

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We are all glad to be back at Level 1- our Y5/6 Camp to Lonsdale Park has gone ahead without too many extra requirements and the junior swimming demonstration was able to take place with parents/whanau included. Again – we appreciate those parents and whanau that respond to the different levels and ensure they are only entering school if required and using the Covid app and signing in. Hopefully with the vaccination starting to roll out at our borders, there will be less infection outside quarantine and less change in levels in the future.

A special welcome to Annalise Van Loggerenberg and her family who started at school this week.

PARENT/STUDENT CONFERENCES

We had an excellent response to the conferences held on 2nd March. This enabled us to gain a greater understanding of expectations from both home and school and share any concerns and learning goals to work on. If you were not able to make it last week, please contact your child's teacher to make a time that suits. Home/school communication is an important factor in students' success in learning.

CARPARK SAFETY

With the new carpark layout now well familiar to everyone we would like to focus on a couple of safety areas. Please do not walk across the carpark from the new angle parking. Go to the front of the vehicle and along the footpath and then the footpath leading up to/from the gate. Please check for cars as you cross over the drive area. Drivers please check for pedestrians crossing the footpath leading to/from the gate. Do not use the concrete area behind the yellow dotted line as a footpath - this is for cars backing out of the angle parking .



Y7/8 EOTC WEEK 27-25 MARCH

Students have brought home permission forms for this event with specific forms for sailing and the high ropes, as well as an organisation form for transport and helpers. Please check students bags and make sure these forms are returned as soon as possible so organisation can be completed for the week. This is another great week with sailing, fishing and raft building at Parua Bay, tree climbing in the Adventure Forest, Rock Up rock climbing, archery and team building activities at school and survival skills. Parents are needed to help with transport and supervision especially Monday-Wednesday. The Rock up day is based at the school.

PUBERTY EDUCATION

Unfortunately, Level 3 in Auckland meant our puberty Education providers were unable to deliver their programme last week. We are currently negotiating another date which will most likely not be until next term.

MAUNGA MAYHEM

Saturday 20 March, ticket sales close 17 March at 7pm. We are still needing volunteers to help as marshals, admin, setup/pack down, so please talk with whanau to see if anyone is able to help.

JUNIOR SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION

We hope everyone enjoyed seeing the progressions our swimming learners go through to gain water confidence and swimming skills. This does ensure all students are learning at their own level. Water confidence is the most important start to learning to swim and only time in the water having lots of fun develops this. Regular swimming at school is therefore very important.



Y5/6 LONSDALE PARK CAMP

Our Y5/6 classes and many parents headed off last Tuesday for 4 days of team building activities at Lonsdale Park Camp near Matauri Bay. They are participating in a variety of outdoor activities including a hike, problem solving and team challenges, as well as learning to surf at Matauri Bay before their return. EOTC camps and activities require considerable planning, time and preparation by the staff, as well as teachers and parents giving up their own time to take groups away. We know students have a great experience and hopefully appreciate the effort that has gone into creating this. Thanks to everyone for transporting, supervising and organising their children to participate – it is something they will always remember and certainly helps build their resilience to overcome challenges and try new things. We expect the Y5/6 campers to return by 4.30pm Friday afternoon. Updates will be sent via the school App & Facebook page.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS:

Well done to all students who participated in the senior Y4-8 swimming sports last week. We were not able to postpone the event with Y5/6 camp this week and entry deadlines, however those going to the WPSSA swimming sports have received notification. While we could not have community on site we hope you were able to join the live stream of the afternoon activities. Congratulations to the following students on placing in the finals:

Freestyle 1 length Y4's, 2 Lengths Y5-8:

Y4 Girls: Ashley Ruddell, Leah Carroll, Emily Morgan

Y4 Boys: Billy Turner, Josh Smith, Jackson Leigh

Y5 Girls: Millie Taylor, Arabella Chapman, Lexie Jameson

Y5 Boys: Jake Chapman, Nate Barrell, Jake Butel

Y6 Girls: Leah Smith, Ava Neumann, Isla Wright

Y6 Boys: Isaiah Birchall, Jake Silvester, Ben March

Y7 Girls: Heidi Shepherd, Jamie Neumann, Alice Bland

Y7 Boys: Carter Iraia, Harry Turner, Joe Taylor

Y8 Girls: Grace Gourlay, Paige Karl, Anji Sharrock

Y8 Boys: Gage Brooks, Max Atkins, Cloe Harrison

Backstroke 1 length Y4's, 2 Lengths Y5-8:

