



*Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!*

## Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Our school is very appreciative of our community support for our teacher only day last Monday. The day enabled teachers to focus on their students and the curriculum reporting requirements for each. The curriculum assessment that teachers have been completing with students' enables the school to look at overall achievement across the school and also at individual achievement. The individual assessment is then used by teachers for midyear reporting to parents, combined with students work and effort in the classroom. This involves considerable time and having a targeted day certainly helps.

This weekend is Queen's Birthday – we hope families enjoy the break from work and sport, as most codes do not play over the long weekend.

Welcome to our new pupils and families who have joined our school during the last fortnight: Ivy Foot, Matilda Firth, Heyoan Riley, Liam Hawkins and Georgie Matson.

## WPSSA WINTER SPORTS

During the last fortnight we have had our Y7/8 and Y4-6 Winter sports days. This year they were not cancelled because of weather or COVID, which was great. These days are about participation and encouraging students to try a different sport to the one they usually play; though some did stick to their regular sport! Students were involved in a wide variety of sports including hockey, soccer, netball, rippa, basketball, badminton and table tennis.

Thanks to the many parents and whanau that helped with the supervision of teams on the day. The small size of some of the teams means that more whanau support is needed and our students are very fortunate to have the opportunities they get.



## RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION

We had just under 30 families respond to the survey sent out in May. 85% of responses were happy with the guidelines and 75% preferred the school to use outside providers to teach the sexuality section of the guidelines. The friendships and relationship focus is part of our school programme on an ongoing basis and a big focus in Term 1 each year. The emotional, social, mental, spiritual and environmental aspects are also part of our ongoing programme. The focus on wellbeing within our programme is a big part of this and of understanding ourselves. The areas within the sexuality section, where whanau wanted to be consulted or not covered, generally related to gender diversity, conception and contraception.

There was an excellent response at the parents evening Wednesday night, to hear about the puberty programme our Y6-8 students are currently involved in.

## KAHUI AKO/COMMUNITY OF LEARNING

Attached to the email version of this newsletter is a newsletter/panui from the kahui ako we are involved with. It talks about the schools within our group, which is part of a much larger hub made up of 5 groups – these include most of the Whangarei area schools. There was much talk about the structure and support when Kahui Ako were first introduced and they have definitely changed and become more flexible in the way they operate. They do bring considerable professional development funding with them and this has enabled our school to access professional development in wellbeing and writing. The wellbeing focus has been across all groups in Whangarei, while other areas have been the focus of some schools and groups only. We have 2 within school teachers; Mrs Charlene Cliff is leading Wellbeing and cooperative learning and Mr Dan Tissink is leading the Write that Essay literacy programme. The newsletter gives some information about the professional development focus areas. It also covers the Melinda Webber survey our students undertook last year. Next week staff will be attending a feedback session relating to the data she gained and the recommendations from this information. Maungatapere School Journey: As part of the well-

being focus, schools have been encouraged to develop their cultural narrative that includes our history and significant events. While we have done what we can as a staff there are no doubt members of our community that will have memories of significant events for Maungatapere School. We would love you to share these with us, so we can add them to our journey.

### LINEWIZE ONLINE SECURITY

While our school uses the N4L managed network support programme to provide internet security and manage and block inappropriate sites, it is difficult to monitor what students are doing all the time. To help with this we are currently trialing a programme called Linewize, that monitors internet use and reports any breaches to inappropriate sites to teachers immediately. It provides filtering and monitoring for schools and information for teachers as students are logged in using their google accounts. The programme does have the ability to be used in the school community also with students learning from home and filtering options for parents. After the trial we will be making a decision to roll this out to our school and in the future to make it available for our community.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to the school council for organising Twin Day on Tuesday 25 May. They raised about \$250 for Starship Hospital. There were some very original twins this year which was great to see. The council are organising for a junior and senior talent quest later in the term – Weeks 8 and 9.

## ROOM 5 AT WORK



### PHOTOS OF STUDENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Parents, whanau taking photos of students at school events please be aware that some of our students are not allowed to have their photos posted on social media, including school Facebook pages. If you wish to put up photos of your own children that is your choice, however some parents do not want their children on social media. While we are aware of who those students are, the school community is not. If you want to send photos through to the school we can then check and post on the school Facebook page –

we are more than happy to share photos of school activities where we know families have given consent.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

*Congratulations to the following pupils:*

**Oliver Bailey Rm2** - Always being a kind and helpful friend in the classroom.

**Rosa Dunham Rm3** - Improved focus and having a positive growth mindset.

**Indie Morine Rm5** - Being a proactive learner. Working at home and at school really hard.

**Lucy Sparks R2** - For sounding out blends in unknown words! Keep up that confidence Lucy!

**Ernie Johnston Rm8** - Fantastic artwork and beautiful manners.

**Lydia Johnston Rm10** - For being a great role model and taking responsibility for your own learning!

### TERM CALENDAR

Mon 07 June -	Queens Birthday no School
Wed 16 June -	BOT Meeting
Wed 30 June -	Open Day
Fri 09 July -	Last day of Term 2

### REMINDERS

**SeeSaw App for Reporting to Parents** - If you have not already done so please download the Seesaw app to enable teachers and students to share their learning with you. This will include individual assessment information for your child/children also. Information and a specific QR Code has been shared with you – many are in your child's homework book if you cannot find it.

**Speed Restrictions in our community** - A reminder to have your say to reduce speed limits through the community. You can find information about the [consultation on the NZTA website](#). If you can advocate for change with Waka Kotahi, please do so and pass this information on to others. The more parents that support changes to the speed limits the more likely they are to address the safety issues for children crossing roads in our area.

**Open/Sharing Day** - On Wednesday 30 June we are planning an open day for parents and grandparents to come in and share what students have been learning about. Students can share their learning with whanau as well as learn from them. Please note it in your diary.

**PTA** - Next meeting is on the 28th June. All are welcome.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Ritchies** - Are looking for drivers. Please contact Amy Lane on 09 438 7142 ext 1 or email [whangarei.admin@ritchies.co.nz](mailto:whangarei.admin@ritchies.co.nz)

**Table Tennis Northland** - Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills at Kensington Park. Mondays : 4.30pm – 6.00pm. Tuesdays : 4.30pm – 6.00pm **GIRLS' CLUB**  
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