

# Newsletter

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Principal



Once again it is a pleasure to be sitting to write this piece surrounded by individual and collective successes worthy of celebration.

I must start with an apology and correction. In my last newsletter piece, in mentioning the big winners at the Rugby Club Prizegiving, I overlooked the major winner on the night, **Titoki Kerepeti-Te Peke** who was named **Club Player of the Year**. Congratulations to Titoki on this fantastic achievement.

Also on the individual sporting achievement front, **Tayla Taupaki** in year 10 has been selected to tour Australia with the Under 16 girls KORU Development Squad. This squad is made up of students who show promise beyond regional level so Tayla's selection is an excellent achievement and further reinforces our students' success in basketball this year. This success is only reinforced by the collective success of the **Junior Girls Team** who won their division in the Tauranga Regional Basketball Association this season. Our **Junior Boys** placed third in their division and both our senior teams were exceptionally competitive throughout, often against much larger schools. As the season comes to an end, I wish to thank and acknowledge all the parents and coaches who have made the weekly trip to Tauranga to provide our students with the opportunity to play this year.

In staffing news, we have recently farewelled Mr Rob Wynn. Mr Wynn has been at Whangamata Area School for eight years and has been responsible for the establishment and development of our Outdoor Education programmes. Mr Wynn is a passionate outdoor enthusiast

and any student who has experienced the famous "helitramp" will speak with great enthusiasm of being choppered out of dense bush. We thank Mr Wynn for his contribution to our school and wish him well for his future endeavours. Mr Tony Renshaw will be relieving for Mr Wynn until the end of the term after which we will welcome Miss Anna Jolly from Green Bay High School in Auckland.

Next week is a hugely important one for our seniors as they sit their practice exams for NCEA. These exams give students a gauge of how they are placed in preparation for the final examinations in November. It is important that students prepare well and take these examinations seriously. Students have been issued with an exam timetable today. A reminder also that NZQA fees are due to be paid by the end of this week. These fees are levied by NZQA to administer the NCEA qualification. If the fees are not paid then students do not receive their official result notifications.

Finally, as I reflect on the past week, I have had the pleasure of being surveyed by three sets of students, watching a play rehearsal, viewing solar powered house models, eating scotch eggs from the food room, attending a class debate, watching the Kapa Haka Group, and a range of other activities which are too numerous to mention. Education is a vibrant and rich experience for those who bring a "give it a go" mindset.

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## School Notices

**P**TA AGM –Whangamata Area School  
PTA AGM, Wednesday

13th September, Ocean Sports Club 7pm

**S**ummer School Footwear

If you are buying your child summer footwear for school please note shoes or sandals are PLAIN BLACK, with either PLAIN black, navy or white socks. This is for both senior and junior school

**F**ood Technology Dept.  
A call out to anyone in the community who may have spare cutlery not in use. We are desperately short of forks, in particular. Also any kitchen plates, mugs, platters, appliances etc... Happy to upcycle for you. Please drop at office or food tech room.

Wk	TERM 3 CALENDAR	
7	4	
	5	Kapa Haka
	6	
	7	L3 Biology overnight trip to Auckland
	8	Yr 12-13 Outdoor Ed day / Yr 7-13 assembly
	Sat 9/Sun 10	Kurungaituku Netball Tournament
8	11	HPV Immunisation
	12	Yr 11-13 practice exams / Kapa Haka
	13	Yr 11-13 practice exams/ Thames Valley Primary School X Country
	14	Yr 11-13 practice exams
	15	Yr 7 - 13 Outdoor Ed back up day
	Sun 17	Year 12 Ski Trip all week
9	18	Year 12 Ski Trip Ruapehu (All week)
	19	Kapa Haka
	20	
	21	
	22	Yr 7-13 assembly
10	25	
	26	Kapa Haka / Talent Quest / yr 7-8 Speech finals
	27	Thames Valley Primary Schools Tough Rugby / SPIRIT DAY
	28	Senior Kapa Haka Otuwhiwhi Marae / TVSS Senior Volleyball
	29	Senior Kapa Haka Otuwhiwhi Marae / Reports Issued / Full school assembly LAST DAY TERM 3

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



Whangamata Area School is host to the **2017 Junior Girls, B grade winners**. It was a fantastic season for the Junior Girls, coming out on top, and undefeated throughout the whole season. The team consists of nine girls aging from 13 to 15. Each of them playing an important role in the team's success.

