



Kia ora Parents and Whanau

It was really good to have our school community involved and onsite last week for our school Hāngi and Kapa Haka/Matariki sharing. It is a long time since family and whanau have been able to come into classes and see the wonderful work our students have been doing. We had an excellent turn out of supporters – the number surprised Matua Shane our Kapa Haka and Te Reo tutor, who thought we had put out too many chairs! While the weather was not okay for an outside performance, it did clear for community to be able to move around the rooms and collect their hāngi lunch.

This week is the last week of Term 2, which has been an interesting one with high numbers of students and staff absent. While numbers absent are increasing again with flu and tummy bugs, we hope the term break will provide a time to recuperate and we can have all students back at the start of Term 3 on Monday 25 July.

Welcome to our new pupils Harley-Rose Dwyer-Chaplin and Elliot Lawson.

WELLNESS UPDATE

Please keep monitoring students and if they present as unwell please keep them home. With talk of an increase in Covid cases again and high flu numbers, it is important we remain vigilant. Masks at school and in the community are recommended for older students to help prevent infection, however they are not compulsory at present. We do have a good supply of masks for students to wear at school and these are available in the classrooms for those that want them. Hopefully we will not need to move to different levels again, but we can make sure we keep ourselves as well as possible in the future until our resilience builds up again.

SCHOOL AWARDS:

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

Willow Davidson - Your responsible, kind and caring attitude towards others is amazing.

Holly-Grace Duffy - For supporting others with their learning.

Xavier Kuindersma - Being an active listener and applying his mathematical knowledge.

Nate Barrell - For starting "Step Up" in class, showing leadership and taking responsibility for your learning.

Raelene Tucker - For your great attitude towards your learning and being a super role model.

Tyler Mills - For having a great attitude in learning and is supportive towards others.

AGRICULTURE DAY ASSEMBLY

A Notice has been shared about our Ag Day assemblies which were held today. We hope everyone will take the opportunity to participate fully in the day, especially by rearing an Ag Day animal. Students shared how they have looked after their animals and prepared them for Ag Day – the joy they get from having an animal and the relationship that develops with them. For those that are not able to have an animal there are alternatives, including gardens and creative art activities. Information relating to the different sections and what can be done have been shared. A reminder our Lamb Daycare will be open next term when needed for lambs and kids who require feeding during the day. Students are able to bring their animals to school and feed them as required until they are old enough to get through the day without a feed. We do have older students helping with this to ensure they are getting the right amount of food etc. This does help working families support animals for Ag Day until they no longer need feeds during the school day.

SCHOOL OPEN DAY HĀNGI - THURSDAY 30 JUNE

Thank you to everyone that helped support the fundraising hāngi with food, a contribution toward meat and helping out on the day. A special thank you to Barbara Burt for making the stuffing balls again this year – this is the third time she has supplied them. We also really appreciated the work of parents and grandparents Paul Neumann and Bruce Pilcher for their excellent hāngi cooking skills. This year we had kai cookers from the Taimahi Trust and Mangakahia Area School as well as family owned ones. There were a great team of parent helpers supporting our Y5/6 vegetable peelers and cutters on Wednesday, then packing the hāngi with an early start Thursday morning, and getting it out after cooking. We hope everyone enjoyed their kai. We sold around 260 hāngi and raised about \$3000 to support the Y5/6 camp next year and also the Y7/8 EOTC week. Thanks to Matua Shane for helping keep everyone entertained while we were waiting for the hāngi to be served. It was also good to see our Kapa Haka group in action with him and the work he is doing across the school with all levels. The focus has been about Matariki and the importance of all the stars in relation to the Maori New Year.

ROOM 1 R TUCKER THOMPSON VISIT

We hope the group of parents supporting Room 1's visit to the R Tucker Thompson enjoyed it as much as the students. They had the opportunity to raise the sails and spent time looking around the boat and finding out its size, history etc. They also had a look at the ball clock at the town basin.



