



# Warkworth School

## Our Purpose:

*Nurturing ACTIVE learners*

*Adventurous*

*Collaborative*

*Thoughtful*

*Innovative*

*Valued*

*Empowered*

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6, 12 March 2019



**Cover Photo -** Ryan Hewertson, Community 6

*Winner of the Baddock Cup 2019*

## **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

Next Tuesday, 19 March, teachers will be attending Paid Union Meetings held in Wellsford. The school will remain open during this time because some teachers will attend the morning meeting while others will attend the afternoon meeting. We will arrange for approximately half of the teachers from each community to attend each meeting so that the learning programme can continue.

The teachers are asking for three key areas to be addressed in their pay claim – work load, better support for learners with additional needs, and better pay. The government have come back with the previous offer plus an offer of an additional half a day of release time per teacher per term OR some teachers on three of the twelve steps in the pay scale receive their increase twelve months earlier than the original offer. Teachers will vote on whether or not they wish to accept or reject each of these components and whether or not they will take strike action on 2 April. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

## **Safety at the School Gate**

We have received a complaint from the taxi company that their job of dropping off or collecting passengers is being made increasingly difficult because either cars are parked in the staff car park or the reserved space, or pedestrians are walking through the car park obstructing their entry or exit. Please be reminded that the car park is for authorised vehicles only such as the taxi, some parents of learners with additional needs, parents who need accessibility, or the Courier. Please DO NOT drive into or walk through the staff car park. If you have circumstances that requires accessible parking, please see the office for an 'authorised parking permit' to be issued. Parking is available on Hill Street and Kaspar Street.

## **Goat Island**

Those learners who were unable to experience snorkelling at Goat Island last Friday on account of the weather will have their experience this Thursday, 14 March. I wish to thank the many parent helpers for their understanding about the circumstances and for their willingness to help with supervision both last week and in advance for the parent volunteers who have offered their time to assist with the trip this week. We are so fortunate to have so many parents who generously offer their time. Thank you.

## **Swimming Sports**

Congratulations to all our swimmers for the skills and ability shown on Swimming Sports day. It was great to see so many children participating and having fun in the water. An amazing eight records were broken on the day, please see the website for all the official results. A special congratulations to Ryan Hewertson (pictured on the front cover) the winner of the Baddock Cup Trophy for 2019. A big thankyou to all the parents who helped with timekeeping and a huge thank you to Mrs Kim Byrne for recording all results for the day.

## **Warkworth Idol**

Dust off your dancing shoes, warm up your voice and get set to rock the world! Warkworth Idol is back and we want you to showcase your talents so get your entry forms in and let your light shine bright. We look forward to showcasing all the amazing talent you have, so come and try out, it will be fun. Entry forms to be put into the box at the office.

## **Yummy Stickers**

Did you know you are probably already doing something that can help the school out without even realising it? Yes – eating apples bought from New World, Four Square or Pak'n'Save. Every year The Yummy Fruit Company have an offer to North Island schools to submit as many Yummy stickers as they can in turn for a share of \$200,000 of sports equipment. Last year we managed to get \$1,379 worth of equipment and that was only with a few handfuls of families contributing – imagine if everyone joined in? Go to [www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/) to find out more, then print off the sticker or cut-out label collection sheets (or collect from the office) and start collecting TODAY. Drop them back to the school office when you have completed a sheet and start on the next one. Happy munching!



## Reading Resources help needed

Calling out for any parents with some time available after dropping kids to school in the mornings. We would appreciate some more helpers to put away the daily reading resources in the office area. If there are enough helpers it only takes up to 30 minutes (often quicker and some days no assistance is required), so it is very flexible and is an easy task. Please contact the office if you can assist and we can show you what needs to be done.

## Second-Hand Uniforms

Did you know there is a Facebook group you can join called "Warkworth Primary School Uniform Exchange", where you can access second-hand school uniform at reduced prices? Check it out.

## Interschool Swimming Sports

A team of swimmers are representing the school at the interschool swimming sports tomorrow. The team will walk to and from Mahurangi College for this event. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with supervision and to assist with timing the events. We appreciate your support.

