

# Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7, 26 November 2019



**Cover Photo:**

*An Evening of Kapa Haka 2019*

## Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last night was a most enjoyable *Evening of Kapa Haka* hosted by Mr Jason Hagger and his team of tutors, teachers and support whanau. Our *teina* (younger) group performed firstly, followed by our *tuakana* (older) group. At the end of each group's performance, the *pakeke* (adult) group performed much to the delight of the children and audience. It possibly indicated they could do with a bit more practice! It also highlighted the polished skill of our young performers.

Thank you, family and whanau of our performing groups for your ongoing support throughout the year and for the supper you so generously provided. Special thanks to Mr Jason Hagger as the lead teacher, to his team of tutors – Mahlia, Sandra, Gwen and Tarnz, and to the many teachers, teacher aides and family members who assisted on the night to make it such an enjoyable occasion.

## Maori Whanau Hui

Thank you to the many contributors to the recent hui we held. The ideas you put forward indicated five key themes where the school could do more – marae links and whakapapa, te reo Maori, tikanga Maori, Maori history, and teaching and learning resources. These key themes will help shape the annual goals for our Charter 2020.

We would like your thoughts on the next area of development for us as a school, and invite your response to this question – *What values should the school focus on to help grow and sustain your child's Maori identity, language and culture?* Please complete this form <https://forms.gle/QruVih8r1NT9RmT48> to add your ideas.

## Good News – No Donations or Activity Fees in 2020

The Board are pleased to announce that after consulting with families and reviewing all information relating to this matter, they have decided to opt in to the government scheme that guarantees to pay \$150 per student in lieu of the school asking for donations. The Government's offer is for one year only.

This means that for 2020, the school will not be asking parents for the school donation of \$100 or the activity fee of \$40. The Government's payment will cover the cost of those expenses previously met by the donation and activity fee. The school will not be asking for additional money from you with the exception of school camps and sporting trips.

## Bus Bay

We continue to receive complaints from the bus company and parents about those people who make this shared space unsafe for all users. We ask again that you please, DO NO PARK your car and leave it unattended in the bus bay. This week Auckland Transport and the Police will be conducting a review of the use of this space and have visited the site to view the actions of users of the bus bay. We sincerely hope that this will continue to be a shared use area – buses and private vehicles. We do rely on everyone's cooperation and especially ask that everyone obeys the rules that are displayed at the entrance to the bus bay.

## Music Matters

Well done to Hannah Davey, Isabella Johns, Ronan Corbett, Rita Eru, Ruby Peel, Brunon Chamberlain and Macy Rogers for the hard work you have put in preparing for the Combined Auckland Schools Concert Band (APPA) over the last 3 months. We wish you well with your performances at the Auckland Town Hall this Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Library Books

Library Stocktake is to begin next week and we would appreciate all library books returned as soon as possible and also any readers that may still be at home. From Monday there will be a container situated in the office foyer to drop off any books that don't make it back this week.

## Walkathon

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

## 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.

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

- **Quinn Taylor** for being adventurous in different aspects of your school life. You are becoming an independent and empowered learner.
- **Ellie Lambert** for being a helpful and thoughtful member of Community 1.
- **Talyn Watts** for having a positive attitude no matter the challenge. You always try your best and do it with a smile.
- **Boston Brodie** for showing kindness and empathy on our visit to Summerset Falls. You represented Warkworth School so well. Ka pai Boston.
- **Oliver Joule** for your enthusiasm and positive attitude in Reading. You have achieved your goal for this year and you can be extremely proud of yourself.
- **Toby Fulford** for your enthusiasm and willingness to take on board constructive feedback and ideas to improve your learning. You are an empowering learner.
- **Cecelina Rambande Dewage** for being a thoughtful and valued learner who is always ready to help others, and take responsibility for our learning environment.
- **Cooper Adams** for your vibrancy. You are always ready to leap into learning, no matter the challenge involved. Keep up that adventurous spirit.
- **Zoran Munro** for the way you soak up learning. You take one idea and turn it into another, greater idea. Your enthusiasm is inspiring.
- **Allie Duffy** for the positive contributions you are making to our learning in Community 3. We appreciate your willingness to share. We are proud of your growing confidence.
- **Nikhil McClintock** for many attributes: your consistency, kindness, patience and ability to problem-solve. You are a role model to many.
- **Summer He** for being a focused and collaborative learner who always gives 100% effort when working either independently or in groups.
- **Uebena Uereti** for being a confident, positive and great role model for your classmates.
- **Lily English-Waitoa** for striving to reach your goals and working hard this term in all learning areas.
- **Jude Kane** for being a confident and adventurous learner, who has embraced the opportunity to participate in the dance group, giving 100%.
- **Thomas Parker-Warner** for showing compassion towards others with your act of generosity last week. It was an excellent example of giving to others in need.
- **Matilda Martin** for showing perseverance and a great attitude in problem solving tasks which enabled you to have success.
- **Anika Norton** for feeling the fear and conquering it. Lovely to hear you speaking out.
- **Poppy Michels** for showing commitment to your learning of mathematics and perseverance to complete all tasks.
- **Harrison Barnes** for demonstrating enthusiasm and commitment when creating Technology prototypes. You assumed a leadership role within your group and encouraged collaboration.
- **Oliver Richards** for showing you are an adventurous and empowered learner throughout our Inquiry project. Your product is amazing. Ka Pai.
- **Alivia Boyle** for being a thoughtful learner, always considering the needs of others and for being an innovative learner, putting lots of effort into our inquiry learning this term.

Kia ora



Cynthia Holden  
Principal

Upcoming Events:	
Wednesday 27 November	C2/3 Tabloid Sports at WW Showgrounds
Wednesday 27 November	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
Friday 29 November	Sports Assembly
Tuesday 3 December	C1 End of Year Celebration
Tuesday 3 December	C2 Snells Beach Picnic Trip
Tuesday 3 December	C6 Rainbows End Trip
Tuesday 3 December	PTA Meeting 7pm Junior Staffroom



# Community Notices

- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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