

Newsletter

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Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings



Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families and to new families a warm welcome to our school. Last week's start to the year went smoothly and children were quick to settle into their class routines.

A major curriculum focus over the next 5-6 weeks in our school is our swimming programme. We have a great pool and our PTA support us employing professional swimming teachers. We aspire to having all our children as competent swimmers and confident around the water. Young children learn to swim quite easily so we are keen to ensure all children leaving our school are able to swim at least 100-200 metres.

Our Year 5-8's have outdoor ed camps this term. Planning for these is currently being implemented. Forms sent to parents need to be completed and returned promptly.

New Staff

I would like to welcome our new staff members. Jacob Williams (Teacher - Room 2). Vicky Todd (Associate Staff). Aaron Excell (Kaitiaki - Caretaker).

BOT Families Fun Evening

Our BOT Families Fun Evening takes place this Thursday 11th February starting at 5:30pm with a fun free swim. This will be followed by a complementary BOT Sausage Sizzle. All families are invited to come along for the evening.

Pool Use

We have enjoyed a warm summer for swimming over the holidays. The pool remains open this term till approx mid March. Keyholders continue to access the pool after school time and weekends. If families wish to access the pool for the remainder of the season a key charge of \$50 applies.

School Fees

Our School Board does **not** charge school fees nor activity fees. Charges are made for aspects of camps and trips though these are also subsidised.

Term 1 Upcoming Events

- Thurs 11 Feb**
- BOT Families Evening 5:30pm
- Weds 17 Feb**
- Port Waikato Camp Info Evening 5:30pm
- Weds 24 Feb**
- School Swimming Sports (Postponement date 25 Feb)
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm
- Tues 3 Mar-Thurs 5 Mar**
- Year 7 & 8 Whitianga Leadership Camp
- Tues 9 Mar**
- Interschool Swimming Sports (Postponement date 11 Mar)
- Weds 10 Mar**
- Mobile Ear Clinic at Morrinsville School
- Sun 14 Mar-Fri 19 Mar**
- Port Waikato Camp
- Thurs 1 Apr**
- Teacher Only Day
- Fri 2 Apr**
- Good Friday - School closed
- Mon 5 Apr**
- Easter Monday - School closed
- Tues 6 Apr**
- Easter Tuesday - School closed
- Mon 12 Apr**
- Mobile Ear Clinic at Morrinsville School
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Tues 13 Apr**
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Fri 16 Apr**
- Last day Term 1
- Mon 3 May**
- Term 2 commences



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CANTEEN

Our school Canteen is now closed.

NEWSLETTERS

Are now issued to the oldest child in the family.

Core Values/Virtues

Our core values are the basis for all our activities and relationships throughout our school, whether we are engaging with children, with colleagues or with parent/families and whanau.

Nuture : Grow : Inspire
Whangai : Whakatipu : Whakamanawa

Our virtues programme supports our core values helping us all actively promote virtuous behaviour. We will be asking children to suggest other virtues they think we should enact. Parents might like to contact the office or send a note to the teacher with suggestions on virtues we might have as a focus.

We wish all our children and their families an enjoyable year with lots of learning challenges along the way. We would love to see parents getting involved as much as possible. We are happy to meet with parents if help is needed in any way. On behalf of our Staff team, nga mihinui.

PORT WAIKATO CAMP - GENERAL INFORMATION EVENING

Where: Room 3, Morrinsville School.

Time: Wednesday 17th February at 5:30pm.

The teachers will give you an outline of the whole camp and the activities that children will be involved in. There will be a photo display of past camp activities. We welcome your questions and comments about the camp. If you are considering offering to be a parent helper, please have a chat at the meeting. Thanks Whaea Tania, Leasa Craw and Nicole Healey.

Below are photos from 2019/2020 PWC.



COVID-19 - LEVEL 1

A reminder that we are at Alert Level 1 which requires that we follow certain protocols as we did in Term 4 2020.

Parents are asked to scan our school QR code using the NZ Covid tracer app when arriving at school. Parents are welcome to come on to the school site but are requested not to enter classrooms or wait around the doorways. Junior classes have arranged their procedures around dismissing children at the end of the day.

We all need to work together to keep everyone safe and well.

BOT FAMILIES FUN EVENING THIS THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 5:30PM

The Board's Families fun evening will take place this week. The evening was very successful last year - a swim and a BBQ all with the compliments of our Board of Trustees. Come along and join in the fun.



SWIMMING SEASON

This is the very best time to teach our children to swim. Primary school summer days are all about swimming and we will need to work together to encourage children to swim. The pool has been available to families over the holidays and it is great to see the number of people using the pool. We have engaged a professional coach for the next 5-6 weeks to assist us achieve our goal of teaching kids to swim and to enjoy water safely. I would ask that parents/whanau ensure the togs and towels come to school every day irrespective of the weather conditions at 7am. We'll make the call around swimming - the weather is often very different by 10am.

