

Newsletter

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Alistair Luke

Principal



Welcome back to everyone for the 2017 school year. A special welcome to the students, teachers, and families who are new to Whangamata Area School and/or the Whangamata community. It was a pleasure to welcome, at our Powhiri last Friday, and we hope all our students, new and existing, are as excited as we are about the new school year.

We have welcomed a number of new teaching staff to our school for 2017. In Syndicate One Mrs Nicole Laing has joined in a homecoming of sorts. A well known local resident, Mrs Laing has returned from a period at Waihi East School to teach in Room Six. In Syndicate Two Mrs Katie Speedy joins us from Papamoa and is based in Room 8A. Syndicate Three welcomes Mr Dylan Care, a former resident of Whangamata who has returned from Australia. The English Department has a new HOD in the form of Mr Jonothan Drakefield, formerly of Whanganui High, and Mr John Boer has arrived from Whangarei to teach Mathematics and Chemistry.

In the Senior Leadership

Team there have also been some changes. Sue Brookes and Don Stewart will be acting Deputy Principals for 2017 assuming responsibility for years 1-8 and 9-13 respectively. We are in the process of appointing two acting Assistant Principals to support Don and Sue this year.

Two of our students have already experienced substantial success in 2017. Emmitt Wickens has been selected to tour Las Vegas with a New Zealand Basketball Academy Squad in August, with Zhane Taikato named as first reserve for the trip. Congratulations to these two young men who have travelled extensively to develop their basketball and have been rewarded with the ultimate travel experience.

Term one is always a frantic time, and this year is no different. Years 7-13 have their annual Swimming Sports on Thursday 17/2. Athletic Sports take place the following week on Wednesday 22/2. Years 3-6 have their Swimming Sports on Thursday 23/2. There are also a number of other sporting opportunities available through schools and clubs for stu-

dents to take advantage of in this fantastic weather.

Friday 24/2 is a definite date for all calendars with the School Fete taking place from 4-7pm. It is impossible to do justice to all the exciting activities and events available at the Fete but details are found elsewhere in this newsletter. A huge thank you to the PTA who have worked tirelessly to ensure this event is a success. Please come and support their major fundraiser for 2017.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many people and see so many smiling young faces over the past few days. Long may the sunshine continue and I look forward to catching up with many more of you over the coming weeks.

Nga Mihi.



Year 1—6

Tena koutou,

Welcome back to school after an amazing summer. We would like to welcome all our new students and teachers. It was fantastic to see all the smiling faces on day one. The powhiri on Friday was amazing. We have so many more families joining our kura whanau.

We are very lucky to have three new teachers in the year 1-6 area of the school.

Maryanne Judd is teaching in Room 7. Maryanne was teaching in the year 7/8 area last year. She is also Syndicate 1 leader. Katie Speedy is teaching in Room 8a. Katie was previously teaching in Papamoa and Nicole Laing is teaching in Room 6. Nicole has been a reliever at our school in previous years but for the last couple has been teaching in Waihi.

All the classes seem happy and have settled to learning very quickly.

Our year 1-6 assemblies will be on Mondays at 2.10 this year. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. Our first assembly will

New Teachers

Whangamata Area School welcomes five new teachers to it's staff this year. Jono Drakefield takes up the position of the English Head of Department, Jono comes from Wanganui. John Boer will teach Mathematics and Chemistry and hails from Whangarei. Katie Speedy comes from Papamoa and will teach Years 4 and 5 in the Junior School. Dylan Care, an ex Whangamata Area School pupil will teach Years 7 and 8 and Year 11 literacy. Nicloe Laing returns to Whangamata Area School this year and will teach Years 2 and 3. Also, Whangamata Area School has completed some building upgrades to the Music room and the Careers area along with a refurbishment of Room 1 where Ben Holmes will teach Year 6 students.

Photo Back row left to right John Boer, Nicole Laing, Dylan Care, Front row Katie Speedy and Deputy Principal Sue Brookes. Absent Jono Drakefield.

Sue Brookes

Deputy Principal

Yr 1-6



be next Monday.

In line with our Sun Smart school policy could parents please make sure that all children have a hat at school. They are required to wear them during break times.

Each week our facebook page will be updated with events for that week.

Regards **Sue Brookes**





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



Amy Hennessey-Webb

HOD Yr 7/8

MEET AND GREET

We regret that the weather wouldn't allow us to hold our annual Meet the Teachers at the Esplanade but we would like to invite you to a re-run Meet and Greet

Wednesday 15th, 5.30pm at the Esplanade (end of Graham Street)

We realise extra-curricular activities have started by this date but come if you can, otherwise you are welcome to pop in anytime we are around after school.

OUR START

What a fantastic start to the year with 3 enthusiastic teachers who are loving their classes and all the students in them. There is a 'special vibe' around the year 7 and 8 area with so many new faces and those returning are positive and excited to be back.

