

Newsletter



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At last the weather came to the party! It was looking marginal yesterday morning but it is pleasing to report that a very successful Year 1-8 Athletics Day went off without interruption. I was impressed with the level of enthusiasm and determination from the participants and it was great to see so many parents out there supporting our young athletes. A number of students will now move onto the Four Schools Athletics event which is hosted by WAS next Thursday.

Another excellent event to reflect on was the Whanau Evening held at school last week. The turnout was impressive, as was the performance of our Senior Kapa Haka Group who continue to improve by the week. The culmination of their efforts this year will be on display at the Coromandel Cultural Festival at Tairua Primary School next Wednesday (8/11). If you are able to make the trip to Tairua on this day, there will be some impressive performances from schools around the Peninsula to take in.

There are also a couple of individual achievements to be acknowledged and celebrated. First of all Madison Matthews has been highly commended for her entry in the Foyles Young Poets of the year Competition for 2017. This London based, international competition, attracted over 11000 entries and Madison's commendation placed her in the top 80 entrants. What a fantastic achievement. Secondly at the recently held Mercury Bay rugby Prizegiving, Jake Laing was named Player of the Season for the first XV. Both the first XV and 4th grade teams were combined efforts between WAS and Mercury Bay Area School this season. Congratulations to Jake on an outstanding season. Also awarded for their efforts in the 4th grade team were Anaru Te Huia, Jah Peke, Brodie Ward, and Jono Handy.

Senior students are now into the last week of formal lessons. The last day for timetabled lessons is Monday 6/11 with the first NCEA examination to take place on Thursday 9/11. A reminder that NCEA examinations are held at the Memorial Hall and run to a nationally consistent timetable so students only receive one opportunity to be present at

an examination. Examination times and dates are printed on the individualised admission slips with which all NCEA students have issued. If these slips are misplaced, please contact Mr Stewart at school so a reprint can be organised in advance of an exam. Students need these slips at the venue as proof of identity. Again, because these are national examinations the supervisors are not teachers at the school so students cannot assume they will be known to the supervisors.

A couple of further events to remind everyone of. Our Year 11-13 Prizegiving will be held on Monday 6/11 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. On Saturday 2/12, we are holding a Christmas Party at the Rugby Club. Tickets for this event, which is for adults over the age of 18 are available from the school office and, from next week, at Whanga Books. It would be great to see as many people as possible at this end of year celebration and fundraiser. Looking further into the term, the final day of school for year 7-10 students is Monday 11/12. This is followed by year 7-190 Prizegiving that evening, and the final day for year 1-6 students is Tuesday 12/12. The only event on this day is Prizegiving at 9.30am. Students will be released at the conclusion of this. The first day of school for students in 2018 is Thursday 1/2/2018.

Finally all the best to two groups of students. Firstly to everyone involved the WDS Dance Show this weekend. I know that Jo and her team will again put on a fantastic show and many of our students will shine in front of sold out crowds. Secondly to all our senior students who are starting their NCEA examinations next week. I spoke in assembly last week about these examinations still carrying huge importance, even in a system that now allows for success through internal assessment. This is particularly true for those wishing to pursue a tertiary pathway. I would remind students with examinations that they are on study leave from next Monday and that the holiday period begins once their examinations are complete. All teachers remain available to assist students at school around their exam schedules. All the best over the coming weeks. Nga Mihi

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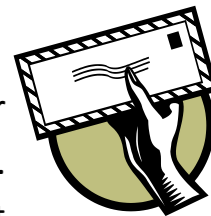
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Old envelopes



The school office is looking for any old standard envelopes. We find that now there is not a lot of mail anymore that we are running out of envelopes used for school lunches etc. If you can keep your old envelopes and hand to the office that would be much appreciated.

Year 7—8 area makeover

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In our classes this term we are doing a big project about what impact we can have on our Year 7 and 8 area. We are all in different groups to get the job done. The building, plumbing, gardening and painting groups would love your advice on what to do in the area. If you are able to donate materials or time, we would greatly appreciate it.

Yours sincerely, Syndicate 3 kids



A massive thank you to the **Bathurst family** for their super generous donation of 10 big bags of potting mix for the year 7/8 project.

Moana House—Outdoor & Garden Club Giant Pumpkin Competition

Moana House Outdoor & Garden Club have grown giant pumpkins from seed with the intention of holding a competition to see who can grow the biggest and best decorated pumpkin. Plants are ready to sell at a cost of \$2.00 per plant, with instructions included and they hope students may be interested in participating. If you are interested please order from the school office.



Spring has sprung

junior school gardens look amazing



Sushi

There will be no more sushi orders taken for the rest of the term.

Year 12 Sports Science

Last week the Year 12 Sports Science class challenged the Staff in "Give it a go!" Week.

