



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We hope everyone had a good term break. The weather was not the best, but many families obviously managed to get away and see other parts of the country and beyond. Term 3 will see us creating some great learning experiences for our students with an Olympics Day and then our school production in Week 9 on 22/23 September.

We are also building up to our Agriculture Day with many students starting to take care of animals. Our Lamby Day Care is open for families with young lambs or goats while they need feeding during the day.

The new term has brought several new families and students to our school also – we would like to welcome them and hope they enjoy their time here.

Miss Rylee Lee, a trainee teacher has returned and is working in R8 for the next 5 weeks also.

During the term break, a new cable from the Montrose box to the main switch board was installed. This means our power system is back to full strength and we can run our boiler for heating Rooms 1-5 again. Hopefully it will be the last power issue we face for a long time!

Welcome to our new pupils: Bennet Gillingham, Kody & Xanthe Wiseman, Ryder Davis, Ever-Maria Davidson, Fiona Rush, Karlie Gu and Harper McDonald.

OLYMPICS DAY

On Tuesday 3 August (weather permitting) we are holding a school Olympic Day. Students will be in whanau group countries and compete in a range of fun Olympic activities to gain points for their country. They will also get points for upholding the Olympic Oath. We will hold an opening and closing ceremony. The opening ceremony will begin at 9.50am, then a break for morning tea. Sporting activities will begin at 10.50am and continue through until 2.20pm. We will have a brief closing ceremony and medal presentation to follow. Parents and whanau are welcome to come in at any time. Students will be placed in the same country as their siblings.

NB. If anyone has a scooter they could lend for the day for one of the activities, please contact the school office.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Next week on 4/5 August we will be holding conference times with parents and students. Information has been sent home at the start of the week relating to how to book your interviews online. If you have any difficulty, please contact the school office and they will help you. This term interviews are 15 minutes to allow time to discuss the midyear report, ask any questions, share relevant work and set learning goals for the second half of the year. It is good to have students present at these conferences especially in the senior school. This enables parents and school to work together to support our students in their learning and have positive expectations of them. If you have any questions relating to the work shared using the Seesaw App or want support with this, please make time to talk about this also.

Update of Information: At parent conferences this year, teachers will be asking families to check the information we currently have relating to addresses, contact details and medical information. Please check this and correct any information where required. We will then be able to update our school records, as often it becomes out of date and we can find it difficult to contact families when required.

Please note school will close at 12.50pm on Thursday. Buses will run at 1pm and after school care will be available from 1pm -

5.45pm also. As lunch eating is at the end of the break students will not need lunch unless they are in afterschool care.

SEESAW SHARING

Last term we trialed an online digital portfolio using the Seesaw app. This involved sharing students' individual work with their parents showing reading, writing and maths plus other activities in action in the classroom. The school is currently reviewing this for the future. Teachers will continue to share activities and work they are doing in class on a more informal basis.

Y7/8 SCIENCE FAIR

Our Y7/8 students have had their science fair projects judged and shared with their classes. Teachers are now in the process of deciding on finalists to be entered into the Northland Science Fair beginning Monday 23 August. All the students work will be on display in the library next week during parent conference times, so please go and have a look at what they have discovered and achieved while you are waiting for conferences or after them. Students, families and teachers have put considerable time, learning and effort into their science projects with some very interesting results.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOCUS

Our short school assemblies on Monday and Wednesday mornings are run by our Y7/8 students and have generally focused on our school rules and what behaviour looks like to show these. This term we have changed the focus to reflect our school values of Respect/Manaakitanga, Responsibility/Kawenga, and Pride/Mana. We have incorporated the use of 'gambits' which are positive statements to acknowledge what students have done and 'cheers' that acknowledge and celebrate the action, behaviour or achievement. This week the focus has been on the gambit 'You are awesome' and the cheer 'grate, grate, grate'. This is demonstrated with the action of grating cheese to acknowledge the great job that has been achieved. Please ask your children about the Gambits and Cheers they are focusing on during the week and join in at home. Our aim is for students to recognise other students

who are doing awesome things that reflect our values and acknowledge them in the process.

