1.

With several changes to staffing in years 1-6 already scheduled (via retirement, leave and extra classes) we thought it was an ideal time to have a complete reshuffle within years 1-6 of both staff and rooms. Therefore all the year 1-6 teachers, in 2017, will have either a change of room, or a change of year level or both. As in previous

years you will be informed of your child's 2017 room and teacher at the end of the year. We are now staffed for years 1-6. Maryanne Judd will take over leadership of syndicate one and has been appointed permanently. She is joined by Paul Hughes, Katie Speedy and Renee Stewart who have all been appointed for 2017. We still have a couple of appointments pending within our secondary school. Our roll growth has enabled us to offer extra classes and smaller class numbers, but there will always be areas of concern

Applications have closed for the Principals job. The appointments committee is working through the many applicants to establish a 'short list' to interview. These will be happening shortly and we will be able to announce the appointee in our final newsletter. My thanks to all my staff who are working hard and to your BOT who are working really hard to ensure they get a fantastic Principal for our future!!

.....**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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## Year 1—6

Sue Brookes  
Assistant Principal  
Yr 1-6



Tena koutou

The summer weather has arrived. The students are enjoying the sunshine and the pool. It is important that all children have a hat to wear at school, unfortunately just putting on sunscreen is not enough, so please ensure your child has a hat.

The classes have been working with a specialist teacher, talking about Zero Waste. They have been making some great creations from recycled goods. REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE is the message we would like to get across.

On Tuesday some students went to compete in the Thames Valley Primary Schools Athletics. Congratulations to all who were selected to go.

Feedback is that you all performed amazingly.

Teachers are busy finalizing end of year assessments and writing reports. They are reporting pleasing gains which is great to see. All that hard work from teachers and students has paid off.

We have an assembly next Monday at 2.10.

On Thursday Rooms 5 and 6 have a trip to Hamilton Zoo. Rooms 9,3, and 4 are planning a Beach Day on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the improved weather

Regards

**Sue Brookes**

## School Holiday Programme

Based at Whangamata Playcentre - **for all ages** - during December and January. Please get in touch with Nat for more information on 021 0313174 or check us out on Facebook @whangamataschoolholidayprogramme. *Spaces are limited so bookings are essential.*

Thanks

Nat

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



Maryanne Judd  
HOD Yr 7/8

### **Year 7 & 8 Surf Day**

Last Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Wynn took the Year 7 & 8 Outdoor Education class surfing. This allowed the students to experience surfing with their focus being to develop a new skill and demonstrate safe behaviours in a risky environment.

They had a blast!!



## *Of Secondary Importance years 9—13*

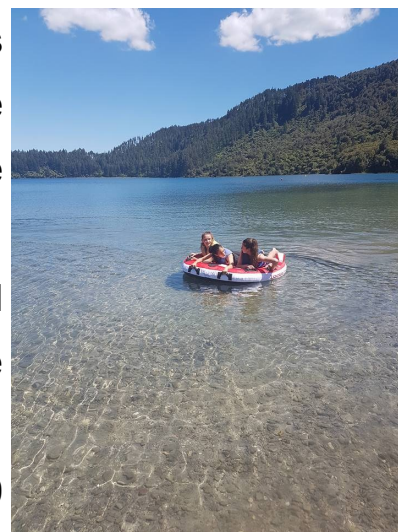


**Alistair Luke HOD  
English**

The senior campus feels a bit like a ghost town this week with year 9 and 10 students taking in the annual opportunity presented by the Blue Lake Camp and the various day trips available to year 9. With examinations complete, these trips and camps represent a fantastic opportunity to explore all that is great about our region.

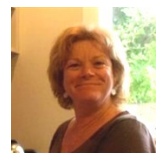
From Monday 28/11, students in year 8, 9, and 10 will follow their 2017 timetables for two weeks. Year 8 students have been issued with letters to outline their option subjects, and informed of the KORU Groups they will be going into. These students will be issued with timetables on Thursday. We look forward to these students having the opportunity to sample their classes for next year.