Volleyball 2—1 to the Students



Dodgeball another student win



Day 1 Basketball : 23-14 to the staff



Soccer challenge 2 - 1 to the staff



Congratulations to L2 Sports Science! Winning the decider - Touch today. Overall victory is well deserved after a well organised and fun week. A huge thank you to all the Staff





Year 7/8 renewable energy learning project

During Term 3 at Whangamata Area school the years 7/8 students completed a renewable energy learning project. This learning project introduced the concept of existing finite sources of energy such as oil, coal and gas and the related climate changes. Then the students researched the possible sources of renewable energy that could be applied to local Whangamata. Students developed renewable energy projects that included Whangamata Electric Cars by Taya Davie, Solar powered fun park by Eden Mainwaring, Micro hydro power generation by Alice Webb. On a similar renewable tack students developed an idea about a combined permanent community market. The core idea of this market was to reduce the need to leave Whangamata for purchases and reduce the use of petrol. Also in one of the Technology option classes the students made a solar powered cell phone charger. This project required the students to solder together an electronic circuit board which connected to a solar panel. The circuit had a USB (Universal Serial Bus) connection for a cell phone to recharge using renewable solar energy. Some technical details about this project the solar panel was 9 volts and 300 milli amps. Special thanks to years 7/8 teachers Amy Webb, Dylan Care, Renee Stewart and Don Mackay. Also thanks to Dean Welten of Kiatronics in Tauranga for his technical assistance and parts supply, much appreciated.

Photos showing innards of Solar powered cell phone charger and solar panel.

Years 7/8 students -Brock Taikato, Madison Matthews, Jayda Williamon, Cody Moncur, Jamie Jacobs, Caitlyn Foote and Ethan Burke.

By Don Mackay



Congratulations Greg Laing for 10 years of guiding and supporting our youth. Your contribution to our school community and town youth has been greatly appreciated.



Mr Hart demonstrating Sun Smart by wearing his wide brimmed cap.
Only \$6 at Coin Savers. Be Sun Smart

Year 7/8 Girls Self Defence Course

Year 8 girls having a lot of fun whilst empowering themselves to make quick decisions on the SELF DEFENCE course



Out with the old.....

Two classrooms which have passed their use by date are moving off site from Whangamata Area School. Recently the old Woodwork classroom was lifted up and moved off site to the Parakiwai Valley. This classroom started life in the main school area and was used as a wood workshop, a cooking room and then an English classroom. Soon the old Music room, which fronts onto Port Road will also be moved off site. This has been replaced by a state of the art music learning area complete with recording studio. This music recording studio is fully sound insulated with double doors and sound proof windows. The recording software is LogicX with interface for 12 channels. This means that 12 microphones can be recorded at one time, a quality system. Recently a song compilation of 12 original student songs was recorded at this studio. The songs were written and recorded by students varying from Year 4 to Year 12. Itinerant music teacher Jessica Crockett worked alongside the students to develop their own songs. These songs include reggae, pop and traditional genres. ***The CD is available from the school office for \$10 and also is available on Spotify by searching Sandy Shores.***



.....and in with the new



Halloween came to Whangamata Area School



In year 7/8 we've been using picture prompts to write about a 'moment in time', using precise vocabulary to paint a clear picture for the reader. To start with, we worked on these pieces collaboratively.

The brave warrior was charging through the murky clouds, fighting for his country and freedom.

He charges with his tribe behind him, struggling to see through the clouds ahead. Covered in iron armour with a huge metal shield, arrows stuck everywhere in it. His friends by his side. He can see the enemies approaching with furious faces. Dead bodies everywhere in sight.

Deep voices shout and scream as they get hit with arrows. The metal armour clashes together making a shocking vibration. Loud stomps echo as the warrior's tribe runs towards their enemies.

The brave warrior is furious with anger. He's strong. He's courageous. He's scared that he will never see his family again. He's a hero when he leads his men to victory.

He was wondering if he will ever see his family again.

by Jamie and peers

2.

Everybody was watching from the France Basque shore line judging my every move. I had to keep telling myself, you are Chad Turner you can win the WSL France title.

The clear blue water was my only friend as I soared through the barrel all alone. The spray of the water flew overhead as I surged towards the opening. Sunlight was calling me.

The roar of the closing out wave filled my ears. Yet it wasn't enough to drown out the side of my brain whispering 'you're not going to make it.' The thud of my heart grew louder.

There was fear surging through my veins. But there was also excitement. I felt alive. I felt pumped.

I wondered if I would make it.

By Mekhi and peers

3.

The soldiers of Mexico raise their heads and look towards their opponents ready for the Battle of Freedom.

The soldiers look fierce on the outside, but on the inside they were frightened of their enemies. They are scared they will perish off the earth's surface and disappear into nothingness.

The Mexican soldiers stand still. Only hearing the frightened breaths of their friends, standing next to them as they wait to be told to go kill their enemies.