## Music Notice

Places are still available for music lessons on saxophone, flute, clarinet and trumpet with school instruments available for hire at \$110 - \$150 per year and lessons at \$16 per week. Contact Jackie Niccolls 021 251 0058. Recorder lessons in small groups also available on Wednesdays. Learning the recorder allows children to start learning to read music and gain musical knowledge that can later be transferred to other instruments without the need to hire or buy a more expensive instrument. Lessons in groups of 3, \$11 per student per lesson. Contact Jackie 021 251 0058, email: [niccolls42@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:niccolls42@slingshot.co.nz) or Chris James 021 102 6466.

## Volunteers Required

Reader-writer volunteers are needed at Mahurangi College to help those students who experience specific learning differences such as dyslexia. I am looking for adults with good literacy skills who are able to read questions and scribe answers for students. You would need to be available to come in for an hour or two with only a few days' notice. If you would like any further information, please contact Gaynor Tahitahi at the following email address: [g.tahitahi@mahurangi.school.nz](mailto:g.tahitahi@mahurangi.school.nz)

## Mini Fiesta 2019

A big thank you for all your donations so far to help make this year's Fiesta a success!

**Rosters** - You will have the option of either helping on a food stall or a game stall, and the choice of either a 2:00pm - 3:30pm time slot, or a 5:00pm - 7:00pm time slot. The PTA will contact you to confirm your stall and time slot. Please [click here](#) to fill in your preference.

**Cake Stall** - We will send home an empty plate with your child this Friday, 15 March. We would like each family to provide some home baking on the plate and return it to the Junior Hall on Friday, 22 March. The baking can be any favourite cake, slice, biscuits etc.

## Two weeks until the Fiesta!

Kia Ora



Cynthia Holden  
Principal

Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday 13 March	Interschool Swimming
Thursday 14 March	C3 to Goat Island
Friday 15 March	Assembly 2:10pm
Monday 18 March	C5 to Marsden Bay Camp
Wednesday 20 March	Lucky Book orders close
Friday 22 March	Mini Fiesta 3:30 - 5:00pm





## Community Notices

- **Mahu Silly Bugg#rs Challenge** Saturday 16 March at the A&P Show, Warkworth Showgrounds. Teams of 4 compete a course of silly challenges all in the name of FUN! Check out the event info on Mahurangi Community Sport & Recreation's Facebook page or contact Nicola on 021 645 129.
- **Mahurangi Junior Hockey Club** Online registrations now open. Funsticks: An great introduction to hockey for years 0 - 2 (preschoolers aged 4 and above also welcome) Junior Hockey: Competitive hockey for years 3 - 6 (experienced/confident year 2's welcome) Practices Fridays at 4pm. All games are played locally at the WW hockey turf (A&P showgrounds). For further information and to register go to [www.mahujuniorhockey.co.nz](http://www.mahujuniorhockey.co.nz) Registrations close 29 March.
- **Goat Island Snorkel Day** Explore the waters of Goat Island by snorkel. Fun for the whole whanau. Saturday 16 March, 10am – 3pm (arrive and register any time between 10am and 2:30pm) Where: Grassed area on the way up to the Goat Island Marine Discovery Centre. Please park in the top carpark and walk down. Bring your own gear or get free hire of our mask, snorkel, fins and wetsuits. Recommended for everyone 5 years and up. All children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult beach observer. Experienced guides and advanced safety procedures will be in place on the day. This event is donate to participate - either cash on the day, online or by donating your time in volunteering on future events.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/391898701622039/>
- **Connecting Moments - Life Skills Programme** - Our interactive learning with horses enables participants to gain essential skills for life in a fun environment, under the guidance of our trained Equine Assisted Learning facilitators. No riding involved. For anyone between the ages of 10 - 16. Term One - Saturday Mornings 10-11.30am. 6 weeks - March 9th - April 13th. \$300 Contact Bev 027 2612140 Email: [connectingmomentsnz@gmail.com](mailto:connectingmomentsnz@gmail.com) Website: [www.connectingmoments.co.nz](http://www.connectingmoments.co.nz)

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