

Newsletter

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Principal



It is starting to feel as if the weather has it in for us in 2017. I write this as we have just had to postpone the cross country due the inclement weather, and in the aftermath of the downpour we experienced during the Matariki celebrations on Sunday. As with anything, however, a silver lining always emerges and the sight of everyone working together on Sunday to get the event moved quickly from Williamson Park to the School Gym was fantastic. I would like to thank everyone involved in putting on the Matariki event and producing the Hangi which was enjoyed by many. It was a true community event and the organising team featured representation from a range of Kura throughout our town. On the theme of Matariki, it was brilliant to walk around the workshops that were happening across syndicate one last week with various practical activities associated with Matariki keeping students - and many parents and grandparents in the case of the gardening group - well engaged.

In the last fortnight we have experienced a highly successful Ball, put on for our senior students by the Whangamata Netball Club. Our students were wonderfully presented and conducted themselves extremely well throughout the evening. Thank you to the Netball Club for providing this event.

Unlike the All Blacks we have experienced success on rugby field over the last week. On Sunday we had a group of boys trial for the Thames Valley Under 14 representative team and as a result Kybah Auupouri Te Huia, Luke Prendiville-Stowers, Billy Clarke, Jonathan Handy, and Jah Peke were selected for the squad with Joel Bathurst named as a standby player. Following on from this success, we had three teams from across year 5-8 competing at the Thames Valley Rugby Union Tackle Day on Wednesday. Our year 7 & 8 girls team placed 3rd in this event, and our year 7 & 8 boys team won their division. Outstanding results for these teams.

As term two comes to a close, students have been

issued with progress reports. For students chasing NCEA qualifications, it is essential that they take note of the predicted number of credits their teachers have identified. This number represents the likely number of credits a student will gain in a subject based on their current progress and effort. Students must ensure that their predicted credit total is tracking above 80 so they are on track for success. It is important to remind senior student also that whilst this is the end of term two, the academic year is well past the halfway point as senior students finish for exam leave only four weeks into term four.

Best wishes to the Mission Vanuatu Team who are tonight winging their way to Vanuatu to complete various aid projects to support communities over there. These students have fundraised extensively for this experience and are to be congratulated for the humanitarian work they will undertake. Also best wishes are due to Trinity Moore, Jacqueline Hay, Emmitt Wickens, Zhane Taikato, and Kalani Cooney who are representing Whangamata Area School at the New Zealand Area School Sports Trials next week. Zhane and Emmitt then move onto Las Vegas as representatives of the New Zealand Basketball Academy. Congratulations to all these students for achieving higher honours.

Finally, as busy term comes to a close I would like to thank all of those teachers, parents, and community members who go the extra mile to provide opportunities for our students. I hope everyone has a safe and restful school holidays. Bring on the longer days of term three.

Nga Mihi.

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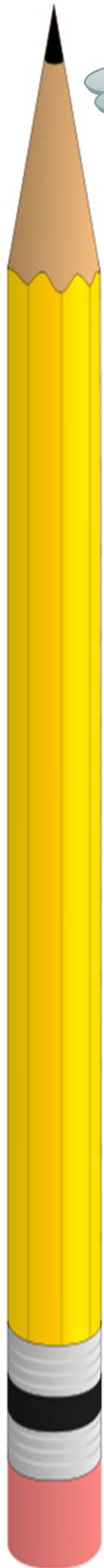
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Notices

- ⇒ Thank you to all those people that handed in their Yummy sticker charts, and congratulations to Room 3 as they won the prize for collecting the most this term.
- ⇒ Beginner ukulele class 3-3:30 Mondays. All welcome once you can count to 10 and read yellow/green books. See Mrs Spencer Room 3. You don't need your own ukulele.
- ⇒ I big **thank you** to all the parents that attended the year 1-8 parent teacher interviews.

Assembly Awards

By Krishna Rm 6

MATARIKI FESTIVAL ABC

Around friends
By the seaside
Come to the beach to celebrate
Dinner at Williamson Park
Everyone is happy
Food for everyone
Good crafts
Hungry people
It is always a good time
Juice gets given out
Kites get made
Lights from the fire
More food than you've ever seen
Nice atmosphere
OMG it's so cool
Poi are made
Questions are asked
Rivers are running
Saucers and pots clash
Time ticks by
Uncles and Aunties
Vortexes work in the stars
Waiata is sung
Xylophones might be played
You are happy
Zips are zipped up, its freezing!

Room 1

Carter Hannken / Finn Sutherland

Room 20

Rose Herraman / Nevaeh Leach

Rm 8A

Rm 8B

Mark Keenan / Kian Fleming

Rm 9

Room 3

Braxton Walton / Evan Wright

Room 4

Mila Tamaka / Ivy West / Savana Woodhouse

Room 5

Eli Callaghan / Mia Mullholland

Room 6

Fiona Robson / Helena Thomas

Room 7

Chloe Hannken / Caleb Jameson

TERM 2 CALENDAR		
Wk		
10	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

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

Level 1 & 2 Outdoor Education

The level one and two Outdoor Education group after flying in to the Pureora 's with Mr Wynn's brother. Quick trip in and three days to get out .



Matariki Festival



Sponsored by

Whangamata Tennis Club

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



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