

Newsletter

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Principal



It feels like spring has sprung this week with the twilights noticeably longer and the clocks poised and ready to go forward this weekend. As the seasons change, the year reaches its business end for our students.

Last week the year 11-13 students completed their practice examinations. These examinations will be returned to students this week and end of year reports will be issued next week. Across all of this information will be some clear areas for students to make improvements in the lead up to final examinations. The reality for many students in the age of NCEA is that they will already have completed their qualification when examinations roll around. This should not, however, detract from the importance of examinations, particularly for students who are looking at tertiary education options in the future. They are also vital for students who are hoping to achieve endorsed grades in individual subjects. Please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's KORU teacher or Dean should you have any questions about their exam commitments.

There have been a number of other successes to celebrate in the last fortnight. Tayla Taupaki and Callum Fulton have recently represented WAS at the National Secondary Schools Swimming Championships. 580 competitors from over 150 secondary schools

throughout New Zealand were competing. Callum competed in the 15 year old boys. He competed in several different events with his best results being an 8th for 200m Butterfly, 10th in 100m Butterfly and 10th in the 400m Freestyle. Tayla competed in the 14 year old girls and backed up last years success with an 11th in the 50m Butterfly and 15th in the 50m Freestyle. Congratulations to these two students for their continuing success at the highest levels of swimming.

Last week we also had a strong contingent at the Thames Valley Primary School Cross Country Championships. Great results were achieved by Rory Bathurst who placed second in his age group, and Otis Baxter who placed fourth. Max Mills was tenth in his division also. On the subject of running, it was fantastic to see such a large local turnout at the recent Run Walk Festival. A number of our students participated and ran extremely impressive times over 5 and 10 kilometres. Another great community event.

We were privileged on Saturday to welcome basketball teams from Mount Maunganui College to WAS. The teams visited our school as an acknowledgement of the travel burden that our basketball teams endure each week to compete in the Tauranga Leagues. Our teams have been highly competitive against much larger

schools all year, and this exchange was a great way to end the season.

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, the BOT has recently looked at our policy around cellphones in classes. A new policy has now been ratified. Whilst cellphones have some potential as a learning tool, they also have potential to distract students from learning. From the start of term four, students will not be permitted to have cellphones in class unless the teacher expressly identifies a learning need. Parents and caregivers can assist with this by directing urgent contact with students through the school office.

Finally, next week we finish the term with Spirit Day on Wednesday. This year's theme is "international" and I know the senior leaders have been working hard to make this an excellent event. As with all school events, parents are warmly invited to come and join the festivities.

Have a safe and happy holiday, enjoy the warmer weather, and don't forget to put those clocks forward.

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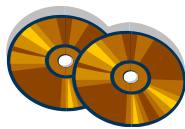
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School Notices

Whangas 1st Ever Original School Album Release!

On Wednesday next week we will be releasing Whangamata Area Schools first ever original album at the talent quest evening. It is very exciting news, our amazing music students have collaborated in creating new music and recorded it for an official album.



The songs are amazing, ranging from our juniors to our seniors. They will be performing them at 1st break throughout next week. We would love you all to support by purchasing an album for \$10 by placing an order at the office and we will get them to you at the talent quest.

Old Mobile Phones

Help clean up our coastline with the



Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Campaign by sending your old phones to the school office. Thank you.

A special thank you to **NEW WORLD WHANGAMATA**

For their continuing support and donations to our school. Your generosity is very much appreciated



Assembly awards

Room 1	Room 20 Mussy Taikato/ Charlotte Lima/ Nevaeh Leach / Angus Hetherington-Lowe
Rm 8A Imogen Ussher / Zack Moyle	Rm 8B Abi Pugh / Mark Keenan
Rm 9 Ryley Cunningham /Scarlet Gee /Fletcher Ensore	Room 3 All the great readers who have earned their home reading certificates.
Room 4 Jake Matetaka/ Stevie Grant/ Ivy West	Room 5 Jay Jay Murray / Lachie Ensor
Room 6 Lachlan Scott / Zayle MacKenzie	Room 7 Claire Moyle / Max Grant

Year 13 Biology Trip (7th - 8th September 2017)

Every year I have the pleasure of taking the students that are studying Level 3 Biology to Auckland. This year we were lucky to have the company of our Student Teacher, Josh Dix. The students are there to learn about human evolution and then be able to apply this knowledge to their external exam in November.

