

**Our Purpose:***Nurturing ACTIVE learners**Adventurous**Collaborative**Thoughtful**Innovative**Valued**Empowered*

# Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10, 24 September 2019

**Cover Photo:**

Congratulations to all winners of the  
2019 Book Character Parade.

We love your innovation and style!

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a wonderful week we enjoyed last week. It felt like a real celebration of our children. The Book Fair started off with a fabulous fun display along the board walk and Clifford the Dog made a few surprise appearances. We held Learner Led Conversations on Wednesday, with the board walk again showing what we have been up to this term. Finally, on Friday, we enjoyed Grandparents' Day and the Book Character Parade. Whew, what a week. So much fun.

As the term comes to an end and we welcome summer please ensure that your child is protected from the harsh October sun. Hats are compulsory for Term 4 (and Term 1 of course). The hats children wear at our school are Sun Smart approved, meaning they are designed to give maximum protection to our children during their skin's most vulnerable years. Hats must be a plain colour with no adornment of any kind, except the school logo.

It has been a pleasure acting as Principal this term and I would like to thank all of you for your support and kindness. Cynthia will be back at the helm next term following her well earned sabbatical.

Ka mihi ki a koutou katoa.

## Learner Led Conversations

Thank you to all parents who attended their child's Learner Led Conversation. The pride the students showed as they walked you around the school and in their class was tangible. The opportunity for our children to share their learning is paramount. I would like to share some statistics I know you will be interested in. Approximately 80% of our children had one parent, two parents or a significant person attend their Learning conversations. Of these, 23% enjoyed both parents attending, 11% enjoyed their Dad coming in, and 63% enjoyed their Mum being the person to share their learning with. The teachers were so proud of how the children could share their learning so knowledgeably and comprehensively. What a team.

Thank you again to the Board of Trustees who kindly supplied the Manaakitanga. Many parents and whanau had rushed straight from work so I know this was much appreciated.

## Book Fair

Our PTA worked tirelessly, with the help of many other giving parents, to provide the Book Fair for everyone. This year, they sold \$6,880 worth of books. That means there are many, many books in children's homes, which is our main aim, and it also allows the school to purchase \$2,394 worth of books for the school. How lucky are we? And that is all due to you parents and grandparents. Thank you to you all.

## Speech Competition

Our annual School Speech competition on Thursday 12 September was, as always, an exciting event. This year we had the pleasure of four judges; two members of Warkworth Toastmasters, Bev Foster and Nicola Paterson, plus two Mahurangi College students, Kaea Heke and Elaine Ebaraima-Anatete. Thank you so much to these people for giving up part of their day to support our students.

There were 17 finalists in total, including five from Year 4 who performed their speech but who were not part of the competition. Congratulations to all our finalists. Public speaking is a skill that is forever valuable. The placings this year were:

1st **Sienna Houston:** *Mum's Five Worst Nightmares*

2nd **Georgia Crocome:** *Failure is a Good Thing*

3rd **Maiya Johns:** *Lies of the World*

Highly Commended: **Billy Wildermoth:** *The Solar System*

Highly Commended: **Rémi Duchesnes:** *Practice Makes Perfect*



Four of these students will now attend the Interschool Speech Competition at Snells Beach School tomorrow and we wish you the best of luck. Thank you to Kirstin Crocome for organising this event and for supporting our children who are pushing on to the next level.

### Book Character Parade

On Friday morning, we were inundated with a huge variety of book characters. The range is always so impressive and the work our children and parents go to is fantastic. Staff are also to be commended on their effort. The parade was much enjoyed by grandparents and parents alike. The School Council selected one boy and one girl from each Community who showed innovative flair to win book vouchers to spend at the Book Fair. The day is all about enjoying books and each other.

### School Athletics Day

You should have received a notice regarding our School Athletics Day to be held on Tuesday, 22 October. If you are available to help with marshalling etc, we would be very grateful. Please complete the Google form here: <https://forms.gle/UE5xmD1DWzExKTvk6>.

