

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

Adventurous

Collaborative

Thoughtful

Innovative

Valued

Empowered

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6, 19 November 2019



Cover Photo:

*Rose and Flower Show 2019, Community 2.
First Place winner 'Arrangement in an Old Boot'*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week was another active week for our learners, with the health programme being delivered from the Life Education mobile classroom. Unfortunately, Celia, the educator has been unwell, so the programme will be extended to ensure all classes receive the full programme.

Learners in Community 2 enjoyed using foliage and flowers to produce floral creations for the Rose and Flower Show. They entered their floral arrangements in three different categories - Arrangement in an Old Shoe or Boot, Garden in a Tray, and Arrangement in a Recycled Container. Congratulations to the ten finalists in each category. Their floral work was put on display in the Warkworth Town Hall then the show judges selected the top three in each category.

Warkworth Library – Summer Reading Programme

Get involved. Expand your imagination, unleash your creativity and dive into the world of books from libraries. Join Auckland Libraries FREE summer reading adventure, *Kia Māia te Whai – Dare to Explore*.

A librarian from Auckland Libraries will be visiting our school assembly this Friday, 22 November, to talk about the free *Kia Māia te Whai - Dare to Explore* summer reading programme. Look out for the fliers advertising it and take your child along to the local library to participate. Join in the free library activities - earn stamps, stickers and a party invitation! Get involved and see why over 10,000 tamariki enjoyed reading with Auckland Libraries last summer. You can register online from 18 November at www.daretoexplore.nz or visit one of Auckland's 54 participating libraries.

Health and Physical Education Survey

A reminder to please add your views about our Health and Physical Education programme by completing the online survey before this Wednesday. Click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2KKTGK> or copy and paste it into your browser.

Maori Whanau Hui

We have had two very successful hui to gather your views about how we can grow and sustain your child's Maori identity, language and culture. This information will be summarised and forwarded to you in due course. It will also be used to shape the strategic direction for our school. Goals for the development of our school in this area will be included in our Charter for 2020. We would like more help from you to shape our strategic direction. We are interested in your response to this question:

What values should we focus on that will help grow and sustain your child's Maori identity, language and culture?

Next Monday, 25 November, we look forward to celebrating *An Evening of Kapa Haka*. We will give you an opportunity to write your thoughts on Post It notes as a means of informally collecting this information.

Dates for 2020

The school planned to open on 7 February 2020, in keeping with our usual start dates. Our Kahui Ako, however, has agreed to making this date a Teacher Only Day therefore next year, we will not open for instruction until Monday, 10 February. Please make a note of this date so you can plan accordingly. The school holiday programme will run longer than it has in the past to accommodate this.

We will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday, 5 February so parents can come into school to meet their child's teacher, assist them in becoming familiar with their new learning space including bag hooks and toilet areas, and ensure their stationery is delivered to their teacher. This will be an informal introduction to the school year and parents are welcome to stay for as much or as little time as their child needs. We anticipate this process will help settle your child, ensuring they feel comfortable and excited about starting the new school year. More information about this will come home closer to the end of the year.

Walkathon

The draw for the two l pads for those students who raised more than \$30 in sponsorship money, will be made at our School Assembly on Friday, 6 December. To be included in the draw please return all monies to the school office as soon as possible.

Woodwind and Brass Performance

Parents are welcome to attend a short music performance from our woodwind and brass students on Wednesday, 20 November at 1:30pm. This year we are being joined by the Mahurangi College Ka Hui Ako band which some of our senior students attend. We look forward to hearing them perform and playing some joint items together. If your child has shown interest in learning a musical instrument this would be a great chance to come along and see what it is all about. The itinerant teachers will be available to talk to briefly after the performance. For more information contact Chris James 021 102 6466 or Jackie Niccolls 021 251 0058.

Mahurangi College Closed - Teacher Only Day

Please be advised that Mahurangi College will be closed Friday, 22 November for a Teacher Only Day. 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.

Lost Property

The best place to start is your child's Community but there is also Lost Property stored in the Junior Hall. You are welcome to sift through at any time. Fully named items are regularly returned to their owners.

Sports Uniforms

Can we please have all sports uniforms back to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Rodney Life Education Trust

Rodney Life Education Trust is a charitable organisation delivering health lessons around nutrition, relationships, identity and resilience and substances to primary and intermediate schools in Rodney. Selling Promotional items helps to do this. Thanks for your support.

Cee and Harold



Kia ora

Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 20 November	Lucky Book orders close
Wednesday 20 November	Positive Puberty Parent Meeting 5:30pm
Friday 22 November	Assembly 2:10pm
Friday 22 November	Teacher Only Day at College
Saturday 23 November	Pasifika Celebration 3pm
Friday 29 November	Sports Assembly

Community Notices

- **The Gypsy Fair** is a great day out for people of all ages, and entry is free!. The fair has something for everyone, handmade crafts of all types, many being made before your eyes, clothing, a unique obstacle bounce for the kids, awesome coffee, food, face painting, candy floss, music, virtual reality, and lots of good old fashioned toys and entertainment in the green. 23 - 24 November, Centreway Reserve, cnr Centreway and Riverside Rd, Orewa.
- **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
- **Wellsford Riding School** Are you looking for something different to do for a child's birthday or special occasion? I can offer a great venue with safe ponies to cuddle, brush and ride. Call or message for details. Marilyn 021 605 409
- **Warkworth Athletics** is being held at Shoesmith Domain on Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm to 7pm (6:15pm for Under 7's), commencing 13 November until 18 December 2019 (Christmas break) and recommencing 12 February through to 8 April 2020. Come along to our Have a Go / Registration evenings on 20 November.
- **Tots to Teens Magazine** What's in the latest issue? View online <http://issue1909a.totstoteens.co.nz/>

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