

Our Purpose:

Nurturing ACTIVE learners

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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 3, 29 October 2019



Cover Photo:

Congratulations to our Senior Kapa Haka Roopu for their wonderful performance at the 2019 Kaipara Festival

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Warkworth School prides itself on delivering a broad curriculum, and last week was an example of that. While we accept that the core learning areas of reading, writing and mathematics are critical, equally important are learning experiences from other curriculum areas. Last week, all students experienced learning from the Health and Physical Education curriculum when they participated in Athletics, and those students from Year 5 and 6, keen on the performing arts, had the opportunity to perform at the Kaipara Festival. This is part of The Arts curriculum.

This week, all students will have further learning experiences from the Health and Physical Education when they participate in the Walkathon. We anticipate that they will embrace the opportunity to be physically active while engaging in the selfless act of raising money for the benefit of many other students. The money raised from this year's Walkathon will allow the school to purchase more digital devices as well as make progress on the development of the school grounds as an additional learning space. Digital technology is a mandatory strand of the Technology curriculum as of 2020, and the school is preparing to implement this effectively. To do this, more digital devices are required so your help with fundraising would be greatly appreciated.

Kaipara Festival

It was a proud moment for Warkworth School when the senior Kapa Haka Roopu performed at the Kaipara Festival. Their performance programme was beautifully choreographed and superbly executed. Our tamariki performed with heartfelt connection to each waiata. Comments I overheard, made by members of the audience, indicated that this was noticeable and appreciated by them also.

Sincere thanks must go to the tamariki themselves, who have spent many hours learning and practicing the programme and to you, parents and caregivers for your ongoing support. I would like to especially thank the lead tutor, Mr Jason Hagger, for coordinating a team of tutors who worked together to put together the performance programme – Matua Mahlia, Whaea Sandra, Whaea Gwen and Ms Natana-Weller (Ms T) who were ably supported by teachers – Mrs Emma Edwards, Mrs Jenny Shires and Mrs Nicole Callender.

Walkathon

The weather looks promising for this Friday when the Walkathon is scheduled to take place. Please use this last week to actively seek donations and pledges to support our fundraising. Everyone who raises \$30 or more will go into the draw to win one of two iPads – one for senior students and one for junior students. Seniors will depart school at 9:15am and Juniors depart at 11:00am. We are also happy to announce that NX2 (Northern Express Group who in partnership with NZTA are managing the Puhoi to Wellsford road project), have kindly offered to supply and distribute ice blocks to all students once they have completed the Walkathon. Thank you NX2 for your generosity. Parents and caregivers are invited to join us for the walk and we welcome your company for this most enjoyable experience.

Maori Whanau Hui

A reminder to please help us with your suggestions about how we can be more culturally responsive for our Maori tamariki by attending the hui this Thursday from 2:00pm – 2:50pm in the Junior hall. Please come for afternoon tea and talk with others informally about the following topics:

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

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

It is anticipated that for the majority of the time you will be able to enjoy the whanaungatanga generated by the korero with other Maori parents and caregivers. That way, you can develop some ideas to pass onto us about what else the school can do to grow and sustain your tamariki in their Maori identity, language and culture. I very much look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

School Athletics

Congratulations to all our students for participating in another wonderful school Athletics day. We had lots of fun and many students were able to meet their goals and strive for excellence. Thank you to all our parent helpers who gave up their time on the day and to the fabulous Mahurangi College students who came to help out. Please see our website for results.

Mahurangi College Early Finish

Please be advised that Mahurangi College will be closing early at 1:10pm pm this Thursday, 31 October. Therefore College-only buses will not run in the afternoon. This will also mean most bus children will arrive home earlier than usual (approx. 10 minutes). More details will go home with bus children this afternoon.

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

- **Brooklyn Saunders-White** for demonstrating the **ACTIVE** learner values in his everyday learning.
- **Blake Appollis** for showing enthusiasm for learning and always asking questions.
- **Lacey Richards** for demonstrating innovative thinking with her original ideas.
- **Japhi Ly** for consistently doing the right thing at the right time, you are a fantastic role model for others. Your sense of humour has started shining through this term and it is a pleasure to have you in Community 2.
- **Eden Kane** for your positive attitude towards our writing activities and doing your best work each day. You use capital letters, fullstops, exclamation marks and this week learned how to use speech marks. Wonderful effort Eden.
- **Natalia Munro** for being an empowered learner who always asks questions in order to accelerate your knowledge and learning.
- **Jacob Knapp** for his focused approach towards his writing, trying hard to write words he is unsure of including onomatopoeia.
- **Atauea Airam** for the way you value your learning. You are determined to achieve your personal best.
- **Hunter Meredith** for your curiosity and innovative mind. Thank you for the contributions you make to our learning.
- **Daisy Auber** for taking the initiative to ask questions about how you can keep moving forward with your learning.
- **Levi Cumiskey** for having the confidence to contribute to group discussions and for becoming more of an independent learner. We enjoy your voice Levi, keep it up.
- **Lachlan Henry** for being a focused learner who is working hard in all learning areas.
- **Naethan Gambling** for being an adventurous learner at Athletics by giving nearly everything a go.
- **Jaya Patelsio-Robertson** for being a focused and collaborative learner who always gives 100% effort when working either independently or in groups.
- **Jacob Tapp** for being a thoughtful learner and always looks for ways to be helpful in the classroom.
- **Emma Van Bakel** for being a thoughtful learner who persists when things get difficult.
- **Bobbie Roberts** for showing initiative and responding to things that need to be done and also expressing your well thought out ideas during class discussions.
- **Jackson Adams** for showing persistence to solve challenging mathematical problems and develop greater understanding.
- **Carys Carlaw** for being a focused learner who completes tasks with care, and within the time set. You are a positive role-model for your peers!
- **Millie John** for being a thoughtful learner by showing kindness toward your peers and always making the right choices.
- **Max Kane** for being an innovative learner, thinking about things in depth and sharing insightful ideas. A fantastic start to the term Max.

Kia ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:

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| Thursday 31 October | Maori Whanau Hui 2pm |
| Thursday 31 October | College early finish 1:10pm |
| Friday 1 November | Walkathon |
| Wednesday 6 November | Interschool Athletics |

Community Notices

- **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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