### Health & PE Survey

Every two years, we survey our parent community to ensure we are meeting the learning needs of our students in Health & PE. We would welcome your feedback on these two aspects of the curriculum and ask that you take the time to complete a short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2KKTKGK>. Thank you.

### Out of Zone Enrolment Applications for 2020

Currently, we are not able to accept any out of zone enrolments unless they are the sibling of a child already attending Warkworth School. In October we will be balloting for out of zone places for next year, 2020. If you live outside of our zone and have a child due to start school next year, it is imperative that you fill in an enrolment application for you to be included in the ballot. Application forms can be downloaded from the school website (<http://www.warkworth.school.nz/our-school/school-information>) or can be picked up from the school office. Applications close on **Tuesday, 15 October 2019**.

### Calendar Art

If you did not get to view your child's calendar art piece at Learner Led Conversations, be sure to make a time this week to view it as order forms will be coming home this week with instructions on how to order and pay for your products. Your child's artwork can be made into calendars, cards, notebooks, 2020 diaries and mousepads. These make the perfect personalised Christmas gifts for friends and family.

### Walkathon 2019

This year's Walkathon will be held in Week 3 of next term, on Friday, 1 November. We will be walking to raise money towards special projects as decided by the Board and PTA (more details on this soon), so have a think about potential sponsors over the holidays and be "a step ahead" come Walkathon time.



Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Kia ora

Suzanne Donovan Skeens  
Acting Principal

| Upcoming Events:       |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wednesday 25 September | Interschool Speech Competition   |
| Wednesday 25 September | Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30pm |
| Friday 27 September    | Assembly 2:10pm                  |
| Friday 27 September    | Last day Term 3 - Finish at 3pm  |
| Monday 14 October      | Term 4 starts                    |
| Tuesday 15 October     | Out of Zone Applications Close   |



# Community Notices

- **Hibiscus Coast Assn Football** - Here's some fab holiday fun for the kids that are missing their footy. Week 1: Mon 30 Sept / Tues 1 Oct / Wed 2 Oct. Week 2: Mon 7 Oct / Tues 8 Oct / Wed 9 Oct. 9 - 3pm. \$45 per day. Go to our website for more info and to register [hbcafc.org.nz/school-holiday-programme](http://hbcafc.org.nz/school-holiday-programme)
- **Aquakidz Learn to Swim Holiday Programme** on 7 - 11 October for 5 days. 4 years and up. Morning classes. Great for making fast progress. \$80. Contact Cindy 021 163 5050 or email [aquakidz@hotmail.com](mailto:aquakidz@hotmail.com)
- **Warkworth Beekeepers Film Night** at Matakana Cinemas, 16 October at 6pm. The film is called 'The Pollinators' and follows a group of beekeepers in the US see <https://www.thepollinators.net/new-page> for more info. All welcome to get tickets here: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/8333https://tickets.demand.film/event/8333>
- **Mini Comic-Con** - Warkworth Library, Saturday, 28 September from 11am - 1pm. This is a free, family-friendly pop culture event. We will have different activities going on including a creative space, illustrator, Magic the Gathering tournament (ages 13+), photo booth, best dressed and drawing competitions, as well as graphic novel and manga displays.
- **Homebuilders Family Services** Courses in Warkworth and Wellsford Term 4, 2019. Parenting course with Terry Healey in Wellsford starts Tuesday 29 October for 5 weeks. Parenting course with Liz Cole in Warkworth starts Monday 21 October for 6 weeks. Mindfulness course in Warkworth starts Friday 1 November for 6 weeks. Register by calling Homebuilders 09 425 7048. If you require free childminding, please let us know when you register. ALL OUR COURSES ARE FREE.

**Warkworth School**

**Cool Kids Warkworth**  
MSD Approved OSCAR Programme  
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**30 September - 11 October 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

Join us for some exciting trip days to  
Jump Trampoline Park, Kelly Tarlton's Seallife Aquarium and  
Sheepworld as well as a Mexican Fiesta, Sport Challenges,  
baking, art and more!

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**JUMP**

**Book early as limited spaces available!**