Finally, advance notice that the year 7-10 prizegiving will take place on Tuesday December 13th at 7pm. We look forward to seeing parents and students at this final celebration for the year. This will be the last event of the year for these students and they will receive their final reports at the conclusion of prizegiving.



***Our year 10 students on camp. For  
more photos please see our page on  
Facebook***

# Whangamata Area School Master House Chef



Jan Myers - Food  
Technology

Another successful contest of food, flavours, personalities and fun!

This years' theme was Kiwiana and the mystery boxes revealed fresh Green Lipped Mussels, Terakihi. Kumara, Kiwifruit and Hokey Pokey ice cream. House teams rampaged the research on google and came up with their recipes to create a three course meal- Using these ingredients- and a full pantry kindly donated by New World Whangamata.

Judges –**Susie Artz, Musky Bathurst, Dion Mackwood and Denise Clarke.**

MC-- Food enthusiast and school celebrity –  
**Mr Alistair Luke**

After 2 hours, with local foodie judges overseeing events unfold, the teams presented their meals on stage in the hall.

The winning team was **Watt house - Lily Quinn-Ryburn, Callum Whatley, Teo Grylls, Brianna Fulton.**

Other prizes were\_

Top Chef – **Zyren Magbag**

Top Female – **Matilda Matheson**

Top Junior – **Jordn Casse**

Best team Leadership –**Lily Quinn-Ryburn**

Most entertaining chef- **Claudia Blake**

Most promising talent – **Teo Grylls**

Also the audience blind tasting event was fun too -

Winner - **Holly Taikato**



**Winning Team: Blue Team**

**(from left) Teo, Callum, Lily & Brianna**





## *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**

**Whangamata Area School PTA**



***Today—Thursday 24th November 3-6pm at the School Library.***

A wonderful opportunity to Christmas shop and all purchases  
benefit our school

This fair is not just for the kids there is plenty of reading material  
suitable for adults as well.



# Nurses Natter

Tracey Hilt - Public  
Health Nurse



Hi, welcome to Spring, what a lovely time of the year, the sun is out and there are new Spring flowers around, the beach is looking more and more tempting as our fabulous summer approaches, and the water will warm up in a sure! It sure does seem that more people are smiling as they go about their busy lives. This "Nurses Natter" is in light of those busy lives and the change to the weather, to stop and remember, and to motivate you all to "Slip, Slop, Slap, and Wrap" and "Seek" shade throughout the hottest parts of the day.

On the Cancer Society NZ website it is reported that skin cancers are the most common form of cancer in New Zealand, the incidence of melanoma skin cancer is one of the highest in the world, over 350 people die needlessly of skin cancer in NZ each year. Skin cancers are being diagnosed at an increasingly young age and our young children and teenagers are certainly at risk, while fair skinned children are most at risk from the harmful effects of UV radiation on the skin, children with darker skin are also at risk of skin damage.

Whangamata Area School is a "SunSmart School" this means they have incorporated sun protection into their school policies and made the commitment to promote sun safety. There are sun shaded areas where students are encouraged to play, there is a strict wide brimmed sun hat wearing policy and have cancer society sunscreen available. SunSmart education is included into the school health curriculum, this needs to be reinforced and applied at home, so you have a role to play in this too. The students and school staff all need your help. Please be SunSmart yourselves, encourage and remind your children to wear their wide brimmed hats at school, when walking home and at home when outside. Purchase and have available cancer society approved sunscreen, and apply as directed generously two - three times a day. Please stay out of the sun as much as you can between the hours of 10am and 2pm.

Here are a couple of useful Apps using data from the weather experts NIWA and supported by the Cancer Society. It shows you how much UV there is each day in your area (and how it changes during the day as the sun moves). This helps you know when to protect yourself with sunscreen, a hat, clothes and shade. <https://play.google.com/store/search?q=uv2day&c=apps> The Cancer society website also has great up to date information to read and share at home, [cancernz.org.nz](http://cancernz.org.nz).

Take care and stay sun safe,

Tracey Hilt, Waikato DHB public health nurse. 021 241 7800

## Information for School based Immunisations for year 7 and 8 students in 2017

### YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

The Yr 7 immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough  
will be undertaken during Term 2

Consent forms will be sent home with EVERY Yr 7 student.