CAMP

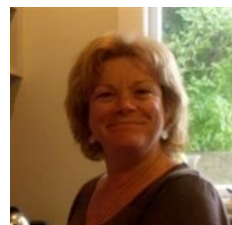
There will be a year 7 and 8 school camp in Term 2. Venue and date are yet to be confirmed but we URGE you to start an automatic payment at the school office as soon as possible. Camp fees must be paid prior to your child attending.

HOMEWORK

A Homework programme is currently being designed in response to your Homework aspirations for each student. We appreciate the time you took to fill the questionnaire out and value your ideas and opinions.



Food Technology 2017



TIC Jan Myers

Visiting Technology- Rachel Luke

An invitation to join our Whangamata Area School Food Technology page- where you will find snapshots of students' work and updates on ingredient requirements from home.

We are needing lemons, parsley, chives, mint, coriander – any spare, we would appreciate - drop at office or to food room.

If you are upgrading your cutlery, or plates or mugs – a donation of these would be appreciated also.

Many Thanks

Jan and Rachel

Stage Challenge 2017



Carrie Burns

Kia ora koutou! The 2017 Stage Challenge leadership team will meet next week to begin planning for this years competition. All students in years 7 - 13 have the opportunity to participate in this event either on stage as a performer, or as the 'crew' who design, create and operate a range of interactive props that bring the story to life. As part of the team, students will need to commit to 1 after school rehearsal per week + break time rehearsals and approximately 3 Sunday afternoon rehearsals leading up to the competition. There is also a cost of approximately \$90 which covers the cost of the entry fee, t-shirt, dinner and travel. This can be paid for at the office in instalments over time to make it more affordable - why not start payments now? After winning the competition last year we are all so excited to be taking part again - creating a memorable experience and a huge sense of achievement. If you are keen to join the team put your name down on the list at the office this week! Are you a senior student and keen to be part of the leadership team? Come and see me this week.

Nga mihi nui, Mrs Burns



School Fete



SCHOOL FETE 24 FEB 4-7pm



BRING and BUY STALL : Pre loved children's toys, books and puzzles

Time to recycle those toys that your child no longer plays with. Please only send toys and puzzles that are in saleable, clean and complete condition. Sports equipment, sandpit toys and jewellery also accepted.

Collected by Mrs Spencer Room 3. Drop off at Room 3 any day.

The PTA Summer Fete is coming up on Friday 24th February. Back by popular demand are two stalls - Jars of Awesomeness and the Cake Stand. This year we are asking for:

- all families with a child or children in the Primary School to contribute one
- Jar of Awesomeness, and
- all families with a child or children in the Middle School or Senior School to contribute one cake.

If you have children in both parts of the school, you can choose which item you wish to contribute.

Many thanks from the PTA.

Second Hand Book Stall

All donations of books, DVD's & jigsaw puzzles greatly accepted. Happy to collect from you. Any queries please phone Jan Shanks at the School Library.

Years 7—10 Physical Education

GEAR: A full change of mufti is required, and togs for swimming. Any shorts and the school singlet or T-shirt is preferred. **By week 5 this term, this will be a compulsory item to be worn in all PE lessons.** It will also be used if your child attends sporting events.

Whangamata Area School Fete 2017

Friday 24th February 4-7.30pm
Whangamata Area School Grounds

Get ready for an amazing evening of family fun, entertainment and food.

Events for the evening include:

- Entertainment featuring Jamie McDell and local talent from the school band, kapa haka and Whangamata Dance Studio
- Inflatable fun for the whole family; a giant human foosball area, jousting and human fly activities
- Variety of delicious food for dinner including; tacos, burgers, mussel fritters and sausages. Sweet treats such as ice cream and cakes as well as cold drinks and coffee available to purchase
- Under 5s area Including toys, face painting, nail painting, so parents can relax.
- R18 bar available.
- A wide variety of stalls, games and car wash.
- All funds to the Whangamata Area School Cash only-No EFTPOS





Nurses Natter

Tracey Hilt - Public
Health Nurse



Welcome Back to school. I am looking forward to an awesome 2017 and as always am still available with your health concerns on either my cellphone 021 2417800, through the school office or thorough the teachers

RURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

School Based Immunisations

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school this year.

Year Seven Students

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). This is the same vaccination that would have been given to your child at 4 years age if you consented.

Information about the year seven programme will be given to students at school and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health Presentation on Year Seven Immunisations and is designed specifically for this age group.

At this information session, your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Whether you choose to immunise or not, the form needs to be returned to school.

Year Eight Students

From 1 January 2017, Males and Females aged 9 to 26 inclusive (ie under 27 years) will be eligible for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) immunisation. The focus has historically been on cervical cancer prevention for women but increasing evidence has emerged of the impact of other HPV related cancers on men so both groups will now be offered this vaccine free of charge. This vaccine will be given in two doses 6 months apart.

Information will be given to the students about the HPV vaccination programme at school. This may include viewing the Ministry of Health presentation about the *HPV Vaccine Information and is* for the year 8 age group.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school.

- Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session.
- Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school.
- If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it.

Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years.

For further information on these vaccines phone **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**