Y4 Girls: Felicity Tautari, Ashley Ruddell, Emily Morgan

Y4 Boys: Josh Smith, Jackson Leigh, Freddie Chapman

Y5 Girls: Millie Taylor, Lexie Jameson, Arabella Chapman

Y5 Boys: Jake Chapman, Nate Barrell, Lachlan Livingston

Y6 Girls: Leah Smith, Ava Neumann, Ella Guitry

Y6 Boys: Isaiah Birchall, Jackson Hart, Ben March

Y7 Girls: Jamie Neumann, Heidi Shepherd, Alice Bland

Y7 Boys: Carter Iraia, Harry Turner, Tobin Reihana

Y8 Girls: Grace Gourlay, Paige Karl, Anji Sharrock

Y8 Boys: Gage Brookes

Breaststroke 1 length Y4's, 2 Lengths Y5-8:

Y4 Girls: Felicity Tautari, Ashley Ruddell

Y4 Boys: Josh Smith, Freddie Chapman, Jackson Leigh

Y5 Girls: Millie Taylor, Arabella Chapman, Lexie Jameson

Y5 Boys: Jake Chapman, Reed Powell, Lachlan Livingston

Y6 Girls: Leah Smith, Ava Neumann, Ella Guitry

Y6 Boys: Jackson Hart, Xander Tissink, Isaiah Birchall

Y7 Girls: Alice Bland, Mikayla Carroll, Heidi Shepherd

Y7 Boys: Joe Taylor, Harry Turner, Carter Iraia

Y8 Girls: Paige Karl, Ally McIvor, Eden Powell

Y8 Boys: Max Atkins, Che Nicholson



TERM CALENDAR

Tues 9 March	-	Yr 5/6 Camp Lonsdale Park
Wed 17 March	-	BOT meeting
		WPSSA Swimming Yr4-8
Sat 20 March	-	Maunga Mayhem
Mon 22 March	-	Yr 7/8 EOTC Week
Fri 2 April	-	Good Friday
Mon 5 April	-	Easter Monday
Tues 6 April	-	Schools Easter Tuesday
Fri 9 April	-	School Photos
Fri 16 April	-	Last day Term 1
Mon 3 May	-	Term 2
Mon 31 May	-	Teacher only Day (no School)

REMINDERS

Netball Registration - Please return netball notices to school if your children are playing netball this year so teams can be organised. We will also need coaches and managers to help.

School Donations due - these can be paid online or at the office (no eftpos)

BOT Account Details - 12 3099 0836089 00

PTA Bulb Fundriser - the PTA receive 20% of all sales. This year it is online, please go to www.bulbsdirect.co.nz and use the code Maungatapere, orders close 31 March

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Central Brown Football Club Muster Day - Thurs 11 March 4.30pm, Otaika Sports Park clubrooms, St H/way 1. Come and meet your team for the season, have a kick around, and get your uniform! Open to all 5 year old children and up. (Practise is held at Maunu School.)

Central Brown Football Twilight Kicks - We are running free twilight football nights before the season starts, from Thurs 11 March to 15 April for any kids aged 8 and up. Teams are mixed up on the night, all children welcome.

Maunu Hockey - Please register by filling in the form on the Facebook page or email maunuhockey@gmail.com before the end of term 1. Games start first week of term 2. All players welcome!!

ROOM 2- WRITING

Swimming Sports

"Take your marks get set, go" yelled MrT. I was scared for my race, it was next. My Stomach had butterflys and my legs were shaking. "Ayla Wood to the marshall" before I could say I don't want to race I was standing on the edge of the pool. I was versing Leah, Vivien, Zoe and Kassidy. The crystal clear water looked inviting but I was still so nervous. Splash!! Water went everywhere I was swimming as fast as a fish getting chased by a shark. I came second. The next race was the year fives they had to do two lengths of backstroke, freestyle and breaststroke, the other seniors did that too. After all the races we did a chariot race. I did it with my sister and Lily. I was proud of myself. I had such a good time.

By Ayla Wood

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