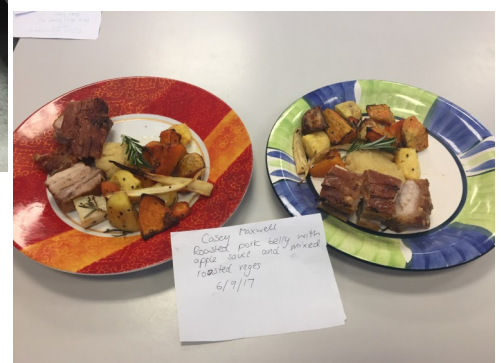
It all came down to the wire in their final game, beating Te Puke by five points, the score being 76 - 71.

All of this wouldn't be possible without all of the support of the parents. The parents usually had to take their own cars over to Tauranga to get the girls to their game when the school vans were not available. They also helped with fundraising for the uniforms, and the custom hoodies for the team.

The Coach, Rhys Vaughan and the manager, Shona Taikato have girls in the team and without them, this season probably would have gone a lot differently. They both played vital roles but it came down to the sheer determination from the players that won them the grade and the season.

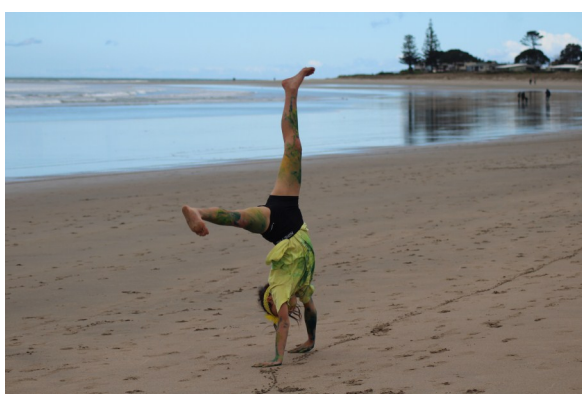
**Jessica Vaughan**

Some amazing food being produced in our Food Technology classes.





**A**fter a dubious start to the weather, the sun came out on the Inaugural **Great Whangamata Beach Run**. After rain had caused the cancellation of full school cross country at the golf course in term 3, it was decided that year 1-8 would have their run at our town's stunning asset, the beach. It was fantastic to see students running the sand and dune tracks and was a great day overall. A massive thank you to all those who turned up in support of their children and to help out along the course. The first 3 in each age group (over 8 years) now head to Thames Valley Primary Schools' Cross Country



# Great Whangamata Beach Run : Results

AGE	PLACING	BOYS	GIRLS
5YRS	1ST	Braxton Walton	Frankie Manson
	2ND	Nico Amess	Megan Luke
	3RD	Antoon Taikato	Indi-Rose Allen
6YRS	1ST	Beau Rogers	Mia Mulholland
	2ND	Luka Wilson	Skyla Gibson-Brockwell
	3RD	Andy Fleming	Emily Archer
7YRS	1ST	Niko Wilson	Ruby Milne
	2ND	Max Munden	Indie Leach
	3RD	Mac Hamilton	Poppy Robinson
8YRS	1ST	Koby Cox	Imogen Ussher
	2ND	Ryan Davis-Mateara	Katie Fleming
	3RD	Chiko McIntosh	Makayla Williamson
9YRS	1ST	Max Mills	Nea Stokman
	2ND	Cotter Jensen	Stacie Bathurst
	3RD	Ash Rogers	Paig Barbarich
10YRS	1ST	Ben Milne	Rosie Phillips
	2ND	Caleb Burke	Molly Rose Robinson
	3RD	Taylor Mainwaring	Mussy Taikato
11YRS	1ST	Rory Bathurst	Pia Rogers
	2ND	Otis Baxter	Amethyst Thompson-Davis
	3RD	Ethan Jameson	Jayda Williamson
12+	1ST	Jessie Ford	Kamryn Paul
	2ND	Joss Horo	Alice Hennessy-Webb 2nd EQUAL
	3RD	Josh Crofskey-Lee	Kristy Blake 2nd EQUAL