

Kia ora Parents and Whanau,

The last couple of weeks have included several sports days for our senior students within a busy term of winter sports. There are a few more to come so please check with students to ensure notices and information is received and returned.

We currently have a trainee teacher working in R3 for the next few weeks. Miss Bianca Clearwater is from Massey University and was once a pupil of our school also!

Welcome to our new pupils and their families: Lorna Keen-Kuki, Liam Shepherd and Carter Andrews.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Our new entrant numbers have grown and to accommodate enrolments for the remainder of the year we have made some staffing changes.

From next week Mrs Anne-Maree Adams and Mrs Jackie Hamilton will be team teaching in R11 with Mrs Esme Lescher. Anne-Maree will work Monday to Thursday and Jackie on Friday.

When the new classrooms become available we will move our newest students, those starting from June onwards, into one of the rooms with Mrs Adams and Mrs Hamilton and this will become our reception room for 5 year old children. Mrs Lescher and the children currently in her room will stay in R11.

This will enable us to maintain a low teacher pupil ratio and provide support for children starting school.

SCHOOL APP

This is going well with many parents using it to notify absences and changes to transport arrangements. If you are reporting an absence you do get an email response but if you are changing transport you just get a thank you at the end of your notification – if you see that then it will have gone through! You can register to receive alerts/reminders from specific classrooms etc so if you haven't downloaded it yet then have a go!

To get the app on your phone go to either the Apple or Android app stores and download "SchoolApps NZ", open the app and search for our school. Remember to go to the Menu to set your "Alert Subscriptions".

SPORTS EVENTS

Y7/8 Winter sports day on Wednesday 23 May involved students in netball, gymnastics, table tennis, soccer, hockey and turbo touch. The weather was not the best but they managed to avoid the rain and had a good day participating against other schools. Thank you to the parents who helped with the teams and supported on the day.

Y5-6 Rippa rugby was held at Tikipunga grounds last Tuesday with 4 teams entered.

They played against schools from the Whangarei district and competed very well with one team making their final. Again thanks to the parents and whanau that attended, managed and supported the teams. The students certainly enjoyed the day and showed great support and sportsmanship within their teams.



Y3/4 Rippa skills training was held yesterday with Paul Hope and new Black Fern Harono Iringa helping. They have a tournament day toward the end of the term.

Y4-6 Winter sports day is next Tuesday, the day after Queen's Birthday. Please make sure your children bring along plenty of food and drink plus warm clothing – they will not get a reminder the day before but we will put one out through the App.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE STALL

Thank you to the many families that contributed baking for the cake stall yesterday. The Council had enough for playtime and lunchtime sales with \$761 being raised to go toward upgrading the fitness circuit around the outside of the field.

BOT NEWS

Car Parking: Our Board has received a formal report relating to our parking and pick up issues with the parent carpark. We are using this information and working with other agencies to take a case to the Ministry to look at solutions. This is not an easy fix and will take time and considerable resources but we are trying our best. In the mean time we ask parents to remember not to park over the footpath if you are parking on the verge at the front of the school and to not park on the verge between the entry and exit, as this blocks the view of cars leaving the carpark. We are aware it is a dangerous corner with traffic travelling too fast from the open road zone but solutions are beyond our resources without Ministry input.

School Donations: A reminder notice will be sent out to those families that have not paid school donations.

We appreciate those families that do contribute as it helps keep the cost of school events down and provide a wide range of resources for our students. The Board use parent donations to help fund our teacher aide hours so we can provide learning support programmes also.

Property Update: There have been a few finishing touches to complete our major works for the R6 and R4/5 toilet block but these are now generally complete. The covered area outside R10/11 will have work continue this weekend and the sides are ready to be fitted. This will then provide a sheltered external space for our discovery learning activities. Thank you to the PTA who have contributed \$12,500 toward this project and \$6,000 toward equipment.

Our new classrooms are underway with the foundations going in so they can be lowered into position. There is still a lot of work to happen before they will be ready to use however.

Welcome to Mr Hagan Taylor who has been co-opted on to the Board of Trustees for his expertise in the property area.

TEACHER MEETING

Reminder that on 21 June at 1pm there will be a paid union meeting in Whangarei that all teachers need to attend to be updated about progress relating to the current agreement negotiations. Please put it in your diary as we will be finishing early and asking you to collect your children to allow teachers to attend their meeting. We need to address issues relating to teacher recruitment and retention and the ability to provide support for all learners so ask for your support to achieve this. Information will be sent home closer to the day.

DENTAL BUS

The mobile dental clinic is at school for the next few months. They will be seeing all the students during this time however if you do have any issues or concerns they can be contacted on 4346-891. If a check up reveals that your child needs more than routine preventative work they will notify you.