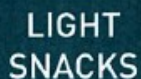
It was cold, waiting for the signal of attack. Frightened that they might end up leaving the earth that very minute. The only thing that kept them going was the thought of getting home. That was the thing filling them with courage to fight for their country's freedom.

They wondered if they would ever see their families again.

By Seb, Topia and Talia



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Scholastic Book Fair

Save the date, Wednesday 22nd November from 3-6 pm at WAS school Library.

A great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and all purchases benefit our school.

We have a selection of adult and children's second hand books available to purchase also.



Junior Surf

Surfing is starting Thursday 2nd November with a registration night only.

We would like as many as possible to register on the first night please.

We are looking forward another to another great summer of surfing.

Can you please give an indication as to who is available to coach/ volunteer.

All offers gratefully accepted and appreciated.

We have made some changes this year, which is part of improving our health and safety and also our surf program.

Registrations will only be taken at the beach for the first TWO Thursdays.

Cash only (no online payments or registrations)

Members must be 5 years and over.

Under 10's must have an adult present.

All surfers will be required to purchase a \$10 (refundable at the end of the season) rash vest, which must be worn at all times. No rashie, no surfing sorry.

Coaches will also be supplied with a rash shirt.

Look forward to seeing you all at access 8 on the 2nd November!





Year 1—8 Athletics Day



Teenage Hygiene

Hi there, this 'Nurses Natter' is very timely for the coming months and the warmer weather.

Teenage Hygiene is a (not so) HOT topic being raised at school by the staff, I have been asked to remind you to keep onto your children/ teenagers about their daily hygiene and make sure you wash and change their school uniforms at least every second day. Watch for that sneaky reusing of underwear, these and also their socks need to be changed every day! ☺ Shower at least once a day and definitely after exercise.

As we reach puberty our bodies change, this is a normal part of becoming an adult, daily personal cares and keeping clean is an important part of keeping ourselves healthy it also helps with teenage confidence and body image. The earlier you can start having personal hygiene and puberty change conversations with your children the better, preferably prior to them hitting puberty when they might still be listening ☺ Apart from the different needs for both boys and girls here are some of the main changes and ways to keep clean and healthy:-

Oily Hair – It is the same hormones that create acne that causes oily hair. The sebaceous glands produce extra oil in puberty and it can make your hair too shiny, oily and greasy. Washing hair everyday or every other day can help control this hair oil.

Sweat and Body Odor – perspiration or sweat comes from sweat glands that we all have on our bodies, during puberty these glands become more active than before, they secrete different chemicals in the sweat that has a strong smelling odor. Showering every day and especially after exercise with a mild soap and warm water will wash away the bacteria that contribute to the smell. Wearing clean clothes everyday can help to feel clean. Wearing clothes made of cotton or other natural materials also might help and try using a deodorant if you need to.

Dental Hygiene – Good dental and mouth hygiene is important just as much as when they were little. To avoid bad breath, gum problems and tooth decay, make and keep regular dental appointments. Brush twice a day and use floss, changing their toothbrush monthly.

For more help and information, kidshealth.org is a great conversation starter for teenagers and they can refer to this site themselves if needed.

Thankyou, Tracey Hilt Public Health Nurse Mobile 0212417800



A Community event brought to you by
St John & Whangamata Community Services Trust



amped 4 life



Pat Buckley of **amped**

offers a **FREE** and
gripping, all ages, community
education evening about the plague of
Drug & Alcohol Abuse and Addiction!



what are the signs? how do we make our kids and community safe from drugs?

does our community even have a problem...YES?

what can we do to help someone in the grips of methamphetamine?

whangamata war memorial hall



7pm



tuesday 14th november 2017

know more; substance abuse in whangamata II

This calendar was correct at time of printing. For confirmation for any item please contact the teacher involved or the school office.

Wk	TERM 4 CALENDAR	
3	30	Barista Course
	31	Barista Course/ Kapa haka
	1 Nov	
	2	Level 3 Art Folios
	3	Full School Assembly / Level 1,2,3, Outdoor Ed assessments
4	6	Year 11-13 Prize giving
	7	Barista Assessment / Kapa haka
	8	
	9	4 Schools Athletics
	10	Level 7/8 Outdoor Education day / 4 schools athletics backup day
5	13	
	14	Kapa haka
	15	
	16	Year 9/10 Exams
	17	Year 9/10 Exams
6	20	
	21	Year 10 Camp/ Kapa haka/ Year 9 Grass Roots
	22	Year 10 Camp / Thames Valley Primary Schools Athletics
	23	Year 10 Camp
	24	Year 10 Camp / Years 7/8 Cybersafety
7	27	
	28	Kapa haka
	29	
	30	
	1 Dec	
8	4	
	5	Kapa haka / Thames Valley Primary Schools Triathlon
	6	Christmas picnic
	7	
	8	
9	11	Year 7 – 10 Prize giving
	12	Year 1 – 6 Prize giving – END OF TERM 4
<i>School reopens 1st February 2018</i>		