

Newsletter

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Alistair Luke
Principal



As I write this we are in the middle of one of the most significant periods of rain many of us have experienced. I sincerely hope that the rain eases over the coming days and people are able to assess and start the job of repairing any damage to property or possessions. Our thoughts are with those most seriously affected by the flooding.

With communication systems erratic to say the least over the last 48 hours, I wish to extend my thanks to everyone who has assisted with getting information about our operations out in as many formats as possible. The decision to close the school due to weather is never taken lightly and we take information from as many official sources as possible, as well as assessing our own capacity, before taking a decision. Our communications over the past few days have highlighted the need for a reminder to all to inform us if any contact details change. In several cases, the contact details that we hold for students have been out of date, and left us unable to communicate by phone, which is essential when the internet goes down.

Classes are now well settled into work and it has been fantastic to walk the school and have students share the work that they have been doing, and the pride they take in sharing this work. NCEA students will now have assessments starting to fall due and these due dates will be communicated in our weekly Facebook update so parents and caregivers are aware of pending deadlines for senior students. Please do not hesitate to make contact with teachers should you have questions regarding assessments or deadlines.

As the weather cools students will be looking for

warmer uniform options. This is traditionally a time where a range of non-uniform items start to appear. The options for warmth are the school jumper which is available from Stirling Sports, and the school jacket which is available from the school office. The school jackets have been discounted to \$50.00 and are available in a range of sizes.

Powerco has indicated that they will be cutting the power to Whangamata on **Tuesday April 4th** between **9am and 3pm** in order to carry out essential maintenance work on the line that feeds power into our town. We have been informed that as an essential public service we will be provided with a generator that will allow us to operate as normal on this day. School will be **on as normal for years 1-8** on this day but we will hold our Academic Mentoring Day (AMP) originally scheduled for Thursday April 6th on Tuesday the 4th. This means that school will be **closed for years 9-13 on the 4th of April** and students and caregivers will be invited to attend a 25 minute planning session with the student's KORU teacher at a time between 9am and 6.30pm that is convenient. Appointment information will be issued in the next couple of weeks.

Finally a further reminder that school is **open for all students** on Beach Hop Friday (24/3/2017).

Nga Mihi

Stay safe and dry

Contact
information: office@whangamata.school.nz

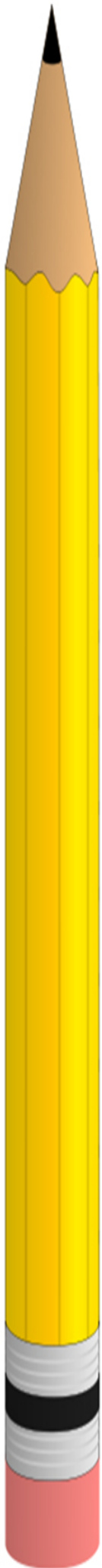
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Year 1—6

Sue Brookes
Deputy Principal
Yr 1-6



Tena koutou,

What a week we are having. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our picnic on Tuesday night. Hopefully it will be fine on Tuesday 14th so that the picnic can go ahead.

The storm that we have had this week has made us aware of how hard it is to communicate with families when networks go down. Trying to phone families on landlines that are no longer in use and cellphone numbers that have changed. Could you please check that we have updated your details in our student management system.

We were saddened by all the stories of damage experienced in the deluge. We were very fortunate at school to

have minimal damage.

Hopefully we don't get too much more rain over the weekend.

Good luck to all our swimmers that are competing at the Thames Valley Primary Schools Competition next week.

Regards **Sue Brookes**

Assembly Awards

Room 1 Emily Brickwood	Room 20 Charlie Allen/ Tommy Herraman
Rm 8A Emily Sheppard / Taylor Mainwaring	Rm 8B Enzo Scott / Niko Byles
Rm 9 Olivia Kamundu / Jackson Pemberton	Room 3 Ava Sheppard / Evan Wright
Room 4 Stevie Grant / Ivy West	Room 5 Mia Mullholland / Mac Hamilton
Room 6	Room 7 Pippa-Jane Els-Johnson & Ryan Davis-Mateara

Nurses Natter

Tracey Hilt - Public
Health Nurse



If your child is in **Year 7 or 8** they'll be offered important **free** immunisations at school. These will help protect them against serious diseases, and will also help protect your whānau and our wider community.

Ask your child for the consent form they've been given for you to read, sign and return to school.