Please complete and return to the School Office.

There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that.

PLEASE REMEMBER- EVERY FORM MUST BE RETURNED REGARDLESS  
WITH CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.

### YEAR 8 IMMUNISATION

The Yr 8 Immunisation for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) which can develop into  
Cervical cancer and other HPV related cancers, will be undertaken in two doses within the year

Consent forms will be sent home with EVERY Yr 8 student.

Please complete and return to the School Office.

There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that.

PLEASE REMEMBER- EVERY FORM MUST BE RETURNED REGARDLESS  
WITH CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.

As part of the programme, information will be given to each Yr 7 and 8 student.

If you do not want your child to receive this education and/or to view the presentation the Public Health Nurse uses, then send a letter to the Office so that your child can be removed from that class presentation on the day of the education session.

*Bring Your Own Device*



Ian Fulton

# Power Up for school

for Whangamata Area School  
Available Tuesday 15 November - Sunday 24 December 2016, only while stocks last



**\$518.65** Ind GST

Model 14-AN006AU Sku 146553

#### HP 14" Black Notebook

- 1.8GHz AMD quad-core E2-7110
- 4GB RAM
- 500GB 5400RPM hard drive
- Integrated graphics
- Windows 10 home



**\$582** Ind GST

Sku 140329

#### Lenovo Ideapad 110 15.6"

#### Celeron Notebook NLX

- 1.6GHz Intel Celeron N3060
- Dual Core
- 4GB RAM
- 500GB HDD
- Intel HD graphics
- Windows 10/Windows 10



**\$665.85** Ind GST

Sku 147848

#### Acer 11.6" TravelMate

#### Notebook

- 2.20Hz Intel Celeron N3950
- Processor
- 4GB RAM
- 500GB HDD
- Intel HD Graphics
- Google Chrome OS



**\$1196** Ind GST

Sku 147304

#### Acer Aspire Switch 12A 12"

#### Touchscreen 2-in-1

- 2.30Hz Intel Core i3-6100U Processor
- 4GB RAM
- 128GB SSD
- 2 in 1 Notebook
- Windows 10

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# power up for school

Enhance your device with these products



Endeavour 11.6" Laptop bag **\$22** incl GST  
Sku 147559

Endeavour 13" Laptop bag **\$23** incl GST  
Sku 147526

Endeavour 15-16" Laptop bag **\$26** incl GST  
Sku 147528

**\$19.50** incl GST  
Sku 147534 15006



Microsoft Wireless  
Mobile Mouse

**\$24.33** incl GST  
Sku 147537

Logitech H110 Stereo  
Headset



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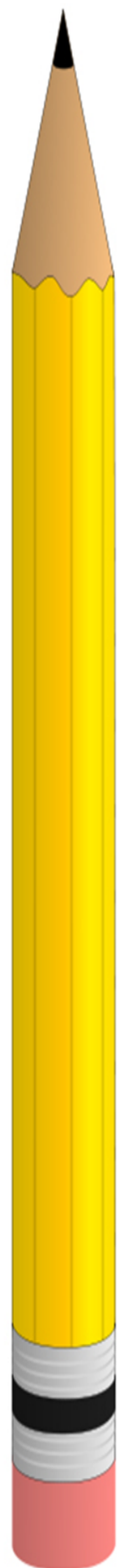
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PTA Fundraiser



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 dancing around a green Christmas tree on a white stand. Below the tree, 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 the date '2 DECEMBER - Friday -' with a calendar icon, the time '7.00 pm' with an alarm clock icon, and the location '@ WHANGAMATA RUGBY CLUB' with an '@' symbol icon. At the bottom, five green circular icons represent the event's offerings: 'LIGHT SUPPER' (fork and knife), 'CASH BAR' (cash register), 'LIVE MUSIC' (musical note), 'FUN!' (party hat and confetti), and 'R18 EVENT' (dollar sign and '18'). The ticket price '\$10' is shown in large white text at the bottom right.

★ 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**

TERM 4 CALENDAR		
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