



Whangamata Area School Newsletter Issue 18 30 November 2017



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Principal



It's December tomorrow! This seems a somewhat scary thought and a reflection of just how quickly the year seems to have passed. As we race towards the conclusion, students have been out and about taking in the various opportunities that summer and the warmer weather provides.

A number of students have been in and around the water recently. Year 10's had an awesome camp at the Blue Lake in Rotorua last week, year 9 students experienced a series of day excursions including Paintball and culminating in a Beach Day last Friday, and Year 8 students spent a night in the stunning environment of Stony Bay. Students in years 1 and 2 headed to the beach on Monday to explore the creative possibilities in that environment. The parents who attended looked as engaged as the students in the various activities on offer.

Over the next few days students from years 5-7 will be experiencing a Beach Education Programme. This is being facilitated by the year 10 students who are taking sport science or outdoor education in 2018. Miss Tupper and Miss Jolly have worked hard to prepare students for their role as teachers and it is awesome to see these students guiding our younger students. Thanks are also due to the Whangamata Surf Lifesaving Club for allowing

us to use their facilities during these days.

Last week I had the privilege of speaking at the opening of the new outdoor learning space behind the Syndicate Three Classrooms. If you haven't had the opportunity, do drop by and check out the space that the students have created. It is stunning.

With the pending departure of Mrs Facey and Mrs Judd, we are in the process of appointing replacements. For this reason we will be placing children into 2018 classes once these appointments are complete. Class placements will be emailed out in January and be available from the school office once it reopens on January 22nd. To this end, it is timely for parents and caregivers to ensure that we have your current email address as much of our communication - including this newsletter - is now distributed in this way.

Finally there are some upcoming events to be aware of. Our Year 13 Leadership Team for 2018 will be spending the week at the Hillary Outdoors Centre in the Tongariro National Park during the last week of school. This is an excellent opportunity for this group to develop a team culture and set some goals as leaders for 2018. We are grateful to Trust Waikato for allowing this opportunity to be affordable for all our students.

A reminder also that year 7-10 Prizegiving will take place at The Memorial Hall on Monday December 11th at 7pm. This is the last official school event for these students for the year. Year 1-6 Prizegiving will take place in the School Hall at 9.30am on Tuesday December 12th. At the conclusion of this event year 1-6 students are released for the summer. School starts again for all students on Thursday February 1st 2018.

Finally as this is the last newsletter for 2017, I wish to thank everyone; staff students parents, trustees, PTA members, and community volunteers who have contributed to the success of Whangamata Area School and its students this year. Being in a small town, we are reliant on the goodwill of our community to place a range of opportunities in front of our students. Your support of our Kura is greatly appreciated. Have a safe and prosperous festive season and we look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Nga Mihi Nui

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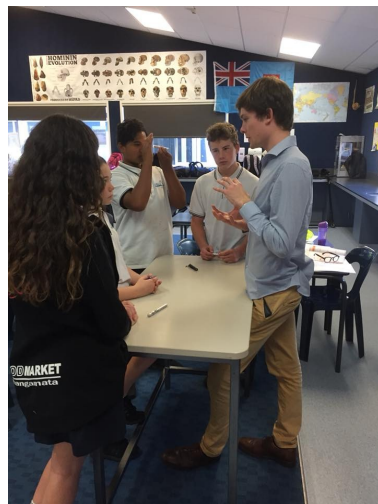
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Year 9 Health Careers

Awesome day for our Year 9 students today learning about health careers in rural areas from Auckland University Medical students. The students were so engaged.



Congratulations Kloe



Kloe Robinson has been selected to represent WaiBOP (Waikato/Bay of Plenty) at the Nationals tournament in Wellington playing in the u14 girls football team. A talented and highly motivated athlete.

Year 8 Leavers Camp

The Coromandel walkway including a 10 km walk to Fletcher Bay - fun times! Our Year 8 Leaver's camp. What a great bunch of young people. So proud of them.



Assembly Awards

Room 1

Jake Flanagan/ Tyler Leach

Room 8A

Room 9

Ellie Poole/ Azura Stokman/ Molly Hanner/ Adam Brickwood.