We left Whangamata about 8.30am, picked up Quinn and Mr Dix on the way and then headed to the Auckland Museum. Here we were met by Ma'ara who is an Archeologist and educates students when not exploring the rest of the world. Ma'ara was able to share his knowledge of the fossil evidence that has been discovered about human evolution throughout the world. Students were able to learn more about skull changes that have occurred and also physically handle tools that were used millions of years ago. Students were actively engaged in the activities that Ma'ara had organised for them. After we left the education room students spent a few hours exploring the wonderful displays of the Auckland Museum.

We then headed to our accommodation in Queen Street. Once we were all checked in the students headed to the shops for a bit of retail therapy. We all headed out for dinner, the boys went to a food hall and the girls had Mexican. Then back to the hostel for card games and relaxation (and maybe a quick run to McDonalds).

The next morning we were back in the van and off for some breakfast at a local food hall. We then headed for Auckland Zoo where educator, Cathryn spent a couple of hours sharing her knowledge around primates and trends in human evolution. This session was also very interactive and the students were able to ask questions and touch the tools and skulls on display. We all then went out to explore the amazing animal enclosures and observe primates in action. Auckland Zoo is an incredible facility that promotes sustainability and a future for our animals at risk. If you are in Auckland, take your kids, they will love it!

Once again it was an absolute pleasure to take students away on this trip. Our students are wonderful ambassadors for our school! Thanks also to Josh for coming along, the students really appreciated you taking the time to join them on this school trip. *Mrs Whatley*



Fantastic running by our students at the **Thames Valley Cross Country** in Whitianga last week.

Thank you to the helpful and supportive parents

Congratulations to all students competing. Positions of note:

Rory Bathurst 2nd Otis Baxter 4th Max Mills 10th



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ear 7 & 8 Kurangaituku Netball 2017



12 of our 7/8 girls travelled to a VERY cold and wet Rotorua to play in the Kurangaituku Netball Tournament. So much improvement and growth by the girls on and off the court, culminating in 3 straight wins on Sunday. A huge thank you to Mitre 10 Waihi and Rotorua for our sponsorship; Ms Stewart for the organisation of the weekend and the amazing whanau who travelled in support. Kia ora nga mahi.



A

t the school office

- ⇒ 1 gold garnet ring
- ⇒ 1 gold engagement ring. Please call at the school office to claim.



Basketball

On Saturday our school hosted the inaugural visit of Mt Maunganui College basketball teams. This was a thank you from the Mount College to thank our four senior teams for travelling through to Tauranga over the season.

It was fantastic to host and watch our teams play in their own gym.

A huge thanks to Cameron Walker, Ange Davie and Hayley Wills for organising this event.

Some brilliant basketball was played and fantastic to see so many students supporting our basketball players. A brilliant haka to complete the event.

Plans in place for next year with the Mount hosting us pre-season



New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championship

Results from the weekend.:

Congratulations to our two swimmers for their great results.

Callum Fulton's best results were 8th in 200 Fly, 10th in 400 Free and 10th in 100 Fly (for 15 year old boys).

Tayla Taupaki's best results were 15th in 50 Free and 11th in 50 Fly (for 14 year old girls)

Students happy to have arrived at Mt Ruapehu for this years Year 12 ski trip. More pictures next term.



YOUTH

IN TANGI

He Taiohi Angitu

- *Do you or someone you know have issues with alcohol or drugs?*

Appointments available via school office or simply pop in for a chat.

Look for the flag 

- *Want help?*

Open every Monday 9.30 – 2.30

**Free confidential information
and support**

Pediculosis Capitus (Headlice—Kutu)



Nurses Natter: Hi everyone, during a recent visit to the school I had a lot of questions from staff regarding headlice, this is a common concerning problem in most schools.

Kutu cause unbearable, uncomfortable itching and scratching which can then lead to sores on the scalp, if these become infected become infected it requires a GP visit for antibiotic treatment. Children have been hospitalised for severe infections associated with this problem.

They are small, approximately 2-4mm long and about 1mm wide, they have 6 legs with claws and are usually light or dark brown in colour. They live close to the scalp where it is lovely safe and warm and where their main source of food is... blood. The live eggs are very difficult to see, and are attached with a type of 'kutu glue' to the hair shaft and are very close to the scalp, once hatched the casing is a white colour these are easily removed and often mistaken for the live ones, it is just an empty egg casing so there will be live ones there somewhere.

Please check and comb your child's hair regularly and if you find any sign of them do something about it, they do not go away on their own and as they continue to lay eggs daily, the problem can quickly escalate and then easily spread from student to student and onto staff. You need to treat all the family at the same time.