Y8 STUDENTS SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Term 3 is the time that our local secondary schools visit our school to talk to our Y8 students about their schools and provide information about their programmes for parents, dates for open days etc. Tuesday we had WBHS visit and Tauraroa has provided all Y8 students with information. WGHS is visiting next Thursday and we usually have a visit from Huanauai. It can be a difficult decision for some families, but it is important that you take the time to match your child with the school. Read the information, attend the open days/evenings of the schools you are looking at and ask any questions you have. While we are happy to support transition to secondary school, ultimately parents need to make the decision about the best fit for your child.

WBHS Open Evening - Thursday 5th August from 4.30pm

WGHS Open Evening - Thursday 12th August from 5.30pm

Tauraroa Open Day - Wednesday 4th August.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our PE focus for the first half of the term is cross country running. Our Y3-8 students will be running 3 days per week – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – to develop their stamina for our school cross country event in week 5. Our juniors will also be involved but their training and run is obviously not as far. Over the next few weeks students will build up their distance stamina. Teachers are placed at key points on the run and several of our staff are running with the students also. Students can bring running gear to change into, especially if they are in uniform. We are very aware that this event can be a challenge for some students, but they are encouraged to be involved at their own level and set their goals to increase their own ability over the time. If there are genuine reasons your child can not participate please send a note or message to their teacher. Challenging ourselves to complete difficult tasks does help to build our resilience and belief.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TALENT QUEST

Congratulations to all our talent quest finalists for their awesome efforts last term. There was some excellent talent on display especially in singing and we hope to be able to share this talent during our production this term. The winners were: Lia Neumann, Layla Ware & Dilan Brown

Y7/8 CAMP FUNDRAISER

A huge acknowledgement for the awesome food shared at the cake stall at the end of last term. The fundraiser made \$974.40 for the Y7/8 camp funds 2022.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Liam Fitzpatrick Rm10 - For making your learning happen and especially trying hard in reading.

Chloe Cliff Rm13 - Fantastic achievement in maths, reading and writing in Term 2. All round stand out superstar.

Matthew Taylor-Moore Rm1 - Completed Reading Recovery and really applying himself in all learning opportunities.

Nicolai Hansen Rm11 - For having a positive attitude towards his learning and working super hard in his writing.

Finn Young Rm1 - A really switched on learner in Room 1. A great role model.

Blake Railton Rm5 - For a great attitude to his learning.

TERM CALENDAR

Tues 03 Aug	-	Olympics Day
Wed 04 Aug	-	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thur 05 Aug	-	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thu 12 Aug	-	Mathex Yr 5-8
Fri 13 Aug	-	Yr 7/8 Youth Summit
Wed 25 Aug	-	Cross Country

REMINDERS

End of Day Pick Ups and Communication - If there have been changes to end of day arrangements for this term please notify the school office by 1.30pm.

Agriculture Day - Ag Day entry forms have been sent home to all students. Please return these by tomorrow, Friday. We are aware that some families are struggling to find lambs so if anyone has connections please let us know.

PTA - The next PTA meeting is Monday 9 August.

School Lunches - Lunch Online. Lunch orders available on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Board of Trustees Meeting - Next BOT meeting is 7pm Wednesday 18 August.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our Admin staff member Jordan Barlow. Jordan got married during the term break in the South Island and has returned Jordan Edwards. Unfortunately the South won them over and they are now moving to Christchurch, so we are currently advertising for a new admin person!

ROOM 8 WORK



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By Jamie Neumann

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Cyber Safety Evening - At Hurapaki Primary School Hall. Go to www.ourkidsonline.co.nz to book tickets.

Maungatapere School Office Administrator position - Applications close Monday 16th August. Please email Covering Letter and CV with at least 2 references to office@maungatapere.school.nz

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