



Warkworth School

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

Adventurous

Collaborative

Thoughtful

Innovative

Valued

Empowered

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3, 14 May 2019



Cover Photo - *Congratulations team for placing 4th overall at the Hibiscus Coast Chess Tournament.*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This morning, Community 6 departed for their four-day camp at Carey Park, Waitakere. They have a wonderful line-up of activities that will provide challenge and satisfaction as well as the opportunity to forge new friendships with their peers. We expect them back at school at approximately 2:30pm on Friday. Updates will be posted on our website.

Paid Union Meetings (PUMs)

The outcome of the teachers' vote held during the PUMs has been widely publicised in the media. We appreciate your support of the work of teachers who are hardworking and dedicated to providing the very best teaching and learning for your child. At present, teachers are feeling very undervalued by the government and seek a settlement that will fairly and honestly address their concerns which are insufficient resourcing to support learners with additional needs, shortage of quality teachers, the need to improve work conditions and salaries. There is also concern that the government have not portrayed the actual settlement accurately in the media and that if the offer was distributed differently, this would settle the pay claim. We will keep you informed. The teachers strike is scheduled for Wednesday 29 May.

Pink Shirt Day *Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying*

This Friday, we are supporting the campaign to stop bullying by advocating and encouraging pro-social behaviour rather than anti-social behaviour. We recognise that what we focus on is what we get, therefore, by actively modelling and engaging in pro-social behaviours, we expect to see more of it in our school.

You may be interested in the video *Connected Kids – The Potential of Pro-Social Media* by Dan Haesler, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5tPHZVfQKE> which gives an example of how social media can have a powerful positive influence if it is used to innovate and change someone's world. This is in contrast to the messages that are often circulated about the negative use of social media, in particular cyberbullying.

Your child may wear a pink shirt, or anything pink, on Friday to show their support of pro-social behaviours and standing together against bullying. If your child wishes to wear something pink, a donation is not required.

Board of Trustee Election 2019

Nomination forms and information on standing as a candidate in the upcoming Board of Trustee election have been posted out to all eligible voters on our parent roll. If you haven't received a nomination form, or know of someone you believe is eligible to vote who hasn't, please email the school office office@warkworth.school.nz. The electoral roll which lists all eligible voters is available to view at the school office.

Links to further information on the election:

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/nominate/>
<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

Chess Tournament

Last Friday, Harrison, Eva, Billy, Eliza, Malachi, Lily, Jacob, Maiya (Community 6) and Sayuni (Community 3), competed in a Hibiscus Coast Chess Tournament at Silverdale School. Each of the students were 'fizzing' about the event before it even started and, upon arriving early, were more than happy to help set up the tables and games for the event. We are proud to say our school placed 4th overall. Special mentions go to Sayuni who, individually, was the 7th player overall and the first girl in the competition. Sayuni also won an extra badge for getting the first 'checkmate' in less than 10 minutes. Big thanks goes to each of our students for excellent playing manners; they did themselves, their families, and our school, proud. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicola Jones, Georgia Barnes and Srimathie Dissanay for getting everyone to the event and being such encouraging supporters throughout the day.

Active Awards

Congratulations to the following ACTIVE award winners:

- **Aurora Johnson** for coming to Maths with a positive attitude and checking if she doesn't understand.
- **Bethan Edge** for reaching a goal she set in the learning conference for learning 10 more sight words. She has shown great determination.
- **Piper Lees** for being an excellent role model in Community 2.
- **Ashton Loughnan** for making great predictions during reading and always being a thoughtful learner.
- **Brody Waters** for always being a thoughtful and empowered member of Community 2.
- **Scarlett Kane** for being a great role model to new students who enter Community 2.
- **Heidi O'Callaghan** for displaying a positive, focused attitude towards learning.
- **Elly Lee** for showing a positive attitude toward her learning and always trying her best.
- **Noah Gurney** for being an *ACTIVE* learner who is always looking and listening for ways to improve your personal best! What a great attitude you have to learning.
- **Heiko Jetschko** for a high standard of learning and focused effort.
- **Ava Senk** for being a fabulous role model in Community 4.
- **Samuel Grant** for being a thoughtful, caring and helpful member of Community 4.
- **Bukarerei Timiti** for showing confidence when expressing ideas and responding to others.
- **Samuel Rouse** for being adventurous in your learning and supporting your peers.
- **Sophie Clark** for being adventurous and innovative learner in both your school and home learning.
- **Chantal Walker** for the determined attitude you display in all your learning adventures. Ka mau te wehi!
- **Brunon Chamberlain** for being an adventurous and creative learner, particularly during writing.
- **Jolie Auber** for being an adventurous and creative learner, particularly during writing.
- **Esekielu Rota Ikauea** for working collaboratively and valuing your learning.
- **Sienna Houston** for making excellent choices about her learning and being a fabulous role model in Room 31.
- **Sarah Barber** for your consistent effort in all areas of school life and being a thoughtful and caring member of our community.

Kia Ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday 15 May	Interschool Rippa
Wednesday 15 May	C4 Camp Parent Meeting in Staffroom
Thursday 16 May	C5 to Warkworth Museum
Friday 17 May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 17 May	C6 return from camp
Monday 20 May	C3 to Warkworth Town Hall
Tuesday 21 May	Photolife student and class photos

Community Notices

- **Interested in playing chess?** For any of our students interested in playing Chess, we have been informed there is a monthly competition played in Mairangi Bay which is an excellent place to hone those skills. There is also an app called Chess.com which allows you to play chess against anyone in the world, get lessons or learn tactics. As well as this, Chess Club runs over the Winter terms every Tuesday and Thursday, as a Lunch Play option in Community 3.
- **Kids Yoga** Term 2 begins on Fridays at 3:30pm. Contact ingridleprou@gmail.com for more information.
- **Junior Badminton Orewa** held at Orewa Badminton Hall, Victor Eaves Park. Thursdays 5 - 7pm for 8 years and over. \$80 per term. Contact jborewa@gmail.com or phone Mel 021 614 124.
- **Parenting Course with Liz Cole** Tuesday, 14 May for 6 weeks. 9.30am – 11.30am at Homebuilders Family Services, 5 Hexham Street, Warkworth. Liz's parenting course focuses on building positive relationships between children and parents/caregivers to facilitate wellbeing for all. It includes topics such as understanding how children's emotions work, brain development, self care, setting limits and play. The course provides ways of being with children so that children's minds are soothed and therefore ready for learning, co-operation and fun. The aim is sincere empathy and 'the sky is blue' boundaries. You can register by calling the Homebuilders office on 09 425 7048. If you require free childminding please let us know when you register. All our courses are free.



FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK 12-18 MAY



Fact: Food allergy affects 1 in 10 children under five*

But did you know It is rare for a child to develop an allergy to a food they have previously eaten without problems?

What's the difference between a food allergy and a food intolerance?

- ♥ **A food allergy** is an exaggerated response by the immune system to a food protein. **Reactions** usually happen **within minutes** of eating a food that contains the allergen. **Symptoms** can include hives, itching, swelling, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea and nausea, and in some cases anaphylaxis (life-threatening).
- ♥ **A food intolerance** is an adverse reaction to certain foods, not involving the immune system. **Reactions** can be immediate or happen up to **20 hours** after a food is eaten. **Symptoms** can include (but are not limited to) bloating, wind, diarrhoea, nausea and indigestion.

If you think your child has a food allergy or intolerance see a doctor.



For more information on food allergies, visit [*Allergy New Zealand](http://www.allergy.org.nz)