

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

Adventurous

Collaborative

Thoughtful

Innovative

Valued

Empowered

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9, 10 December 2019



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Our Pasifika Group

Carols in the Park 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Carols in the Park was an absolute delight with our Pasifika performers creating an air of celebration and enjoyment. Special thanks to our teacher aides, Teri, Manua and Sisilia, for their positive support of the group, leading the learning of dances and songs. Thanks also to our teachers, Vicki Nelson, Kirstin Crocome and Maxine Hatfull for your leadership, organisation and support. The group's opening performance was polished and uplifting. Our Choir, led by Dianne Barnes, performed superbly and it was a thrill to see our three lead singers making a strong contribution to the overall performance.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the event for making the evening of carols so enjoyable. I would like to especially thank Danny Crocome for his musical accompaniment which allowed the voices of our Pasifika singers and our Choir shine through. Your musicianship was truly appreciated.

Leavers' Assembly

A reminder that this Thursday, our Leavers' Assembly will be held in the Senior Hall starting at 11am. This is a special assembly to acknowledge and farewell our Year 6 students who have completed the first six years of their primary schooling.

Final Assembly

Our Final Assembly is a special event to acknowledge the contribution of every student in our school for making Warkworth School the very special place that it is. Our school has developed a strong culture of *ACTIVE* learners on account of their efforts. While this event is to acknowledge everyone, special *ACTIVE* Awards are presented to selected learners for their demonstration of the attributes that make up an *ACTIVE* learner – *Adventurous, Collaborative, Thoughtful, Innovative, Valued, Empowered*. This assembly will be held in the Senior Hall on Tuesday, 17 December at 11am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Leaving Teachers' Assembly

We have a number of teachers who are leaving us at the end of this year - to take up leadership positions, Emma Edwards; on account of family commitments, Grace Presland-White and Kristen Thomson; or because they were in fixed-term positions to cover maternity leave or short-term vacancies - Donna Montrose, Ben Lampen, Deborah Eves, Jade Walker, Julie Anderson-Johns, Paula Blackie and Andrea Collen (some of whom we will see again next year as our numbers grow throughout the year in Community 1). We will hold a special assembly to thank them on Wednesday, 18 December at 2pm.

Open Day 2020

Next year, we will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday, 5 February. Teachers will be in their rooms from 8.30am – 3.30pm so that you can come to school with your child and their stationery and settle them into the learning space in advance of the start to their learning on Monday, 10 February. It is anticipated that this will give parents an opportunity to assist their child with the transition back to school by ensuring they know where to put their stationery, where to hang their bag, where to get a drink and become familiar with toilet areas and playing spaces again. It is also intended to be a time for your child to meet the teacher again informally, thus making the first day of learning a comfortable and settled start to the school year. At this informal meeting, parents will have the opportunity to pass on to the teacher information that is important for them to know about their child for the year ahead – health, learning, social and emotional information. We trust you will find this new regime a helpful procedure for a great start to the new school year. Please make a note of this date on your calendar.

Walkathon Ipad Winners and Ice Block Day

Congratulations to Jett in Community 1, and Corbin in Community 6, who were the winners in the Walkathon ipad draw in assembly last week. The Walkathon raised over \$9000 for our school which was spent on digital technology in 2019. A big thank you from the PTA to everyone who took part and supported their child. This Friday at lunchtime the PTA are holding Ice Block Day. The Juniors can purchase lemonade popsicles for \$1 from outside the Junior Communities and the Seniors can purchase a selection of ice blocks for \$1- \$2 from the Senior Hall steps.

Meet Next Year's Teacher

On Wednesday 18 December, we will arrange for your child to meet their new teacher for the following year. This will be a brief introduction so that your child knows who their teacher is and knows a little about them, and is familiarised with the space they will be working in next year.

End of Year Woodwind and Brass Performance

Tomorrow, Wednesday 11 December at 5 - 6pm we invite friends and parents to come to the Senior Hall and hear the students perform solos and group items. Those interested in taking up a woodwind or brass instrument next year are also invited to come, hear, and have a go themselves, either straight after school or after the performance. Musicians are invited to stay after school at 3pm for a shared afternoon tea before the performance. Please bring a plate. Enquiries please contact Jackie Nicolls 021 251 0058.

