

Newsletter

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Principal



Welcome to the Beach Hop 2017 which will be in full swing by the time this newsletter hits your inboxes. For those families experiencing this unique and colourful event for the first time, enjoy the experience and the retro flavour that Beach Hop always brings to Whangamata. It represents a major fundraising event for Whangamata Area School and the Beach Hop Organising Committee are extremely generous in the fundraising opportunities they provide to us. All the best to Noddy and the crew for another successful event.

Looking back over the last week there were three highly successful events around school. The Junior School Picnic was fantastic with the weather (finally) playing ball and allowing for a relaxed whanau gathering. It was great to see so many parents and students at this event taking the opportunity to meet teachers and look through classrooms without the hassle of the 3pm pick up. Thanks to Mrs Laing and the junior school team for this event. Also a big thanks to Mr Rainey and his student musicians for another outstanding Band Week. The range of bands around the school at break times last week showed the Area School at its finest. And finally, well done to Mr Wynn and the Year 12 Outdoor Ed class who spent three nights kayaking the raging waters of the Rangitaiki River last week. A number of students conquered their fears and successfully ran some fairly hair raising rapids.

We have a busy few weeks in the lead up to the end of term one, which as always, has come around very quickly. The PPTA has indicated their intention to hold a Paid Union Meeting at Whangamata Area School at **9am on Wednesday 29/3**. This meeting will be attended by PPTA members at our school but classes will be covered by non-union staff so there will be **no interruption to our operations and school will start at 8.45am as normal**. PPTA Members will resume

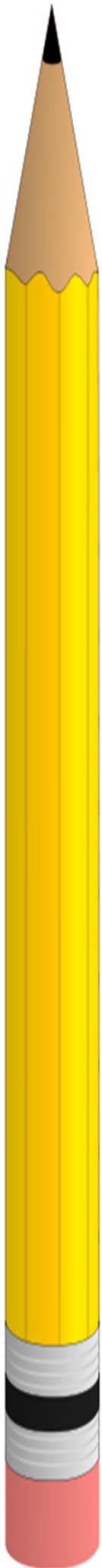
duties at the conclusion of the meeting. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, there will be a **power outage to Whangamata on Tuesday 4/4/2017**. We will be holding our AMP Day for years 9-13 on this day so school will be closed for these students. AMP Interviews will take place between 9am and 6pm and KORU Teachers will be in touch in the coming days to organise appointment times. These meetings play a vital role in developing a shared understanding of student goals and ambitions for the future, and allow the home school partnership to be consolidated.

Years 1-8 will attend school as normal on the power outage day but school will finish at 1.40pm to allow for Parent Interviews to begin.

A number of our students continue to excel in their chosen sport. At present we have Callum Fulton and Tayla Taupaki competing at the National Age Group Swimming Championships in Wellington. Qualification for these Championships is an outstanding achievement and puts these two swimmers at the elite performance level for young swimmers nationally. We also had a group of students representing us at the Waikato Secondary Schools Waka Ama Sprint Championships recently. Both our boys and girls teams were successful in the plate and bowl divisions of this regatta, an outstanding achievement. A huge thanks to Simone and Preston Hughes for coaching our students and accompanying them to this regatta.

Winter sports are rolling into action and again I would encourage students to take advantage of the opportunities that are currently in front of them. Enjoy the Hop and what remains of daylight saving.

Nga Mihi Nui



Year 1—6

Tena koutou,

We would like to thank all the families that supported our Year 1-6 picnic last week. It was a great evening with the band playing. Neville from New World was incredible and donated all the sausages, bread, sauce, and the ice blocks. Mrs Laing's class had been very busy painting rocks that were hidden around the school. The rock hunt was hilarious. We look forward to next year's picnic.

The Beach Hop cars are busy making noise around town. The students loved waving them off on Wednesday as they left town for Waihi. On Friday morning the Coastal Rockers are coming to school to give a rock and roll dance demonstration at Jump Jam time.

On Tuesday April 4th we will finish School at 1.40. This is the power outage day. Enterprise Whangamata are organizing a family picnic in Williamson Park from 1 pm until 4 pm. Year 1-8 teachers will be organizing interviews with

some parents from 2 pm until 6 pm. These are just quick interviews to let you know where your child is at with their learning.

Our Junior Council has been selected and ran a very successful Junior Assembly on Monday. We had a lot of applicants and it was very difficult to choose the final team. Congratulations to everyone that applied. It is great to see students eager to work in the school.

Stay safe and enjoy Beach Hop.

Regards **Sue Brookes**

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Deputy Principal

Yr 1-6

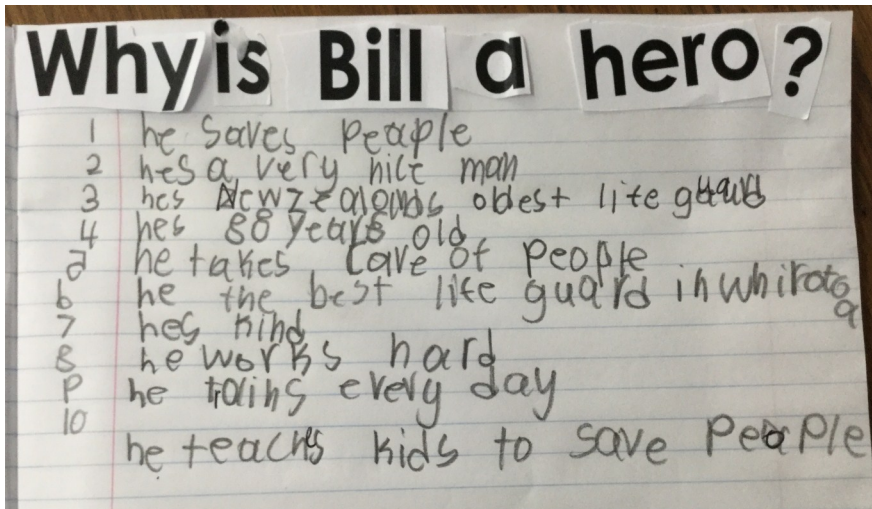


Assembly Awards

Room 1	Room 20 Zoran Monk / Kaia Reynolds
Rm 8A Pj Barbarich / Jamie Thornton	Rm 8B Caitlin Wairepo-McNee / Ryan Brickwood
Rm 9 Kai Hurst / LJ Hansen	Room 3 Liam Munden/ Harry Gillingham/ Paulina Andritsch
Room 4 Ronan Brunsdan / Kimmy Wharepapa	Room 5 Alyssa Wilkinson-Joyce / Jayden Smith
Room 6 Ruby Milne / Zayle McKenzie	Room 7 Haydin Bartley / Makayla Williamson

Why is Bill a hero?

Written by *Koopa Pickett-Heemi*



Beach Hop comes to school



TERM 1 CALENDAR		
Wk		
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 / 11 OE day tramp
10	3 April	
	4	Thames Valley Primary Schools Triathlon / AMP interviews 9-13
	5	Reuben Road Safety Bear
	6	
	7	Years 7-13 Assembly / Attitude Health Programme
	Sunday 9	Year 12 – 13 Parihaka History trip
11	10	Year 12 – 13 Parihaka History trip
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	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