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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2, 22 October 2019



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Team Vector EPro8 Challenge 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing this newsletter in advance of Athletics Day, scheduled for today, but is weather dependent. Whether it is held today or Thursday, I wish to thank all parents for preparing their child for the separate disciplines that make up the day – sprints, shot put, discus, long jump and high jump and for having them well prepared with nutritious food and warm clothing to get through a day of activity in the blustery spring weather.

I would like to especially thank Mrs Nicole Callender, teachers and parents who rally together to set up for the day to ensure it runs smoothly and is enjoyable for everyone. Special thanks too, to the teacher aides who ensure students and adults are well cared for throughout the day. It is a team effort where the key dispositions of collaboration and cooperation ensure all students are able to participate successfully and have a satisfying experience. Thank you, team.

The results of all events will be available on the website as soon as possible.

Maori Whanau Hui

I would like to invite all parents of students who identify as Maori to a hui next Thursday, 31 October from 2:00pm – 2:50pm for afternoon tea. This is an informal hui for whanau to korero amongst themselves around the topic of:

What does Warkworth School currently do to grow and sustain the identity, language and culture of our tamariki as Maori?

What else could the school do to grow and sustain the identity, language and culture of our tamariki as Maori?

One of the goals of New Zealand education is to ensure Maori students achieve education success as Maori. Warkworth School takes this goal seriously and wish to further develop strategies to achieve the national goal, and your help is needed. Please make a note of this date and come along next week to join us for afternoon tea and a time to mix with Maori whanau to talk about this important topic. We look forward to seeing you then.

Vector EPro8 Challenge

Last Friday, 18 October, two teams of Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Vector EPro8 Challenge. The Year five team consisted of Remi Duchesnes, Indiana Schollum, Amy Ormrod and Asher Moore. Luke Matthews, Ashleigh Fox, Jayfu Li and Jacob Sager made up the Year 6 team. The students would like to thank Charlie Matthews for his help and support on the day. Below is an account of the day by Remi Duchesnes.

This year Warkworth School sent two teams to compete in the Vector EPro8 Challenge. EPro8 is a technology and engineering challenge that took place at Whangaparaoa School. There were four challenges to choose from. The Year 6 team, Nerds United, chose the Elevator. Whilst the Year 5 team, Technobots, went with the rat wheel. Unfortunately, neither of our teams placed in the top three, both tying in 10th place, but we still had a great time and learnt so much new information.

School App

A reminder that the school app is an effective and efficient way for the school to communicate with you, and for you to communicate with the school, in a timely manner. Remember to download the app onto your mobile phone. Click on this link <http://warkworthschool.apps.school.nz/share/> (or copy and paste it into your browser).

Orientation Day

Mahurangi College would like to invite all Year 6 students, enrolled for the start of 2020, to attend an Orientation Day on Wednesday, 13 November 2019 from 9:45am - 1:10pm. This will give them the opportunity to be introduced to the Year 7 teachers and students, have a guided tour around the College and play some fun sport, to help students feel more confident about their move to the College next year. Students are to meet in the old Gym at 9:45am, wearing appropriate clothing for playing sports (including a hat please). The canteen will be open for students wishing to purchase lunch. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Organisation 2020

Later this term, we will be preparing our school organisation for 2020. If you consider your child has specific learning needs that we need to be especially mindful of when arranging guardian groups for next year, please put this in writing to me with *Class Placements 2020* in the subject line. Please do not ask for a specific teacher as we are not able to accommodate such requests. Rather, we are able to, and give considerable thought to, accommodating specific learning needs. Written requests should be received by me by Friday 1 November.

Your PTA needs you

The Warkworth School PTA is a small group of parents who volunteer their time to run fundraising and social events for the school community e.g. fiesta, discos, book fair, walkathon etc. Over the past few years the PTA has donated over \$150,000 to the school which has been spent on new equipment and enhancing learning experiences and environments e.g. landscaping, outdoor play areas, dance/swimming/music teachers, kapa haka/sports uniforms, welfare fund, ipads, hall kitchen upgrade etc. Due to recent and upcoming resignations we desperately need new committee members, including a new secretary. The committee meets twice per term to plan and organise events and our next meeting is Tuesday 22 October, 7pm in the school staff room. Please either come along to the meeting or email pta@warkworth.school.nz for more information. Thanks.

Board of Trustees

The next Board meeting is on Wednesday, 30 October at 5:30pm in the Boardroom. These meetings are not public meetings, but meetings held in public so that members of the community can attend and observe the Board conduct their meeting. Speaking rights can be granted at the discretion of the Board. If you wish to have speaking rights at a future Board meeting, please email the Board Chairperson via the school office (office@warkworth.school.nz) at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Sun Smart

We are a Sun Smart school. All students and teachers must wear a sun smart hat this term. A sun smart hat is one with a wide brim or a legionnaires hat that protects the face, ears and neck. Caps are not permitted as they do not provide the protection required to be sun smart. Please ensure your child has a sun smart hat to wear. They can be purchased from the school office for \$13.50. Any plain, coloured hat that is sun smart may be worn provided it does not have any branding, logos, patterns or adornments.

Kia ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 22 October	PTA Meeting 7pm
Friday 25 October	Assembly 2:10pm
Monday 28 October	Labour Day - School Closed
Wednesday 30 October	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
Thursday 31 October	College early finish 1:10pm
Friday 1 November	Walkathon

Community Notices

- **Cultural Blues 2019 Showcase** presented by Mahurangi College. Join us for an evening of entertainment, art, dance, drama, music and culture. Wednesday 23 October in the Mahurangi College Auditorium at 7pm. Free entry.
- **Trick or Treat** at Warkworth War Memorial Library at 3:30pm, Thursday 31 October. Dress up in your Halloween costume and join us for some spooky Halloween stories, crafts and activities. Suitable for younger children. Talk to a librarian to find out more or phone (09) 427 3920 or visit aucklandlibraries.govt.nz
- **Junior Tennis** is available at the Kaipara Flats Sports Club. Lessons to start Friday 1 November for ages 5 to 18 years. Please contact kaiparaflatstennis@gmail.com to register your interest and payment information.
- **Summer Superstar Cricket** Muster Night Friday 1 November Kaipara Flats Cricket Club from 5:30pm. Juniors Years 1-4 and Seniors Years 5 - 8, Term 4 and Term 1 (2020). Come along if you are keen to join a team or email edges@outlook.co.nz for more info.
- **Indigo Workshop** Decorate your own summer clothing! We are 2, Year 6 girls at Warkworth School and have dyed clothes last summer and it was fun! The secret is: *Indigo*. A natural blue dye, originally used to dye blue jeans. We have asked the artist who ran the workshop last year to run it again and she said 'Yes, if we help' and we said "YES, we will". So, enrol in our indigo workshop on Saturday 2 November at 2pm in Warkworth. Wear old clothes, bring gloves and a white or light coloured piece of cotton, silk or rayon clothing and a big smile. Cost \$30 per person. Contact sjeasymail@gmail.com or 027 612 4093.

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