

# Newsletter

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Principal



Welcome back to term three to all students and Whanau. We trust that everyone had a restful break and enjoyed some quality family time over the fortnight.

As we enter term three we welcome a number of new students to our school including 5 new international students from Germany and Chile. On the staffing front we also welcome Ms Krista Maley who has taken up the position of HOD English. Krista joins us from Hauraki Plains College and we welcome her to the Whangamata community. Also on the staffing front, Mrs McKillop has returned to teach photography, and Mr Murray will be teaching Health and PE. To welcome all new students, staff, and families, there will be a Powhiri at **midday on Friday 28/7 in the Gym**. Parents and homestay Whanau are warmly invited to attend.

We have had some notable student successes during the holidays. Three of the five students who travelled to Whangarei for the National Area Schools tournament were selected for national teams. Zhane Taikato and Emmitt Wickens were both selected for basketball and Jacqueline Hay made the national side for volleyball. Congratulations to these students and a huge thanks to Ange Davie who accompanied the group. Also excelling on the basketball court were Tayla Taupaki and Sienna Taikato who, as members of the Tauranga Under 15 side, placed 4th in the National Tournament in Dunedin.

On the **10th and 11th of August** our year 7-13 students have their **annual sports exchange with Onewhero Area School**. This year we are travelling to Onewhero for the exchange. Students have been trialling for various sports and letters will be distributed this week for students who have been selected.

As part of our own learning, and as part of the

development of the school's Charter and strategic direction, we would like as many families and Whanau as possible to fill in a short survey for us. This survey has been independently designed to seek feedback about how the school is perceived to be performing by the community. The survey takes little more than 5 minutes to complete and includes an opportunity to provide individualised feedback. The survey can be accessed at the following link which will also be posted on our Facebook page:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMVbgnTYkAFSFyUtw87bjFVGHUkcmfY5GE2DE\\_4FbF5SYCaQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMVbgnTYkAFSFyUtw87bjFVGHUkcmfY5GE2DE_4FbF5SYCaQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We would appreciate it if those wishing to complete the survey could do so by Thursday 3/8/2017 so results can be collated and analysed. Hard copies of the survey will be available at the school office. Thank you in advance for your important feedback.

There has been much discussion recently about the impacts of cellphone use in the classroom. As a result of this, the Board of Trustees has drafted a policy around cellphone use in classroom settings at Whangamata Area School in order to minimise the distraction they cause and maximise learning time in our classrooms. The policy, in draft form, is available for viewing and feedback at the school office. The Board would like to ratify this policy at its next meeting in August. Any feedback on this policy is welcome.

As the days expand and the weather (hopefully starts to warm up), continue to enjoy all that is great about living in Whangamata.

Have a great term  
Nga mihi

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## School Notices

### **Free Ear Clinic**

**Waihi** 22 September Waihi  
Central School 9.45—2pm

**Thames** 1 September Thames  
South School 9.45—  
2pm



The Fabric department is keen to receive any old cushions, fabric pieces, sheeting.

I am also looking for a willing helper to sharpen expensive material scissors. Many thanks  
Janice Hope



Huge thanks to all whanau who helped out with our Junior School Herb Gardens, the snails had a munch over the holidays, but they are still looking good! We are working on a new Junior School Project called the "THE AMAZING ALPHABET GARDEN". Thanks to work done by Mrs Nielson and Mrs Somerville, we have 26 colourful and labelled pots to plant out to beautify our gardens around Room 5, 6 and 7. We are looking for plants that match each letter of the alphabet, we have a few already but would love some donations over the next 2 weeks. Please drop into Mrs Laing in Room 6 to see which pots need filling For example, we have daffodil bulbs in the D pot, and Cauliflower seedlings in the C pot. Flowers, herbs and small plants welcome from a-z.

### **Food Tech Dept:**

A busy start to Term 3 and senior students are well on their way completing mid year assessments for NCEA. Great results at level 1 with 3x Excellences awarded to Brooke Boyte, Riddhi Khartri and Ink Natchunat.

Level 2 & 3 are preparing for KOHA CAFÉ week 3-

This is a morning tea for volunteers of the school and students do all the planning, preparing and serving of the food for a project management assessment and Hospitality standards. Invitations have been sent out and RSVP's need to be sent back to [Tiar-nas@whangamata.school.nz](mailto:Tiar-nas@whangamata.school.nz)

Fresh herbs, if anyone has an abundance would be appreciated – Drop at office or send with a student. Many thanks in anticipation.

Jan Myers

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

Wk	TERM 3 CALENDAR	
<b>1</b>	24 July	
	25	
	26	
	27	
	28 Sun 30th	Powhiri 12.00pm 7-8 NWBOP Netball Tournament
<b>2</b>	31	
	1 August	Kapa Haka
	2	
	3	
<b>3</b>	4	
	7	
	8	Kapa Haka
	9	Koha Café
	10	Onewhero Sports Exchange
<b>4</b>	11	Onewhere Sports Exchange / 7-8 Outdoor Ed day / Yr 7-13 assembly
	14	
	15	Kapa Haka
	16	
	17	
<b>5</b>	18	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed day
	21	
	22	Kapa Haka / Options Evening
	23	Netball Tournament
	24	
<b>6</b>	25	Outdoor Ed bush survival / Tough Guy Tough Girl Challenge / full school assembly
	28	School Photos
	29	Kapa Haka
	30	
	31	
<b>7</b>	1 Sept	Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Kayak assessment
	4	
	5	Kapa Haka
	6	
	7	
<b>8</b>	8	Yr 12-13 Outdoor Ed day / Yr 7-13 assembly
	11	
	12	Yr 11-13 practice exams / Kapa Haka
	13	Yr 11-13 practice exams
	14	Yr 11-13 practice exams
<b>9</b>	15	Yr 7 - 13 Outdoor Ed back up day
	18	Year 12 Ski Trip Ruapehu (All week)
	19	Kapa Haka
	20	
	21	
<b>10</b>	22	Yr 7-13 assembly
	25	
	26	Kapa Haka / Talent Quest
	27	
	28	
	29	Full school assembly



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