

Term 2 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Week 9

Tena koutou

26 June 2019

The lovely chilly mornings and crisp days have finally arrived along with the winter ills and chills. Our school has certainly been impacted with illnesses with some of our classes having 14 or more students away sick. We really appreciate parents keeping sick children home as school is not the best place to be when you are not feeling well. Our staff have also been hit with the bugs and with the chronic teacher shortage we are finding it extremely difficult to find relievers.

This newsletter contains information about:

- Mid-year reports
- Parent /teacher /student conferences
- Board of Trustees election and meeting

Mid-year reports

On Monday 1st July your child's mid-year report will be sent home.

Parent teacher student conferences

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we have our parent /teacher /student conferences. Students will be sharing their learning and goals - a shift away from a more traditional parent teacher interview. All the current research shows that students need to have "voice" in their learning – the more we give students choice, control, challenge and collaborative opportunities the more motivation, engagement and achievement are likely to rise. These interviews are collaborative with all participants having the opportunity to share. Information about the structure of your child's conference will have been sent to you by the class teacher.

Please make sure you have booked an interview time and informed the school the arrangements for Tuesday afternoon (2nd July) when our interviews start at 1:30pm.

Please book a conference time online http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/ School Number **5vxpt**If you do not have internet access you are welcome to contact the school office to book a time.

A reminder that on Tuesday 2 July, the interviews will start at the earlier time of 1.30pm. **The buses are ordered for 12.40pm that day, there will be no buses at 3.00pm.** The walking school bus will run only at 12.40pm,with walkers leaving then. Please advise the school of the arrangements for your child on that afternoon using the following link https://tinyurl.com/y5vbbhwu

Please bring your child along to their conference—they will have work to share and goals to discuss with you.

Board of Trustees Elections

The results of our Board elections for our 3 vacancies;

Wade Hansen 68
Graeme Gellatly 65
Nicholas Bithell 63
Chris Siebert 48
Simon Walkden 12

Nicholas Bithell, Graeme Gellatly and Wade Hansen are duly elected.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our Board meets on Tuesday 2nd July at 7.20 in our staffroom. Agenda items include property matters, policy reviews and professional learning programmes.

Absences

When advising your child's teacher that they will be away please copy the office in to your email. The teacher is sometimes away or has release in the morning.

office@waitakereprimary.school.nz

Out of Zone Enrolment Dates:

18 October - Closing 4pm Thursday

25 October - Ballot

1 November - Notification

Welcome to our new

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Ginger Lee Aspinall

KEY DATES

17 - 21 Jun—Auckland Hazard Management Display

27 Jun—CEM Science competition 9.15am Y5-8 students

27 Jun—Annie the Musical Year 5-8

2 Jul—Year 5-6 Speech Finals 9am2 Jul—Massey High School Dr Smith

2 Jul—Massey High School Dr Smi & Ambassadors visiting Year 8 students

2 Jul—Parent Teacher Student Conferences 1.30—6pm

3 Jul—Parent Teacher Student Conferences 3.30—8pm

4 Jul—Awards Assembly 2pm

5 Jul-Term 2 finishes

22 Jul-Term 3 starts

26 Jul—Henderson High School DP, HOD & Ambassadors visiting Year 8 students 9.30am

2 Aug—HHS Alpha Testing 9.30am 8 Aug—Ned Show

Term Dates for 2019

Term 2— 29 April to 5 July
Term 3—22 July to 27 September
Term 4—14 October—18 December
12.30pm finish,
the school bus will run at this time.

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Good luck to Mazie Strickett who is currently in Portugal competing at the Dance World Cup as part of Team New Zealand. She qualified to represent New Zealand at a competition last year and will be performing two solos - a lyrical and contemporary for the 10-13 year old category. There are about 6000 competitors from 53 countries at the event. This is also the first time a team of New Zealanders have been selected to go. Amazing achievement Mazie! We wish you all the best!

Holly Marston **Performing Arts Teacher**

Change of Clothes

With the winter months ahead—mud, rain and wind—it is timely to remind students to bring a change of clothes. If your child does not have a change of clothes we will have to phone you to bring some down.



Upcoming events: Matariki Hangi

This year to overcome the fact that we have natural springs at school, we will be preparing the food onsite but the cooking will be completed offsite, taken to a specially prepared "waterproof" pit. Thanks to the Hangi Master, Rewi Spraggon.

- Order forms have been sent home, check your child's school
- More forms available at the office and eftpos also available.
- You can also order your Hangi meals from the Kindo website.







Thursday 25th July 3-6pm pick up





Centennial

This is a heads up that our school's 100 year celebration is in 2021. If you would like to be part of the organising committee please leave your name and contact details at the office.



Books have been sent home to families who did not use the opt out form or advise by return email.

If you do not want the book please return to the office promptly.

Thank you for your support with this fundraising opportunity.





Meet the Principal, Teachers and talk with Students while enjoying a guided tour of our facilities. Sample each subject to help you decide on your course selection. You can also enrol on the night!

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