



# Warkworth School

## **Our Purpose:**

*Nurturing ACTIVE learners*

*Adventurous*

*Collaborative*

*Thoughtful*

*Innovative*

*Valued*

*Empowered*

## **Newsletter**

Term 1 Week 8, 26 March 2019



**Cover Photo - Mini Fiesta 2019**

*Many thanks to our PTA and supporters for their wonderful efforts.*

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week was a significant week not only for our school but for the entire nation as we reeled from the atrocity that took place in Christchurch. We gathered on Friday at 1:30pm in readiness for the Islamic call to prayer marking the start of our two minutes of silence. During this time, everyone respectfully acknowledged the loss of life in their own way.

As a nation, we have been deeply disturbed by this violent attack. As a school, we recognise the significant ongoing work to be done around open-mindedness and acceptance of differences as a means of addressing the issue of racism. We will continue our work on this in a way that is age appropriate.

### Assistant Principal – Mrs Josie Hagger

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Josie Hagger has been appointed to the internally advertised position of Assistant Principal. As you are no doubt aware, the redevelopment of school is not just about new buildings, though that is the part that is highly visible. The transformation of the buildings to innovative learning environments requires an equivalent transformation of teaching practice from a traditional industrial model of pedagogy to an innovative, future-focused model of pedagogy.

Mrs Hagger has breadth of experience and depth of expertise in a range of learning areas that will add to the leadership of learning at our school and the transformation of pedagogy. She will continue as the guardian teacher of learners in Room 32 as well as joining the senior leadership team every Thursday when Mrs Nadia Francis will work with her learners. The senior leadership team now comprises of the principal, the deputy principal and two assistant principals.

### Community 5 Camp

Last week, Community Five travelled to Mardsen Point Christian Camp for a three-day outdoor learning experience. On one of the days, they went on to Whangarei Adventure Forest to experience a series of low, medium and high rope courses. All of the activities presented a degree of challenge and the success that was achieved by each child is a credit to the support of teachers and parents alike. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the teachers – Mrs Kirstin Crocome, Ms Heather Manning, Mrs Kelly Norton, Mrs Kerrin Jamieson and Mrs Jenny Shires, for organising such an outstanding camp, and to the many parent helpers who made it a rewarding and memorable experience for our learners. We are fortunate to have your support. Thank you.

### Interschool Swimming

Congratulations to all our Interschool Swimmers for all their effort at the Interschool Swimming competition. It was great to see everyone looking so fabulous in our Warkworth School Swimming Caps, representing our school in such a great way. We had so many comments about the wonderful behaviour of our team. A big thank you to all our fabulous supporters who gave up their time to time-keep for the first time in Interschool Swimming history. For the official results please check out our school website.



## Learning Conversations

We warmly invite you, parents and caregivers, to come to school with your child and meet with their guardian teacher to hold a 15 minute learning conversation. During this time, only you and your child will be talking with the teacher. We recognise that you know your child even better than we do, so it is important to us that you are part of the conversation about what we, as teachers, need to focus on this year.

We value the contribution you make to your child's learning and development, so we very much want to see every parent or caregiver attend the conversation with their child. Please make yourself available for 15 minutes on either Wednesday 9 April from 3:30pm - 6:30pm or Thursday 10 April from 1:15pm – 6:30pm to attend this important learning conversation. Bookings will be available from 2pm tomorrow onwards.

## Mini Fiesta

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday after school for the Mini Fiesta. It was a delightful evening of food and fun for our children. The PTA did an outstanding job organising the event to make it such an enjoyable occasion. Thank you everyone.



Well done to Hunter Hansen, Olivia Hay and Ngahine Rodgers for their correct guesses in our Guess How Many competition, enjoy your jars of goodies. Congratulations to our Raffle winners Albie Bott, Dianne Barnes, Clive Ritchie and Bob Graham, you have won some amazing prizes!

There are still several more keys to be sold before we can 'Unlock the Box' and reveal the winner of the iPad. Please support our fundraising event by purchasing one of the remaining keys from the office for \$10. Once all the keys have been sold, you will be notified to come and try your key for a chance to win.

### Waste-Wise - There is no waste in Nature

"The future belongs to those who understand that doing more with less is compassionate, prosperous, and enduring, and thus more intelligent, even competitive." **Paul Hawken**

Kia Ora



Cynthia Holden  
Principal

### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 26 March	PTA Meeting 7pm in the Staffroom
Wednesday 27 March	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
Thursday 28 March	HBC Swimming at Northern Arena
Friday 29 March	Assembly 2:10pm
Thursday 4 April	C2 Trip to Tawharanui
Thursday 4 April	Ultimate Frisbee at Silverdale



## 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: 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.
- **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)



### School Holiday Programme

15 — 26 April 2019

(For ages 5 - 13 years)

For more details and enrolment form

[www.warkworth.school.nz](http://www.warkworth.school.nz)

Phone 027 931 1311 or 09 425 8300 ext 786

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