



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We hope everyone in the community is recovering from the torrential rain last weekend and have not received too much damage. There were certainly some major areas of flooding and a lot of material moved around by the water. While the school has good run off and suffered no damage, we know some areas were not so lucky. R8 tech was cancelled as their teacher was flooded in and specialist teachers are difficult to replace.

The term is disappearing quickly with Easter and the end of the term fast approaching.

We are having a few more families isolating and students testing positive after having been infectious at school, so please remain vigilant with regards to keeping students home if they are feeling unwell and testing regularly. Fortunately, it is only a few families currently and we are advising you of rooms that have had students in them who have tested positive.

We would like to welcome the following new students and their families who have started with us since our last newsletter: -Brooklyn and Mason Tarawa.

Y7/8 POOR KNIGHTS TRIP:

Our Y7/8 students are off to the Poor Knights with Dive Tutukaka next Tuesday 29 March. This will be part of their EOTC experience this year with further activities currently being planned for early Term 2. The Poor Knights visit includes an opportunity for students to get in the water and swim with the fish in the reserve. They can also use paddle boards and other floatation devices if needed or just share the experience from the boat. We know it will be a great day but is weather dependent, though currently the long term forecast is okay. We had a large number of parents offering to help on the day and unfortunately are not able to take everyone due to cost and number limits. Parents who are going have been contacted and a second letter sent out to everyone. Dive Tutukaka will provide wetsuits and snorkeling gear for students and adults as needed. There will be a further reminder notice home before the trip. We know there will be some disappointed parents but hope you will be able to help in the future. If you have questions about your child's participation, please contact their teacher.

SWIMMING:

This is the final week of swimming for the term with the pool closing to the community after the weekend. The pool has been heated for school swimming to a warm 24 degrees! If you have bought a key to use the pool over the summer, please return this to the school office. There is a \$5 refund for keys returned before the end of term.

JUNIOR SCHOOL TRY-ATHLON:

Last Friday our junior Y0-3 students participated in a skip, swim, run triathlon and received a medal for their efforts. The medals were kindly donated from Sport Northland as a result of cancelled Covid events – and the students certainly enjoyed wearing them with pride for their efforts.



COVID 19 UPDATE:

The changes announced yesterday mean that from Monday parents and whanau are able to come on site and are not required to wear a mask outside. Masks are still required indoors for adults and Y5-8 students, including on buses. There is also no requirement to scan in, however we will leave our QR codes in place. If you are coming into the school, you do need to check in at the office unless it is to drop off or pick up at the start or end of the day. For safety reasons we need to have a record of who is on site. Non vaccinated parents and whanau will now be able to volunteer for school events and everyone will be able to attend school events that are outside, without limits. End of day transport arrangements will continue as normal and car students will go to the gate as they do currently. Parents who are waiting to collect are able to wait inside the school grounds, which should free up the pick up area in the carpark, but students still need to check out with the monitors or a teacher when leaving. We will keep everyone advised of any further changes if required.

A big thank you to our school community for abiding by the rules over the last couple of years.

BETTER START LITERACY PROGRAMME:

Thank you to those R5 and 12 parents and whanau that attended the meeting last Monday sharing information about the new programme. While there was a bit of background information we hope you found it worthwhile.

NETBALL:

The opportunity to play 'Saturday' netball for the school has been made available with starting dates next term. Information was given to interested students and we have had quite a good response. Some age groups will play on week nights also. It is great to see the interest and for students to have the opportunity to play, however this can only happen with support from parents to coach, manage and umpire if needed. ***We know there are parents with the skills but we need you to step up and help support teams, as currently there are very few offers to help.***

LINEWIZE COMMUNITY MEETING:

Next Tuesday 29 March at 7pm the Linewize team are hosting a zoom to share how you can support your children's online digital journey. They have developed a robust online incident management and harm prevention process that shares evidence-based student data with pastoral care teams to empower us to take action aligned with school policy, duty of care and wellbeing obligations. Wrapped

around this process is harm prevention through education and community engagement.