WRITERS TOOLBOX

During the term students have been learning about paragraphs in writing and how to use them well. They have especially focused on 'lawyer paragraphs' where they have had to make a statement and then support that statement with some facts. This has especially been a focus in the middle and senior school and is a good lead in to speech writing next term for the Year 7/8 classes. Writing a supportive argument for their point of view using lawyer paragraphs will provide them with a great skill to use. Sentence trains are just that – trains with carriages that are used to write a sentence with a 'who' and 'do' for the juniors that are then expanded by adding extra carriages – details. You will read reference to our writing tools in the reports at the end of the term.

TERM 3 FOCUS

Next term our focus will be to create a school production that we can all participate in – either as actors, singers and performers or back stage supporters. It is an excellent opportunity to allow our students who are strong in the arts to 'fly high', as well as everyone participating in some way to create a performance for others. This highlights the Arts curriculum and will include a week of dance tuition and fun for students. We have been auditioning those interested in lead roles and they will have a copy of the script to begin to practice over the term break if they want. Our production dates are 21/22 September. This year's production is what was planned for last year, with a focus on countries around the world – Around the World We Go! As with any area of the curriculum, we have some students with strengths and some who struggle. However it is about doing our best and learning and improving as we go through time to build to the end creation. We learn to build resilience by trying new activities and getting involved in things we are not so confident in.

School Cross country: Term 3 is also our cross country focus term, with all students beginning training from the start of next term. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are running days with students running in groups according to their initial speed/choice. Their goal is to improve their distance and time over the 5 weeks of training leading up to our school cross country and then the interschool cross-country event at Barge Park. As with any learning, cross country is also about building our resilience to improve on our ability and push ourselves to do better, even in things that are not a strength and therefore not so enjoyable. We want our students to have the attitude to try things that are hard, something we all have to do in life. We are all able to do this and all students are supported and encouraged through the process. If there are genuine reasons a student cannot participate please send a note or contact their teacher.

MID-YEAR REPORTS/PARENT STUDENT CONFERENCES

A reminder that all students will be receiving a midyear report on their effort and achievement during the first half of the year at the end of term. Please check your child's bag on the last day of term, as reports should be in envelopes addressed to parents. Parents and whanau have the opportunity next term to discuss the report, their children's progress and achievement with teachers in week 2 of next term on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th July. Bookings for interviews, which will be for 15 minutes, can be made online with information being shared today also. The online booking site will be available from tomorrow. On the Thursday school will finish at 1pm to allow conferences to start at 1.15pm. Buses will run at the earlier time and after school care will also start earlier.

REMINDERS

Lost Property: This will be collected and sent to a charity organisation if not claimed before the end of term.

BOT ELECTIONS

This year is the triannual Board of Trustee election of parent representatives. Nomination forms have been emailed home and emailed to all eligible parents. Nominations close by 12 noon on 3 August. At this stage all of our current parent representatives on our Board have indicated they will stand again for the 5 eligible places. If we receive more than 5 nominations an election will be held in September. The form clearly outlines who is/is not eligible to be nominated.

PTA NEWS

The PTA have organised a fundraising film event for families this weekend. Tickets have been sold and information shared with those attending. Some parents are attending with their children and there will be some adults there to supervise students that are being dropped off. This was a good opportunity to hold an easy fundraiser and has been well supported.

ART BY ROOM 9



SCHOOL PHOTOS

We managed to hold these around hāngi preparation and other activities last week. We hope all families had their group family photos as required. Order forms will arrive after the term break once we have received them from the photographers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Term 3 start** – 25 July
- 26 July** – WBHS visit Y8
- 28 July** – Tauraroa band visit
- 2 August** – WGHS visit Y8
- 3 August** – Parent/student conferences 3.30-6pm
- 4 August** – Parent/student conferences 1.15-7pm
- 4 August** – WBHS open evening 4.30pm
- 5 August** – Tauraroa Open Day

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