

# Newsletter

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Alistair Luke

Principal



What a fantastic fortnight it has been for our students. Firstly a huge congratulations to all involved in our Stage Challenge production. For the second year running Whangamata Area School won the raw division of the Tauranga Regional event. Again our entry was notable for its involvement of a range of students from years 7-13, and its tackling of a significant event from New Zealand's history, the Parihaka story. To have won this regional event two years running is a significant achievement and owes much to the enthusiasm and energy of Mrs Burns and Mr Murray, ably assisted by a group of parents and community members who worked tirelessly to get all the elements of the production from costume to choreography, up to the high standard that was achieved on performance night.

Our year 7 and 8 students had an enjoyable week up at MERC Camp last week. This was a week packed with outdoor, and leadership activities that would have put many students outside of their comfort zones. Well done to all who participated and pushed their limits. A special thanks to Mrs Webb, Mrs Stewart, Mr Care, and the numerous parents who took a week away from jobs and families to make this camp happen for our students. The common theme in these two events is that we have a significant group of parents and caregivers without whom, some of the amazing activities we offer our students would not be possible. A special mention here to Mrs Webb and the group of students who drove directly from MERC to Tauranga to participate in Stage Challenge on Friday evening. I'm sure these students will have slept well over the weekend.

Finally our year 11 and 12 Outdoor Education students have just returned from a three day tramp in the bush, the highlight of which undoubtedly is the helicopter lift into the venue. The students were fizzing about their experience on their return to school, and again acknowledgement is due to Mr Wynn and Mr Care who made this event happen.

The next big event on the horizon for our school and community is the Matariki event at Williamson Park on Sunday the 2nd of July. The posters promoting this event and offering details are up around the school and on our Facebook page. It would be great to see as many families as possible at this event.

On the staffing front, Mr Drakefield has left us to return to Whanganui to reconnect with family down there. Mr Andy Murray will take Mr Drakefield's place for the remaining two weeks of term two. We are interviewing for a new HOD English this week and hope to have a replacement in place to start term three.

We are currently reflecting on the place of mobile phones in the classroom. Whilst there are undoubtedly benefits associated with mobile phone usage, they also offer the potential for distraction in the world of social media and instant messaging. The Board of Trustees are currently drafting a policy around the use of mobile phones at school and this policy will soon be available for viewing and feedback. It is vital that these devices do not distract from learning and that there are well understood boundaries around appropriate usage. I will keep you informed as to when this policy will be available for feedback.

Finally, mid-year reports for all students will be issued before the end of term. As I explained to the senior students at assembly last Friday, this represents an excellent opportunity to do an "academic stocktake" and look at what changes may be necessary in order to guarantee success at school. As always teachers are available to discuss any concerns you may have at any time.

Aroha Nui

**Due to illness this newsletter is delayed. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.**

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## Year 1—6

Tena koutou,

Welcome to the last two weeks of a very busy term. Unfortunately, we have had a lot of sickness over the last few weeks. We appreciate the fact that you have been keeping your children home when they are unwell to stop the spread of the nasty viruses that are about.

This week many classes are working towards celebrating Matariki. By the end of the week our new gardens should be planted. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Community celebration in Williamson Park on Sunday from 3-7pm.

Reports are to be distributed at the end of this week. Parents interviews

are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. On **Tuesday** classes will be dismissed at 1.40 so that we can get more interviews scheduled. No buses will run at this time so we ask that you arrange to pick your children up.

We have a public Health Nurse attached to the school. If you are having any issues with head lice, sleep problems or bed wetting we can do a confidential referral and Nurse Tracey can come and help you.

In the future this part of the newsletter will be used just for notices, as Alistair Luke will be reporting on the activities of the whole school.

Regards **Sue Brookes**

Sue Brookes

Deputy Principal

Yr 1-6



## Assembly Awards

### **Room 1**

Jorja Hansen / Hunter Ussher

### **Rm 8A**

Elliot New / Titoki Kerepeti Te Peke

### **Rm 9**

LJ Hansen / Taryn Jameson

### **Room 4**

Jack Lowe / Hannah Murray

### **Room 6**

Nova Rowberry / Eli Burke

### **Room 20**

### **Rm 8B**

### **Room 3**

Averie Robson/ Kenzie Cox/ Antoon Taikato

### **Room 5**

Bianca Nicholson/ Izabell Hansen/ Aarav Singh

### **Room 7**

Zander Manson / Nova Reynolds



## *Food Technology Department News*



A huge thank you to Dion Mackwood from Oliver's Bakery, who once again spent several hours with year 10 students, demonstrating bread making. From basic bread dough to elaborate twisted buttery loaves, the students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, and learnt a lot of skills and baking practice. We are so appreciative of Dion's time and expertise