Please register using the links below and participate in the zoom meeting that is being held especially for our community. Once registered you will be emailed a zoom link for the session - Pauline Spence from Linewize will be hosting it. We know there have been issues around inappropriate use of social media, gaming etc and this is a great way for you to support your children and also set up systems that can keep them safe. It is something that has been requested by the community but has been delayed due to current restrictions. **The registration link for the session is https://familyzone.zoom.us/join/register/WN_NNdKghNuTTmWago324iyWQ.**

WELLBEING SURVEY:

Last year our students were involved in an online survey to determine how they were managing with information analysed and given to schools to determine areas of wellbeing to focus on. This term we will be getting our Y3-8 students to repeat the survey on line to gather comparative data and see if we have made a difference. This survey is being completed by all schools in the Whangarei Kahui Ako Cluster and will allow focused PD for staff in how best to support students in our school.

SCHOOL AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students who have received school awards for their achievement and attitude especially in relation to our school values:

Liam Hawkins - For your outstanding start to the year and positive attitude towards all aspects of school.

Avery Morgan - For your caring attitude and being such a great role model.

Gabby Trask - For working hard to achieve her goals.

Corbin Ferguson - Always striving to do his best in everything he does!

Chloe Cliff - An amazing support to staff and classmates. Fantastic attitude towards learning.

Alexa Vollenhoven - For having an outstanding attitude to learning.

Jacob Spratt - Having a positive attitude towards new learning. Well done stepping out of that comfort zone.

HIGHEST NEEDS REVIEW:

The Government is undertaking a review as part of its commitment to ensuring all children can access high quality education and receive the support they need, when they need it and for as long as they need it. This is about students who are eligible for Ongoing Resourcing funding (ORS), In Class Learning Support, behaviour support etc. If you would like to have your say please go to the link: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/highest-needs-review/>



RURAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION:

The Whangarei South Rotary Club is hosting a photographic competition for Y1-6 (action) and Y7-10 (sand patterns) closing Friday 13 May.

PTA NEWS

Next meeting is Monday 4th April at 7pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

29th March	Yr 7/8 Poor Knight Trip
29th March	Linewize Community Zoom
4th April	PTA Meeting
14th April	Last day of Term 1 & Easter
2nd May	First day of Term 2
8th April	Junior Wheels Day
13th April	Senior Wheels Day
Term 2	School Photos (Postponed from T1)

WRITERS TOOLBOX:

Teachers have recently participated in professional development looking at paragraphing within writing.



ROOM 3 WRITING

The Night Time Rustle by Samara Gillespie

I was sound asleep when a clap of thunder came. I was so scared. I looked out of my window in surprise and I saw.....

My cat and dog paddling in the water!!!

I was still terrified so I asked my mum if I could sleep in her bed, she said "Yes" so I got in and I hugged her with all my might and fell asleep.

In the morning I went for a walk with mum. I saw big blue puddles and little waterfalls. They were so cool.

When we got back up to the house I tried to watch TV. I watched TV, I was frustrated as it was not working!

The Crazy Night by Violet Fraser

I was sound asleep in my cozy bed when suddenly BOOM!!!

The clouds clapped, the growling thunder's greyness filled the sky.

My whole house vibrated and the power went out for a second or two. I was still asleep but I heard it, it was so LOUD!

I woke up at exactly 7.30am, shocked. I went in the lounge turned on the TV (once I did my stuff). I watched the live event on Fortnite. I saw a quick flash outside, it was pelting down. When it was calm again everyone was awake and then we went to school.

Everyone was talking about how crazy it was!

I was playing outside on the swing with Isi and Ayla. They said both of their houses were flooded with water, I told them my DRIVEWAY was a RIVER!!

Which is not a lie at all.

REMINDERS:

Y7/8 Immunisation forms: Don't forget to complete and return for the District Health Nurse.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Maunu Hockey Club Registrations now open: All ages and abilities welcome. Please fill in the form on the Maunu Hockey Club Facebook page, or email maunuhockey@gmail.com before the end of Term 1 to register your interest. Games start early May.

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