

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

Adventurous

Collaborative

Thoughtful

Innovative

Valued

Empowered

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6, 27 August 2019



Cover Photo: We are using clay to construct pinch pots and toanga

Stephanie Phou, Alice Wahrakura, Blake Smith and Louisa Price

Community 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As I sit to write, the sun is shining, which will ensure our children enjoy the Rippa Rugby Tournament at Silverdale today. We have six teams competing, three girls teams and three boys teams from community 3 to 6. It has been a long tradition that all children at our school have multiple opportunities to experience a range of different sports. Sport of course can assist children to grow their resilience, meet new friends and to develop body awareness. Thank you to all the parents who help to make this happen and also to the teachers who plan, organise and train the children. Of course a big thank you to Mrs Callender who leads this.

Year Six Production - *ACTIVE*

We are all very excited that in Week 7, Community 6 will be performing their production *ACTIVE*. This play was written by three of our very talented teachers; Mrs Emma Edwards, Miss Hayley Douglas and Mrs Nadia Francis. It tells of the journey of a Warkworth School pupil as they learn how to be an *Active, Collaborative, Thoughtful, Innovative, Valued* and *Empowered* student. They have cleverly interwoven snippets of well-known characters and stories to accentuate the theme. A huge amount of parents have been assisting the team to create costumes and props and to assist with the actual production. Thank you to you all.

Tuesday 3 September

11am Dress rehearsal for our school students only.

Wednesday 4 September

11am Matinee for local schools, ECS's and community, all welcome.

5:30pm All welcome.

Tickets can be purchased from the School Office or online via our School Shop <http://www.warkworth.school.nz/our-school/schoolshop> for \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.

Board of Trustees

Last week our Board of Trustees attended a Professional Development opportunity with other local School Boards. The speaker, A New Zealand School Trustee Adviser, Alan Curtis shared the importance of understanding the difference between governance and operational thinking. Our Board were well versed with this knowledge and so enjoyed the robust discussions that flowed. Thank you to our Board for your commitment and enthusiasm.

Senior Area Building Progress

As many of you will have seen, the new classroom block in the Senior Area appears to be growing at a rapid rate. Of course this is always the case with a new build. When the building is closed in and the internal fitting out begins, progress will not appear to move as quickly. A quote from La Rome, one of our students when he was asked what he thinks, sums up what we are all feeling; "It is like my dream is coming true".



Learner Led Conversations

One of the highlights through the year is the *Learner Led Conversations*. This is when our children lead family and whānau through their learning. It is interesting for us all to be reminded again why our children should lead these conversations. Apart from giving them the chance to be *ACTIVE* learners, especially *Empowered*, there is a great deal of research supporting Learner Led Conversations. The following may sound a bit academic but we know our community is interested to understand why we do what we do.

Professor John Hattie (formerly University of Auckland) published a list of the most effective influences on student achievement. Student self-reporting is the most significant indicator linked to raising student achievement.

Two other international researchers, Black & Wiliam, also report, 'The process of students reflecting on their learning, through effective questioning that promotes the articulation of student thinking, is integral to classroom assessment practices that enhance student learning'.

Michael Absolum (2006) reports, 'If the focus is to be kept on learning, and the ownership of the learning with the child, then the best person to talk about the learning is the learner'..... 'Not only is the student the best person to tell their parents what they have learnt, but if we believe that students build their knowledge by communicating what they know, then providing an opportunity for the students to tell their family what they know can significantly assist with that learning.'

Research also shows parental involvement in schools and classrooms has a positive impact on children's learning (Bastiani; Epstein).

Our Learner Led Conversations will be held on Wednesday, 18 of September between 1:30pm and 6pm. Details of how to book your time will be shared with you next week.

Mahurangi College Closed - Mid Term Break

Please be advised that Mahurangi College will be closed Monday, 2 September for Mid Term Break. Therefore College-only buses will not run on that day. This will also mean most bus children will arrive home earlier than usual (approx. 10 minutes). More details will go home with bus children tomorrow.

Mahurangi College - Open Day

Parents of students planning to attend Mahurangi College next year are invited to an Open Day at the college on Wednesday 4 September. There will be two sessions available, 9:30am to 11:30am or 1pm to 3pm and parents are welcome to attend either session. Students will have their opportunity to attend Orientation Day on 13 November.

Kia ora



Suzanne Donovan Skeens
Acting Principal

Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday 28 August	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
Thursday 29 August	HBC Cross Country
Friday 30 August	Assembly 2:10pm
Monday 2 September	College Closed - Mid Term Break
Wednesday 4 September	C6 Production
Wednesday 4 September	Mahurangi College Open Day
Wednesday 18 September	Learner Led Conversations

Community Notices

- **Traditional Children's Games Hour** As part of celebrating Family History Month, which is taking place at Auckland Libraries this month, Warkworth Library is running a traditional children's games hour. Games will include hopscotch, quots, skittles, pick up sticks, skipping and blind man's bluff. Wednesday 28 August, 3:15pm at the Old Masonic Hall in Warkworth. All welcome. The library is also having a family history information scavenger hunt all during the month of August. Match the names and the information and all correct answers go into the draw for a prize.
- **The Little Digger Company Competition** The prize is 2 x Family Day Out Packs. Each pack includes: A family pass (2 x Adults, 2 x children) to see The Little Yellow Digger at The Pumphouse Theatre on Saturday 28 September at 2pm PLUS a \$100 meal voucher. To enter: you must be following [@TheLittleDiggerCompany](#) on either Facebook or Instagram "Like" the competition post (giving a thumbs up on Facebook or a heart on Instagram) and tag a friend in the comments section of the post. Competition is open from 5 August 2019 and closes 5 September 2019 at midnight. The winners will be drawn at random on 9 September 2019. Winners will be announced on 9 September 2019 and contacted via social media direct message.
- **Junior Rams Open Day** Saturday 14 September, 10am to 2pm at the Whangateau Reserve. Try rugby league, all age grades - boys and girls, skills and drills stations, fun family day out, free sausage for kids. For more information email rodneyrams@outlook.com
- **SAVE THE DATE: Otamatea Group Day 2019** YES, we will be having Calves! YES, we will be having Lambs! YES, we will be having Goats! When: Sunday 20 October with late registrations opening from 8am and College class commencing at 9am. Pre Registrations will go in the draw for an early bird prize (must be registered by the 14 October to qualify). Where: Kaiwaka Sports Complex, 2 Gibbons Road, Kaiwaka. Who: Everyone aged from Preschool level to Year 13. Make sure you like us on Facebook. Any Questions? Please contact Michaela on 021 266 9164 or email silverstreamsalers@gmail.com

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