ACTIVE Award Recipients - Congratulations to the following *ACTIVE* Award winners:

- **Elise Campbell** for being a positive and empowered learner, giving your best every day.
- **Phoenix Hamilton** for your positive attitude towards learning and how you care about your friends and peers.
- **Sandy Searle** for coming to school with a lovely, positive smile in the morning. It shows you are ready to learn. You have been thoughtful with your new learning, making connections with what you already know.
- **Jazeel Alinese** for your positive, self-improving attitude; giving your best every day to every learning activity.
- **Renee Marshall** for having a positive attitude towards her learning, and consistently encouraging others.
- **Jordan Roycroft** for taking risks with his writing, allowing him to write longer, more detailed stories.
- **Chantelle Merton** for being adventurous in your learning and giving everything a go.
- **Clanah Lang** for your enthusiasm toward life and learning, that never ceases. We all appreciate your kindness and positivity.
- **Pippa Edwards** for your enthusiasm and hard working attitude in all aspects of your learning.
- **Indigo Hunter** for being an enthusiastic, excitable and thoughtful learner who articulates her thoughts and ideas well. C3 loves your energy.
- **Marley Sutton** for being an active, confident, flexible and vibrant learner.
- **Juley Keith** for always trying your best in your learning.
- **Paige Larcombe** for being an adventurous learner who is always willing to give everything a go with a positive mindset.
- **Gabrielle Carlaw** for always performing independent work with confidence and focus.
- **Olivia-Rose Cook** Being for a focused and thoughtful learner who always approaches learning with a positive mindset.
- **Lucas Roycroft** for persevering during mathematics to complete all tasks on hand.
- **Aithne Hunt** for being determined to master the sound equipment required for our play. You are an asset!
- **Allie Brebner** for being conscientious with your learning and taking pride in your work.
- **Desmond Graham** for being an *ACTIVE* learner, setting yourself up for success whilst also taking care to support your peers.
- **Thea Buick** for being an enthusiastic learner who writes in a way that engages and entertains. You craft your stories with expertise, Thea, and we are thankful that you have shared them with us.
- **Kairan Moston** for being an empowered learner who perseveres when learning in difficult always striving for excellence.
- **Sophie Townsend** for being an adventurous learner, always willing to try new things and for the outstanding effort you have put into your inquiry work.

Kia ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:

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| Wednesday 11 December | C3 Picnic at Wenderholm |
| Thursday 12 December | Leavers' Assembly 11am |
| Friday 13 December | C5 Big Day In |
| Friday 13 December | Ice Block Day |
| Tuesday 17 December | Final Assembly 11am |
| Thursday 19 December | Junior Christmas Concert 1pm |
| Friday 20 December | Last day Term 4 finish 2pm |

Community Notices

- **Warkworth Town Hall Christmas Market** this Saturday, 14 December 10am - 2 pm. Photos with Santa in his Grotto for \$5, Face Painting, Gift Stalls, Food Trucks and much more!
- **Santa Comes to Plume Café** on December 20, right after school finishes for the term. At 3pm will be the unveiling of the GINGERBREAD HOUSE made especially for the little ones of the area by our Baker Heiko, followed by Santa coming in with little giveaways! Last year's Santa was very popular (with the mums too!) so he is back by popular vote. Please make a note in your diaries for the 20 December, 2019 - 3 pm onwards at Plume Café, Matakana.
- **Mahurangi Basketball Camp** on 13 / 14 January 2020 at Mahurangi College. Learn the skills to play basketball with your own age group in a fun, encouraging environment. Win prizes. Have fun. Register and pay before 20 December to save \$20! Ages 5 - 17 males and females. Email: mahurangibasketball@gmail.com
- **Holiday Learn to Swim Programme** 20 - 24 January 2020 for ages 4 years and up at Mahurangi College Pool. \$80 for the week. Book now and be in to win a free cap and goggles! Phone Cindy 021 163 5050 or email aquakidz@hotmail.com
- **Are you a NZ resident or citizen?** Do you need help with YOUR reading, writing or numbers to help your children at school? Do you need computer skills to get a job? Do you need your learner's licence? We help all kinds of Kiwis with free courses in English, reading, writing, computer skills, study skills, work readiness and learner licence theory. Contact Literacy Aotearoa on (09) 444 0420 or email nbolton.106@literacy.org.nz

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