

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8, 3 December 2019



Cover Photo:

HBC Athletics Medal Winners

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was a pleasure to host so many parent helpers at a morning tea yesterday. We sincerely appreciate your help with the various activities that take place at our school that makes it such a vibrant learning place. The teachers were pleased to be able to acknowledge your valued contribution by providing the food for the occasion. Miss Amy prepared a group of Year 4 and a group of Year 5 students who put on a dance item, and Mrs Sonya Lewis prepared a group of Year 6 students who performed two items from their musical production, ACTIVE. Our grateful thanks to all parent helpers this year.

School Donations 2020

While there is no requirement to pay the activity fee or make a donation next year, we have been delighted with the response from parents who have asked if they could continue making a donation because they value the variety of curriculum opportunities the school provides and would like to see this continue. The answer is yes, you can still make a donation if you wish to because donations are voluntary. Remember, you can claim back the tax from the amount you donate which is great for you as well as the school.

This year, we budgeted to receive donations and activity fees and would be grateful to receive all money due. Thank you.

Camp Fees 2020

The Board has set the cost of camp fees at a fixed rate of \$85 per night for each of the camps. The difference between this amount and the actual cost of the camp will be met by grants from charities and Board contributions. This means that in 2020, the cost for camp will be:

- Community 4 - \$85 for a one-night camp in Term 2
- Community 5 - \$170 for a two-night camp in Term 1
- Community 6 - \$255 for a three-night camp in Term 2

Please be aware that this amount needs to be paid prior to your child going on camp. If you would like to set up an automatic payment now to spread the cost over a period of time, please speak to our office personnel who are happy to assist you with this.

Congratulations - Mrs Suzanne Donovan Skeens

We extend our congratulations to Mrs Donovan Skeens who has won a secondment position as Acting Principal at Ahuroa School from 30 March 2020 till the end of the school year, while the current principal is on study leave. We are delighted for Suzanne that she is able to gain valuable experience from this leadership opportunity. Ahuroa School will benefit from the comprehensive skillset she will bring to the school.

Meanwhile, Warkworth School will cover her position in much the same way as her position was covered this year while I was on sabbatical leave - by providing leadership opportunities for our team leaders and other teachers within our school to fulfil her role and work on specific projects. Suzanne is due to return to her position in 2021.

School Organisation 2020

Senior Leadership Team - Cynthia Holden, Suzanne Donovan Skeens, Maxine Hatfull, Josie Hagger

Community 1 - Deb Jollivet (Leader), Trisha Quinn, Dianne Barnes

Community 2 - Kirstie Holbutt (Leader), Amber-Jade Turner, Amy Williams, Tamara Berrington-Hume

Community 3 - Jen Gray (Leader), Vickie Nelson, Brooke Mitchell

Community 4 - Chris Mason (Leader), Louise McMahon, Tania Natana-Weller

Community 5 - Kirstin Crocome (Leader), Hayley Douglas, Ashley Chewens (newly appointed teacher)

Community 6 - Josie Hagger (Leader, without a class), Jenny Shires, Jason Hagger, teacher yet to be appointed

Learning Support Co-ordinator - Whaea Donna

Part-time teachers - Jane Hopkins, Nicole Callender, Fleur Leabourn

Class placements for next year are currently a work in progress. Please be assured that the teachers spend a lot of time making careful placements to enable every learner to achieve success in their learning and personal development.

Term Dates 2020

Please note the following dates for your 2020 calendar:

Term 1: Mon 10 February - Thurs 9 April (Good Friday 10 April)

Term 2: Tues 28 April - Fri 3 July (Anzac Day 27 April, Queen's Birthday 1 June)

Term 3: Mon 20 July - Fri 25 September (Teacher-only day across the Kahui Ako on Mon 31 August)

Term 4: Mon 12 October - Frid 18 December (Labour Day 26 October, Teacher-only day across the Kahui Ako on Fri 20 November)



School Assembly - Art Panels revealed

This Friday, we wish to reveal the art panels that were developed throughout the year and acknowledge everyone who contributed, including those who worked more closely on the finished panels with the artist, Anna Evans. Please accept this as an invitation to attend this significant occasion.

The Walkathon draw for two winners of an iPad will also take place at this assembly. Community 2 will host the assembly and present their item of learning. It is a full assembly and will start at the earlier of 2.00pm. Please join us.

Cans for Christmas

Our annual *Cans for Christmas* Mufti Day will be held this **Thursday, 5 December**. Students can wear mufti on the day if they bring a can of food to donate to the local food bank for distribution to needy families over Christmas.

Mall in the Hall!

Don't forget to visit the *Mall in Hall* between 2:00-4:00pm this Thursday to peruse the wares handmade by Communities 1, 3 and 6. Christmas decorations, baking, jewellery, cards and much more will be available to purchase and all proceeds will be donated to charity.

Art Exhibition

Community 4 are holding an Art Expo from 2:00-4:00pm also on Thursday. Please come and admire the children's artwork. Any purchases of artwork will also be donated to charity.

Congratulations to our HBC Athletics Medal Winners (pictured front cover)

Last Tuesday, 28 of our students headed to Metro Park in Millwater to attend the HBC Athletics competition. We had a very successful day winning the Overall Best Year 6 Team Trophy and winning 17 medals across the teams. Thank you to all our parent helpers who assisted on the day. For full results please click this link (or copy and paste into your browser) <http://www.warkworth.school.nz/Portals/Main/WWPrimary/Sport/HBC%20Athletics%20Results-Warkworth%202019%20%281%29.pdf>

Tabloid Sports

Last Wednesday, all of our Community 2 and 3 students joined other local schools' at the Warkworth Showgrounds for Tabloid Sports. The children had a great day going around to the stations and joining in with all the other children. Thank you to our Year 6 Sports students who went along and helped out on the day.

Kia ora



Cynthia Holden
Principal

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 3 December	PTA Meeting 7pm Jnr Staffroom
Thursday 5 December	Cans for Christmas Mufti Day
Thursday 5 December	C4 Art Expo
Thursday 5 December	Mall in the Hall
Friday 6 December	Walkathon Prize Draw at Assembly (2pm)
Friday 6 December	Reveal of Art Panels at Assembly (2pm)
Friday 6 December	Carols in the Park 6pm

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
- **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
- **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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