



Warkworth School

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

Adventurous

Collaborative

Thoughtful

Innovative

Valued

Empowered

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 7, 19 March 2019



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Experiencing Marine Reserves Program

Goat Island Snorkeling 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

While we have all been stunned by the shocking news of the tragedy that unfolded last Friday in Christchurch, our focus yesterday was on the wellbeing of your child. We wanted to provide them with the security of familiar routines and the safety of caring teachers who would respond appropriately to their individual needs. We were guided by the advice of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. We were greatly guided by the sound and wise advice from Nathan Wallis, neuroscience educator and child development expert.

We appreciate that you know your own children best of all and will be able to respond accordingly. Some useful sites for further information include:

<https://educationcentral.co.nz/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-trauma/>

Helping children deal with trauma – Ministry of Health website

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/emergency-management/managing-stress-emergency/helping-children>

Oranga Tamariki website

<https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/caring-for-someone/support-and-training/talking-about-traumatic-events/>

Children's Commissioner NZ Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/childrenscommnz/posts/2099610073454960?_tn=-R

Community 5 Camp

As mentioned above, routines and security are important for children to feel safe, therefore the camp went ahead as planned. Our learners were eager to head to Marsden Point Christian Camp and the Adventure Forest in Whangarei for their first day of activities.

Fiesta

This Friday, the PTA are holding a 'Mini Fiesta' with a focus on fun and food, starting at 3:15pm. Because it starts straight after school, your child does not have to wear their school uniform on Friday and can come to school in everyday clothes (mufti). There is no charge for this privilege.

At the end of the day, all learners will walk to the Senior Campus as per their usual daily routine to be collected by their parents, walk home or catch the bus. Following that distribution, you may come back to the Junior Campus and gather on the concrete between the old buildings for the opening of the Fiesta, the Kapa Haka performance and the Pasifika performance.

We ask you to please remain on the Senior Campus until every community of learners, C1 to C6, has crossed Hill Street before you return to the Junior Campus. We need to be sure that every child has been safely passed on to their parents or caregivers. Thank you for your understanding of this important safety process.

Goat Island Snorkeling

Community Three were very excited to be able to visit Goat Island recently. It meant that we were able to put our new snorkeling skills into practice to explore our local marine reserve. Such a rich and rewarding experience was made possible through our guide, Sophie Journee, from Experiencing Marine Reserves. For many of our students it took great courage and determination to get all the snorkeling gear on, swim through the water with many varieties of fish swimming within arms reach, and to try the different snorkeling positions; but they did it all and they felt proud. Our day was topped off by exploring the rock pools and identifying different creatures as well as going on a hikoi (walk) up a very large hill with a very impressive view of caves in the foreground and Hauturu (Little Barrier) in the background. Our next step is to consider what actions we might take to sustain our local marine reserve as well as others. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their overwhelming support on our trips to The Oaks and Goat Island.

Paid Union Meetings (PUMs)

The planned PUMs have been postponed until further notice out of respect for those affected by the Christchurch tragedy.



Safety at the School Gate

Thank you for your courtesy towards people with disabilities who require temporary parking close to the office to drop off or pick up passengers. If you require accessible parking, please get an *Authorised Parking Permit* from the office. If you are not displaying our permit and park in the reserved accessible park (or on the broken yellow lines), you will receive a reminder notice about courtesy to those with disabilities.

Active Awards

Congratulations to the following *ACTIVE* award winners:

- **Carter Sheehan** for being an adventurous learner this term. You are becoming confident at contributing to class discussions. Well done.
- **Liv Jollivet** for being an empowered learner. You are managing yourself and taking responsibility for driving your own learning.
- **Harry Woodcock** for being a thoughtful learner both in his own learning and his peers.
- **Lily Rhead** for confidently sharing your ideas with the group in problem solving.
- **Blake Cumiskey** for showing perseverance in your learning. You are becoming a confident learner.
- **Isabella Ashton** for sharing your ideas and helping others in the Community. You are a collaborative learner.
- **Makaiah Davis** for showing a responsible and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning.
- **Michael Ormrod** for being brave and adventurous with your learning in Literacy.
- **Lute Vaotangi** for taking the initiative in her own learning and in helping others with theirs.
- **Paige Goldsbury** for being an enthusiastic and helpful learner to others.
- **Will Hamilton** for consistently working hard and being a great role model in C4.
- **Alana Howard** for being a motivated and self-regulated student who is a great role model for others.
- **Milan Patel** for being a self-regulated learner and supporting other learners in our community.
- **Louella Garcia** for being responsible for her own learning by asking questions to clarify her understanding.
- **Trayce Sholson** for being determined to provide mathematical proof when explaining his thinking to others.
- **Vinete Biira** for the mahira (curiosity) she shows when linking her home and school learning.
- **Anthony Chapman** for being thoughtful during his learning by checking his work.
- **Indiana Schollum** for being a collaborative worker, working well in a team and supporting other members of her group.
- **Gian Breedt** for being a motivated learner who attempts new challenges with a positive attitude.
- **Ashleigh Fox** for being a thoughtful learner who consistently strives for excellence.
- **Taelon Wrightson-Brown** for being a caring and considerate member of our class and an innovative thinker who reflects on his learning.

Waste-Wise - There is no waste in Nature

Save the Earth. We Have Nowhere Else To Go!

Kia Ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal


Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 20 March	Lucky Book orders close
Wednesday 20 March	C5 Camp returns
Wednesday 20 March	C1 Walk to the Library
Friday 22 March	Mini Fiesta 3:30 - 5:00pm
Tuesday 26 March	C1 to Warkworth Museum

Community Notices

- **Tog Donations** Please help support kids in Mozambique to learn how to swim and protect their marine backyard by donating outgrown (or new) togs, goggles, swim caps to the Nemos Pequenos (Little Nemos) Ocean Guardians. These kids livelihoods depend on the ocean yet most of them do not know how to enjoy the water safely. The local instructors are doing a fantastic job teaching them how to swim and protect their marine environment but the kids sometimes do not get to participate due to lack of swimwear. So if your littles have outgrown their togs share the love and donate them to the eager kids in Mozambique. Please drop off donations to Warkworth School. For more info: <https://marinemegafaunafoundation.org/blog/future-ocean-guardians/Obrigada> or contact Bridgette 021 054 6487.
- **Scissors Paper Rock!** Join us for an after-school craft session every Wednesday at the Warkworth Library. Something different every week. All you need to bring are your hands and your imagination. 3:15pm every Wednesday in term time.
- **Mahurangi Junior Hockey Club** Online registrations now open. Funsticks: A 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 Registrations close 29 March.
- **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 Website: www.connectingmoments.co.nz

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We would be delighted to share in your child's learning adventure!

- We welcome children from infants to 5 years +
- Our family friendly hours are from 7am to 6pm
- Quality educational programmes
- 20 ECE available for 3+ year olds
- High teacher to child ratios
- Nutritious meals included

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