



Warkworth School

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

Adventurous

Collaborative

Thoughtful

Innovative

Valued

Empowered

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6, 4 June 2019



Cover Photo - We are grateful to Warkworth New World for their kind donation of \$1519.69. Pictured is Mrs Holden thanking Mr Jeremy Ross from Warkworth New World.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you, parents and caregivers, for your support of our hard-working teachers who were on strike last week to draw attention to an education system that is falling well short of providing the quality personnel and learning resources that your child deserves throughout their education. While some steps have been taken to provide funding to help address the needs of learners with additional needs, and some funding to recruit teachers from overseas, this will not address the retention problem that exists on account of quality (disillusioned) teachers leaving the profession. We look forward to a settlement of the teachers' collective employment contract.

Board Elections

By now, you should have received your voting papers for the Board elections. You need to elect five candidates whom you would like to see as parent representatives on the Board of Trustees.

Please note that for your vote to be valid, it must be received by 12:00pm noon this Friday, 7 June or be date stamped by NZ Post prior to that time. Unfortunately, NZ Post can't guarantee that all mail will be post marked. This could lead to your vote potentially being invalid. To be sure your vote is received in time to be counted, please place it in the voting box, at the Office, before noon this Friday.

Music / Sport Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of Warkworth Traders, we are able to offer a scholarship in music and / or sport for six months. If you know of a deserving child who would benefit from this scholarship, please phone or email the Office, or complete the google form <https://forms.gle/SnqteD9NyCgivrLN8> naming the child, state the type of scholarship (music or sport) and say why they are deserving. You may nominate a deserving child or your own child.

Innovative Learning Practice

Did you know?

When learners have agency, they have the power to make decisions about their learning in areas such as goal setting, sequencing and prioritising. Increased learner agency leads to increased intrinsic motivation for learning, increased creativity, improved higher-order thinking and overall achievement.

Providing opportunities for choice, control, and collaboration are potent strategies for increasing academic achievement.

Link: Toshalis, E., & Nakkula, M. J. (2012). Motivation, engagement, and student voice.

Home School Partnership

Here is the fourth element, in our series of five, published by Parenting Ideas, to guide parents and caregivers in forming strong bonds with your child's teachers this year. You can read the whole article by visiting www.parentingideas.com.au/schools

4. Communicating (building relationships)

Life's not always smooth sailing for kids of any age. Family circumstances change. Friends move away. Illness happens. Mental health challenges can hit anyone at any time. These changes affect learning. Keep teachers up to date with significant changes or difficulties that your child or young person experiences so they can accommodate your child's emotional and learning needs at school.

Community 4 Camp

Wow, what an amazing camp Community 4 had. We had the most stunning weather and enjoyed being creative at the beach. We built awesome sand sculptures. There were turtles, sharks, castles, and hills creatively decorated with a range of shells. Our hole digging was also a highlight as we managed to dig some very deep holes that were waist deep. The beach treasure hunt was a great success and nearly every group managed to find the diverse range of objects on the list. Our second day saw us completing a range of sports as well as a confidence course in which the students were blindfolded and had to work co-operatively to complete the challenge. We are very proud of the resilience the students showed as we had no tears at bedtime and they all slept well. A first for many as some had not been away from home before. Their first taste of camp was a success and they can look forward to the next year camp with confidence. Well done Community 4.

Crazy Shoe Day

This Friday, 7 June we will be holding an Crazy Shoe Day where all students can wear the most wackiest shoe you can find or create something equally wacky. We are asking you to bring a gold coin as we will be raising funds for our sponsorship child Be Ly Thu Tra who lives in Vietnam. This will be our fourth year fundraising for her. A *Show Off* will be held on the Tiger Turf and the wackiest shoes could win a spot prize.

Musical Opportunity

A student from Mahurangi College is offering free flute lessons to one or two Community 5 or 6 Warkworth School students for the rest of the school year as part of her *Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme*. The idea is that these lessons would allow a student who would not otherwise be able to afford lessons to get started and they will hopefully be able to continue once they reach College where lessons are subsidised. Forms are available at the school office should you wish to apply.

Correct Uniform

With Term 2 well underway and colder weather has arrived, we thought it timely for a gentle reminder about ensuring your child is wearing the correct Warkworth School uniform, as follows:

- **Top** - Warkworth School polo or V neck T shirt, long sleeved sweatshirt and/or fleece jacket (available only from www.argyleonline.co.nz)
- **Bottom** - plain (no denim) navy shorts, skirts, track pants, trousers, culottes (available from www.argyleonline.co.nz or may be purchased elsewhere)
- Tights, long socks, thermals or visible undershirts are to be plain navy or black.
- Hats are not required uniform during Terms 2 and 3.

Kia Ora




Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday 5 June	Interschool Netball at Wellsford
Thursday 6 June	HBC Soccer at Stanmore Bay
Friday 7 June	Crazy Shoe Day
Friday 7 June	Assembly 2:10pm

Community Notices

- **What Now** is a children's tv programme screening on Sunday, 8 - 10am on TVNZ 2. During 2019 they broadcasting from around the country, show casing a different community each week. On Sunday, 16 June the show will be coming live from Helensville and they would like to invite your families to be part of the live audience. Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience...and it's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach. Register online to be part of the audience www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience
- **Catwalk Arts 2019** on Saturday, 24 August at the Mahurangi College Auditorium. Matinee 2pm, Gala prize-giving 7pm. Catwalk Arts 2019 will celebrate the imagination and creativity that happens all over our community, with a focus on recycling. By entering Catwalk Arts you can play a vital role in helping Harbour Hospice provide free palliative care services in our Warkworth Wellsford community. The categories are: Open - for ages 18+ (\$500 prize), Youth - up to 18 (\$500 prize), New Designer - for aspiring fashion designers of any age (\$500 prize), Families - for families with children 14 years or younger (1st \$300, 2nd \$200), Wearable Advertising - promote your business or community group (\$500 prize), Accessories - all ages (\$200 prize). Entries in all categories may also be eligible for the Recycle Award, People's Choice and the Supreme Award. For an entry form call Tui House on 09 425 9535 or email wwevents@harbourhospice.org.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

Pop in and see us!
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