# WHANAU MATARIKI CELEBRATION

Haere mai me te kai tahi (come and eat together)

Haere mai ako tahi (come and learn together)

Rooms 9, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8A would like to invite you to come  
and share in our Matariki Celebration

on FRIDAY 30th June

Enjoy shared afternoon tea in your  
**children's classroom at 1:15pm**

**And a sharing assembly in the gym at 2pm**

(Please send a small plate of goodies along in the morning to share for  
afternoon tea)

Date 23.6.17

Dear Possum

We don't want you eating our eggs  
and killing our children. You are a  
murderer, all the birds of the forest have  
agreed to banish you and all your friends  
from the native bush so with that you  
and your gang have to leave the bush  
immediately (most kiwis want all pests to be  
gone by 2050) So start packing your bags!

Yours sincerely *Tui*

Written by Fiona Robson (Room 6)

This calendar was correct at time of print.  
For confirmation on any items please check  
with your child's teacher or the school office

TERM 2 CALENDAR		
Wk		
<b>9</b>	26	Yr 1 – 6 Matariki Week (ALL WEEK)
	27	Height Safety Course (Gateway)/ L1 sport science jump fit / Wintec Maori Pasifika
	28	
	29	L3 Sport Science Jump Fit
	30	Yr 1-6 Reports issued / Yr 9 – 13 Assembly
<b>10</b>	3 July	Yr 1 – 6 Assembly
	4	Yr 1 – 6 Parent interviews / Height Safety Course
	5	Yr 1 – 6 Parent interviews
	6	SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
	7	FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY—LAST DAY TERM 2



Congratulations to Sienna Taikato and Tayla Taupaki for being selected to go up into the 15A Tauranga Basketball team. These 2 girls are now off to Dunedin in the second week of the holidays to compete in the Nationals. Best of luck girls.

\$10 raffle tickets at Stirling sports available. Prize worth over \$400. Money for this goes towards Zhane and Emmitt's Las Vegas NZ Basketball Academy trip.



# Matariki Whangamata

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Matariki is a time to gather with family and friends.  
To REFLECT on the past, CELEBRATE the present,  
and PLAN for the future.

**SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2017  
FROM 3PM UNTIL 7PM  
@ WILLIAMSON PARK**

Come wrapped up warm, bring a picnic blanket to enjoy hot kai outdoors  
with whanau, while watching performances and enjoying free activities.

### WATCH

Kapa Haka  
Performances from  
local schools and  
early childhood  
centers

### JOIN IN

FREE ACTIVITIES  
Flax weaving / korowai  
and kite making / rock  
painting / ti rakau  
and more

### ENJOY

Low cost dinner  
and dessert stalls  
+ Hangi  
(presale tickets  
only)\*

\* Hangi tickets \$15pp - Meat and Vegetables + Steamed Pudding  
Limited tickets - Available from Whanga Books / Coastal News /  
Opoutere School / Whangamata Area School

Titiro whakamuri - Kokiri whakamua  
Look back and reflect so that  
you can move forward



# WHANGAMATA OCEAN SPORTS CLUB WITH WHANGAMATA POLICE BLUE LIGHT PROUDLY BRINGS YOU KIDS WHARF FISHING

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12pm**

**Open to all members and non-members aged 4 to 12 years old on the day of the tournament.**

**Species/Category:**

**Yellowtail**

**Sprat**

**Piper**

**Kahawai**

**Herring/Mackerel**

**Spotty**

**Trevally**

**For more info email:**

**[manager@oceansports.co.nz](mailto:manager@oceansports.co.nz)**

**Check our Facebook page for updates and Info!**

**FREE ENTRY**

**FREE BAIT**

**WEIGH IN 12PM**

**PRIZE GIVING TO FOLLOW**

**NIBBLES & DRINK PROVIDED FOR ANGLERS**



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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## TENNIS COACHING

WITH SHANNON PAKI

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS COACH

**Monday & Tuesday**  
**10 & 11 July**

(Wed & Thurs: back-up days  
in case of rain cancellation)

Tennis Courts Barrowclough Rd  
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**9am - 12noon**

9 - 9:30am: Beginners 7yrs & under

9:30 - 10:30am: 7-10yrs & under 7 non-beginners

10:30 - 12noon: 11 yrs & older

**All sessions FREE!**

**Racquets provided**

**Please bring water & sport shoes suitable for tennis**

**Register with Justine (contacts below)**

**Registrations essential as limited numbers**

Justine Baverstock, 027 434 1565, 07 868 0815 or [thamescoro@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:thamescoro@sportwaikato.org.nz)



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