Room 4

Room 6

Smith Vandy / Skylah Gibson Brockwell

Room 20

Nevaeh Leach / Charlotte Lima

Room 8B

Emma Hodgson/ Ash Rogers

Room 3

Braxton Walton /Indi-Rose Allen / Kenzie Cox

Room 5

Room 7

Kruze Kininmonth-Seth / Max Munden

Reading time

Ms Neilson 's Room 5 and Mrs Facey's room 4 students had reading and book sharing time. Miss Tupper read too



Learning to sail

Collin and Mrs Jolly have been working with our Year 9 Outdoor Ed students on their sailing skills



Year 7/8 area

What an awesome day for Mr Care to be with his class outside in the new Year 7/8 garden, in the sunshine learning



Congratulations Harrison Bryant



At 16 he has made his debut for the Senior men's Cricket team. A fantastic achievement Harrison

Safe Cyber Citizens



Our Year 7 and 8's welcomed Catherine Sell into class last week to educate them about being safe cyber citizens. A great programme to help them cope with living in the 21st century

From the PE Department


A HUGE thank you to Mr Hart, Tyla, Kael, Harrison, Lena, Ben and Reuben for cleaning out and reorganizing our Outdoor Ed gear shed. Great altruism, giving back to others and contributing to their own learning environment. It is hugely appreciated by the PE department!!




Yr 7/8 Magazine Launch

Magazine Launch extravaganza in our Year 7 and 8 area. Awesome showcase of weeks of hard work.





**RAINBOW'S
END**
FUN ON DEMAND



**CHRISTMAS
NIGHT RIDES!**

**+ SUMMER
VIBES**
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT
IN JANUARY 2018

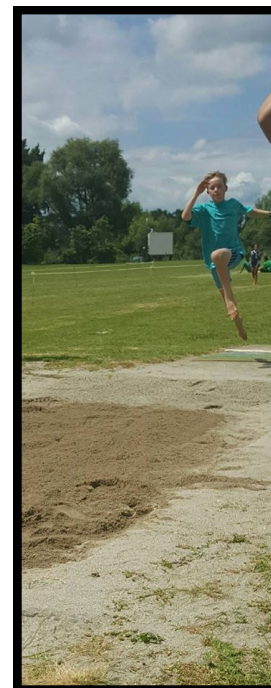
**ALL RIDES OPEN
LIVE MUSIC**
ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS
GET TOGETHER

6-11 PM
SATURDAY NIGHTS:
16TH, 23RD &
30TH DECEMBER

Thames Valley Primary School Athletics

On Wed 22 November, over 20 year 4-8 students from Whangamata Area School joined with students from Hikuai, Opoutere and Tairua schools to represent the Whangamata, Hikuai, Opoutere, Tairua cluster at Thames Valley Primary School Athletics. The day in Te Aroha saw great displays of effort, sportsmanship and many personal bests. Podium finishes from Whangamata Area School include:

- Max Mills 1st 9yr boys' long jump and 9yr boy 200m., Ben Milne 2nd 10yr boy high jump, Otis Baxter 3rd 11yr boy 1500m, Theresa Eng 3rd 12+yr girl discus, Rory Bathurst 2nd 12+yr boy 1500m and 800m. Rory is continuing on to the Waikato year 7/8 Primary School athletics on Wed 29 November.



Photos Ben Milne, Tutea Te Aho, Ben Milne -long jump, Taylor Mainwaring left and Kian Fleming - right, Rory Bathurst left and Jesse Ford -right.

Wk	TERM 4 CALENDAR	
8	4	
	5	Kapa haka / Thames Valley Primary Schools Triathlon
	6	Christmas picnic 5pm
	7	
	8	
9	11	Year 7 – 10 Prize giving
	12	Year 1 – 6 Prize giving – END OF TERM 4

School reopens 1st February 2018

Year 10 Camp



Wanted

Do you have a cool group dance that you would like to perform on stage at Coloursplash in Williamson Park on January 4th? Or would you like to get some friends together to rehearse something?! The Coloursplash Team is looking for a few high energy dance acts to perform between 12pm - 4pm. Please contact Renee on 021 606 767 or email: whangasummerfestival@gmail.com for more details!



Our new piano's a hit!



From left: Eugene Du Preez, Krishna Lander, Ella-Rose Luke, Ruby Milne, Allie Hanner, Jessica Crockett

Seven Sharp ran a competition called the 100 Piano Project aiming to encourage music and creativity in lower decile schools.

Using the 1st song from our students CD Sandy Shores - "Can't make up my mind"- Mr Du Preez entered and ... WE WON!! Well Done

Beach Education

Summer is upon us and we will all be spending more time around the beach this festive season. Our current Year 10's have been working with junior classes on Beach Education. They have done a theory session with the Year 5,6 and 7 classes and from 4th to 8th December will take these students to the beach for ongoing learning around our environmental heritage, beach safety and the lifesaving club.