For more information:

Talk to the *Public Health Nurse*

visit *health.govt.nz/immms-older-children*
or call *0800 Immune*

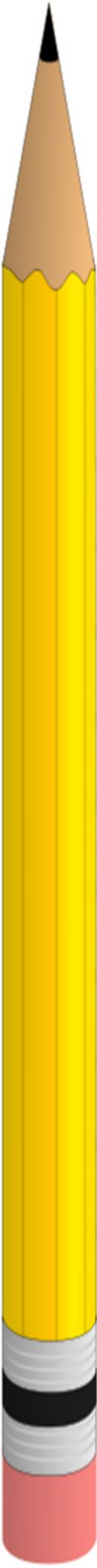


immunise

their best protection



New Zealand Government



*Year 4-8 Swimming
Sports 23/2/17*

<i>STUDENT</i>	<i>PLACING</i>
Izzy Milne	1st Under 9 Girls (135 points)
Imogen Ussher	2nd Under 9 Girls (119 points)
Rosie Phillips	3rd Under 9 Girls (114 points)
Ben Milne	1st Under 9 Boys (148 points)
Max Mills	2nd Under 9 boys (134 points)
Tadgh Mulvihill	3rd Under 9 Boys (104 points)
Taryn Woolley	1st 10 Year Old Girls (114 points)
Ruby Woodroffe	2nd 10 Year Old Girls (100 points)
Mussy Taikato	3rd 10 Year Old Girls (69 points)
Ethan Jameson	1st 10 Year Old Boys (100 points)
Hunter Ussher	2nd 10 Year Old Boys (85 points)
Ethan McLeod	3rd 10 Year Old Boys (48 points)
Kamryn Paul	1st 11 Year Old Girls (165 points)
Bridie Pugh	2nd 11 Year Old Girls (111 points)
Jayda Williamson	3rd 11 Year Old Girls (102 points)
Eden Mainwaring	1st 11 Year Old Boys (107 points)
Rory Bathurst	2nd 11 Year Old Boys (76 points)
Mekhi Jensen	3rd 11 Year Old Boys (54 points)
Amber-Leigh Williamson	1st 12 Year Old Girls (128 points)
Alice Hennessy-Webb	2nd 12 Year Old Girls (128 points)
Clodagh Mulvihill	3rd 12 Year Old Girls (114 points)
Travis Ogg	1st 12 Year Old Boys (100 points)
Cameron Rymill	2nd 12 Year Old Boys (34 points)
Virgil Lopes	3rd 12 Year Old Boys (16 points)



*Year 7-13 Swimming
Sports 16/2/17*

JUNIOR BOYS	
1st	Jordn Casse
2nd	Samuel Reynolds
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	
1st	Callum Fulton
2nd	Lucas Blake
3rd	Shannon Hughes
SENIOR BOYS	
1st	Tautahi Hansen
2nd	Reuben Holmes

JUNIOR GIRLS	
1st	Tayla Taupaki
2nd	Helena Vaughan
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	
1st	Jayde Hanner
2nd	Annie Gill
SENIOR GIRLS	
1st	Tiarnia Whelan
2nd	Brianne Arendt

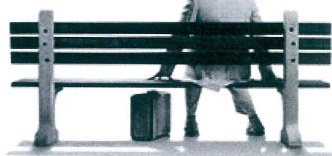
**GOLD COIN
CLASSIC
BLOCKBUSTER
MOVIE**

3 MARCH 2017 START TIME 6.45pm
Doors open 6.30

ADMISSION A GOLD COIN per person
A night out for all the family/ ice creams popcorn
refreshments at standard rates/ available on entry &
intermission

ALL proceeds from Gold Coin goes to
Whangamata Food Bank

Forrest Gump



Presented by the 2 o'clock coffee boyz
In association with Whangamata Cinema

*Whangamata
Area School—
Rugby 2017*

For all secondary school boys and girls (year 9-13) wanting to play rugby this year. There will be a muster in the school gym Monday 13th March at lunchtime. If you have any queries contact Greg Laing.

TERM 1 CALENDAR		
Wk		
6	9	
	10	Yr 11 Outdoor Ed tramp / TV Athletics back up / Kapa Haka yr 7-13 / year 7-13 Assembly
7	13	Year 7 – 13 Vision screening /Band week
	14	
	15	Yr 12-13 Outdoor Ed kayak / Thames Valley Swimming Yr 1-8
	16	Yr 12-13 Outdoor Ed kayak /
	17	Yr 12-13 Outdoor Ed kayak /
8	20	
	21	
	22	Beach Hop
	23	Beach Hop / Thames Valley Touch Yr 9-13
	24	Beach Hop / Full School Assembly / Kapa Haka YRs 7-13
9	27	Level 1 Drama Trip
	28	
	29	
	30	
	31	Electoral Office Yr 13 / Kapa Haka Yr 7-13 / OE backup
10	3 April	
	4	Thames Valley Primary Schools Triathlon
	5	
	6	Academic Mentoring Programme (AMP) interviews years 9-13
	7	Years 7-13 Assembly / Attitude Health Programme
	Sunday 9	Year 12 – 13 Parihaka History trip
11	10	Year 12 – 13 Parihaka History trip
	11	Year 12 – 13 Parihaka History trip
	12	Year 12 – 13 Parihaka History trip
	13	END OF TERM 1

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