Against popular opinion, headlice is not the problem of dirty hair, actually hair that isn't washed regularly makes it much harder for the lice to cling on. They do not fly, nor swim around in swimming pools, but they can be knocked off the hair when using combs, brushes, towels and sharing hats. They do swing from hair to hair and will take advantage of leaving home to enjoy another head if the opportunity presents itself, they certainly have no loyalty! They can survive off the host for approximately 24hrs so I recommend you iron the bed linen daily, wash linen weekly and vacuum, they can be found alive on carpets and furniture.

For large infestations, meaning a lot of adult lice and eggs, we recommend using an insecticide. Some people prefer not to use these so a natural based treatment which includes a Ti - Tree oil or coconut base is proven to help. Regular, thorough, every 2-3 day head combing with conditioner and a fine tooth Headlice comb (they are available at Sunnys for \$3.00) is proven to be very effective as this addresses both the adult lice and the eggs. Regular hair checking is recommended.

The school have insecticide available from the doctor, pamphlets and combing instructions, please see the office or contact me for more information.

Kind Regards, Tracey Hilt WDHB Public health nurse: (021) 2417800

COME AND ENJOY OUR

WHANAU EVENING

WEDNESDAY
25TH
OCTOBER
2017

WHANGAMATA
AREA SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM
6 - 8PM

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCES / FAMILY FUN /
SHARED KAI / GAMES / FULL SCHOOL EVENT

NAU MAI - HAERE MAI

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FINGER FOOD TO SHARE

Have you considered paying for your child's school fees by automatic payment? By spreading the payments out over the year it makes it easier to budget and also school trips are covered if you are making regular payments.

AUTHORITY FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

(Not to operate as an assignment or an agreement)



To the Manager

A: Payer Details

Name of Bank	IMPORTANT PLEASE TICK <input type="checkbox"/> This is a new authority OR <input type="checkbox"/> As from _____ (first payment date), this replaces existing authorities for \$ _____ in favour of the Same payee.
Branch	
Address	
Name of Account	

Account Details:

Bank	Branch Number	Account Number	Suffix
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Details to appear on my/our bank statement:

Particulars	Code	Reference
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B: Frequency and amount

First payment date ____/____/____ Last payment date ____/____/____ OR ☐ until further notice(tick).

Frequency: (tick) ☐ weekly ☐ fortnightly ☐ four weekly ☐ Monthly

Fixed amount \$ _____ Amount in words _____

Complete if applicable (tick one only) ☐ Variable first amount ☐ Variable last amount

C: Payee Details

Account Name:

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Account Details:

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Bank	Branch Number	Account Number	Suffix											

Details to appear on payee's bank statement:

Particulars	Code	Reference
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D: Authorisation

1. Please make this auto payment as detailed by debiting my/our bank account.
2. I/We understand and accept that the Bank accepts this authority only on the condition that there are sufficient funds or prior arrangements have been made to make this payment.

Signature _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Date ____/____/____

Signature _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Date ____/____/____



Whangamata Junior Soccer Club

Prizegiving was held this month. For results please refer to their September newsletter on the Whangamata Football Club Facebook page or a copy can be picked up from the school office.

WHANGA STOX

The road to success has no speed limit

STOCK CAR RACING Whangamata LAUNCH



11am – 2pm

SATURDAY 23rd September

@

The Village Green, Whangamata TCDC Carpark

Champion Stock Car Teams, Stock Cars, Beach Hop Cars, Whanga Project Cars, Sausage Sizzle, Music and Entertainment for the whole family!!



Calling Whangamata Youth ages 12 -18 years get into the exciting Sport of Stock Car Racing. We have the cars if you have the drive!!

MENZSHED
NEW ZEALAND

Whangamata
Community Services Trust

W k	TERM 3 CALENDAR	
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



RAINBOW'S END
FUN ON DEMAND

TERROR PARADISE

NIGHT FRIGHTS

EVERY SATURDAY
» 6-11 PM
FROM 30TH SEPT
TO 28TH OCT

» RIDES AT NIGHT + LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

TERROR PARADISE - WALK THROUGH ZOMBIE ATTRACTION (R14)
J 8EEKS - PERFORMING LIVE ON STAGE
*PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED

ONLINE SUPERPASS SAVING
• ADULTS & CHILDREN \$40 (\$45 AT GATE)

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donating 2 more complimentary
night ride tickets to be given to a
deserving student at the end of
the term.