On Monday the Year 7's go, on Wednesday the Year 5's will attend and on Thursday the Year 6's get their chance.

If there are any senior students, parents or whanau who would like to join us for the day please contact Anna Jolly through the school office.





Christmas

AT THE PARK 2017

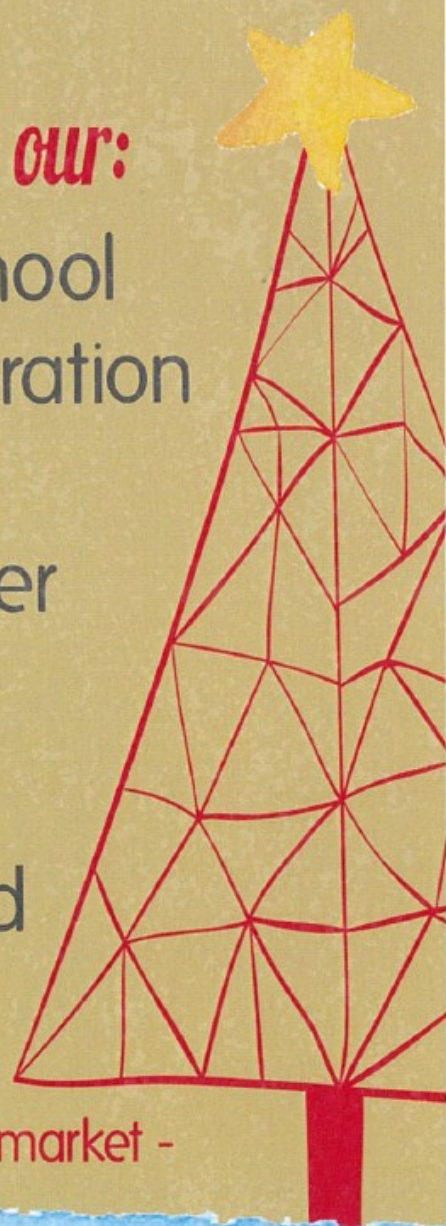
Bring a picnic and join us for our:

Whangamata Area School
Year 1-6 Christmas Celebration

Wednesday 6th December
5pm - 7pm

At the Harbour Playground
on Beach Road

- Bring some cash for the Christmas craft market -



Fun - Games - Christmas Carols - Lolly Scramble

FUNDRAISING DISCO

TAYLA AND SIENNA'S NZ KORU BASKETBALL
TOUR TO AUSTRALIA JANUARY 2018



THEME "NEON"

COME DRESSED IN BRIGHT AWESOME COLOUR

FRIDAY December 8th at the Rugby Club

Tickets available at Whangamata Area School and Opoutere School Office

Early bird tickets \$3 or Door Sales \$4

Years 1-4 4pm-6pm

Years 5-8 6.30pm - 8.30pm

****SPOT PRIZES****

Food, drinks and glow stick products for sale

- Hot Chips - Sausage & Bread - chips - chocolate bars -

Children must be dropped off and collected by a caregiver at the door

For more info contact Shona 0274977236



Whangamata Summer Festival presents...

Craft Markets

with live entertainment

Twilight Market

December 27 4pm - 8pm

Williamson Park

Ocean Rd, Whangamata



Annual Market Day

December 28 9am - 4pm

Williamson Park

Ocean Rd, Whangamata

Onemana Market Day

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
ONEMANA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

December 29 10am - 4pm

Onemana Reserve

Onemana Dr, Onemana



Pick up a Summer Festival Programme
for what's happening in the local area
over December and January!



Available Dec 23 from
Shops, cafes, and
Infoplus on Port Rd

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Arts Collective Whangamata presents

BIG ARTS DAY OUT 2018

A creative showcase of exhibitions
by the talented Arts Collective members.
Artworks will be for sale

Gold Coin Entry

Where: Memorial Hall, Port Road

When: Friday 5th & Saturday 6th
January, 2018

in conjunction with the
**Arts Collective/Harcourts Challenge
and
Harcourts Youth Award.**

Preceded by a
**Preview Wine & Cheese Evening
on Thursday January 4th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Tickets for the evening will be available at Info Plus and
Harcourts Whangamata office in December.

for more info & entry forms see
www.artscollective.co.nz



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