WHANAU HUI

We had a small group of regular members at our whanau meeting last week. The current focus is on upgrading the kapa haka uniforms and many parents are helping with embroidering the girls' tautuas to go on the new dresses. We are also wanting to make new pois for performance only and are looking at organising a whanau/PTA combined hui to make these. Information about when and where will be sent out when the date is organised.

REMINDERS

Lost Property: We are getting a lot of clothing etc left in the school grounds and cloak bays. For some reason children don't seem to recognise their own clothing but if it is named it is easy to return. Please assist us by naming your children's clothing.

Agriculture Day Chickens: *Today is the last day to order* your Ag Day chicks through the school. The online order can be filled out through the school website, the school app or check your emails for the link sent out earlier this week.

Pool Keys Outstanding: There are a few pool keys still to come in. Please get these in asap.

PTA NEWS

AGM Election of Officers: Congratulations to the following members who were elected into the roles of: Chairperson - Hayley Taylor; Vice Chair - Kim Brown; Treasurer - Nicola Smith; Secretary - Michelle Ruddell and Teacher Rep - Charlene Cliff.

Bulb Fundraiser: The final amount for this fundraiser has been tallied up and \$737 was raised this year. A great effort!

CONGRATULATIONS

* To Jessica Kalkhoven who came third overall for tumbling at last weekends Tri Star Gymnastics comp in Auckland.

We do like to hear about past and present student successes and adventures so please keep us informed.

KEY DATES / COMING EVENTS - TERM 2 2018

Thur 31 May	- Last day for Ag Day chick orders
Mon 4 June	- Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tues 5	- Y4-6 WPSSA Winter Sports day pp 13 th
Wed 20	- School Council Wig Wednesday
Thur 21	- Early Closing - Teacher Union Meeting
Thur 28 June	- Dance/Disco Y5-8
Fri 6 July	- Portfolios home & End of Term 2
Tues 17	- Chickens due for collection
Mon 23 July	- Term 3 Starts

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Karloh Luke R3 - For becoming a great learner and growing confidence in class. Keep it up.

Nicole Ruddell R5 - For excellent organisational skills and work ethic.

Devon Neumann R12 - For making fantastic learning choices in class.

Kyrah Wilson R1 - For switching onto her learning and going the extra mile. Fantastic effort!

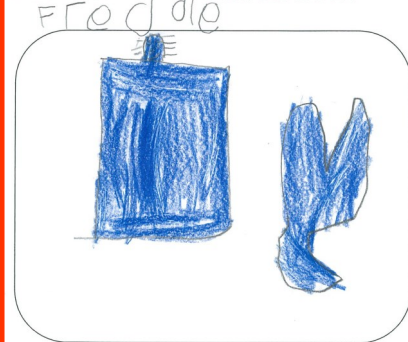
Hannah Adams R8 - For working really hard this term and always doing her best.

Asha Rose Horan R9 - For supporting others with their learning.

Room 11 Greedy Cat Shared Book Stories

What Does Greedy Cat Like?

Shared book



Greedy cat likes to play in boxes.

'to play in boxes'.

By Freddie Chapman

What Does Greedy Cat Like?

Shared book



Greedy cat likes a ginormous box with a roof.

'a ginormous box with a roof'.

By Phillipa Roland

What Does Greedy Cat Like?

Shared book



Greedy cat likes string and boxes and paper.

'string and boxes and paper'.

By Evie Anson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Rugby League Nthld - girls aged from 11-15yrs are invited to play rugby league against other girls of the same ages. Try something fun and different, come down to Marist Sports Club on Park Ave on Wed and Fri from 4.15pm. Bring training gear and a change of warm dry clothes. No experience necessary just a positive attitude. More info John Komene 022 010 9004, Dana Phillips 021 052 1078 or Mac Tawha 021 764 406.

Whg Cake Decorating Guild - Childrens classes, 30 June 1-4pm at Kamo Bowling Clubrooms, 7yrs and up. \$15. The cake this term is an M&M cake. Ph 027 957 3815 or 4350123 by 27 June to secure your place and to get info on what you need to bring.

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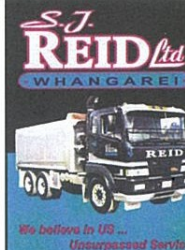
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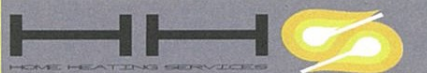
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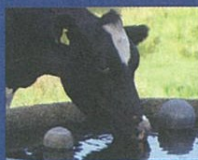
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