School Rules for All Children

- Children are not permitted to "go shopping" on their way to/from school.
- No lollies nor chewing gum are permitted at school.
- No coloured fizzy drinks, caffeine enhanced drinks or glass bottles at school. e.g. raspberry, V etc. We encourage water only.
- No precious toys come to school. "Show and Tell" items for morning talks need to be stored for safe keeping (give to teacher).
- Hats/Caps (school uniform) must be worn outside.
- "Wheels Days" are Monday and Thursday. Scooters seem to be the preferred wheels. We don't see many rollerblades. Not permitted are motorised scooters, 3 wheelers or skateboards. Bikes and skateboards are permitted to get to/from school. They must be stored during school hours.
- No mobile phones are permitted in classrooms or in children's school bags. The phone will be taken from the child and held in the office till 3pm. If children are bringing a phone/tablet/iPad to school it needs to be handed in to the office before school.

School Uniforms

Our thanks and appreciation for all families ensuring children are in the correct summer uniform.

Annual Personal Information Update

All families (except new enrolments for 2021) must return the Annual Information Update form. The school needs this to ensure it meets the requirement to ensure the safety and well being of your children while at school. In the case of any school based emergency which might involve your child, the staff must have accurate up to date contact numbers, health status and who has/has not got permission to access your child while in our care at school.

If you haven't completed the form please do so and return to school before this Friday. If you require another copy please contact the office.

WAITANGI DAY - Acrostic Poem:

Waitangi Day in the 6th
A three day weekend
In February
Treaty was signed
A very happy day for
New Zealand
Gather at the beach
Includes every New Zealander

By Scott Burrows, Room 3, Year 6.

WAITANGI DAY - Cinquain Poem:

Waitangi
February 1840
Chiefs and Settlers
Signed the Treaty
It is important we participate

By Neko Ridling, Room 3, Year 6.

YUMMY STICKERS

We collect Yummy Stickers here at Morrinsville School. So please collect them and bring them to us as it enables us to access free sports gear every year!

Sticker sheets are available from the Office just let us know if you would like one. Alternatively stickers can be stuck to an ice cream container or lunchbox lid and sent to school that way.



Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 2021

Book Club



Issue 1 of the Lucky Book Club was sent home with your child last week.

- To order books online with Scholastic, go to scholastic.co.nz/LOOP and follow the instructions, download the scholastic app, or continue with the traditional ordering system of bringing the paper order form to the school office and paying by cash or cheque.
- If ordering with the paper order form, please ensure you fill the form out correctly with your child's name and class number.
- Every book purchased earns our school library free books, so your support is greatly appreciated. All book club orders are due back Friday 19th February.
- **Please note: The school office is unable to process credit cards - so cash or cheque only.**

School End of Year Awards

At the end of last year a final assembly was held. Children were presented with certificates for 100% attendance and Class Awards for Excellence in Sport, in Citizenship, in Academic Excellence and in Student Diligence. We congratulate all those who achieved the awards and we recognised a great group of other children who were in the reckoning for each award. Teachers had shortlists of between 5-8 children for each award so their selection tasks were not made easy.

NE Awards:

Citizenship: Mackenna Lett (Excellence)
(Room 7) Josephine Mika-Filivao; Eli Briscoe
(Highly Commended)

Student Aeryn Coetzer (Excellence)
Diligence: Eli Briscoe; Briar Walker; Mackenna Lett
(Room 7) (Highly Commended)

Y1 Awards:

Academic: Leyton Chandler (Excellence)
Alex Harding; Harlyn Wood
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Zane Vincent; Leanne Hotene (Excellence)
Ryder Christy
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Maraea Nahu (Excellence)
(Room 8) Skyla-Ann Reid-Davies; Ryder Christy
(Highly Commended)

Student Olive McHardy (Excellence)
Diligence: Ava Hards; Frankie Tatham
(Room 8) (Highly Commended)

Y2 Awards:

Academic: Madison van de Pas; Patrick Briscoe (Excellence)
Charlie Moore
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Kaia Ofanoa (Excellence)
Nyjah Potae; Caleb Rojas-Miranda
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Amariya Christy (Excellence)
(Room 12) Madison van de Pas; Karlah-Jane Edwards
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Mia Osai (Excellence)
(Room 11) Amaia-Rose Tuhakaraina; Ariana Sun
(Highly Commended)

Student Amariya Christy (Excellence)
Diligence: Mea Richmond; Rhylan Tyler
(Room 12) (Highly Commended)

Student Kitara Neha-Edwards (Excellence)
Diligence: Jennifer Hun; Kingston-Rose Tongia
(Room 11) (Highly Commended)

Y3 Awards:

Academic: Evita Belmar (Excellence)
Erika Hun; Tia Eyes; Clay Mules
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Charlie Hamer (Excellence)
Evita Belmar; Zahnay'Eve Mark-Edwards
(Highly Commended)

Room 16 Jacob Liddington (Excellence)
Citizenship: Charlie Hamer; Jasmine Carr
(Highly Commended)

Student
Diligence: Charlie Hamer (Excellence)
(Room 16) Mila Venter (Highly Commended)

Y4 Awards:

Academic: Meisha Coetzer (Excellence)
Paige Carrington; Erin Hamer
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Drew Hards (Excellence)
Brodie Wetere; Madison Symon
(Highly Commended)

Y5 Awards:

Academic: Lucas Belmar (Excellence)
Neko Ridling; Isabella Symon
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Julian Wilson-Green (Excellence)
Jayda-Rose Murray-Ofanoa; Jesse Houldsworth
(Highly Commended)

Y6 Awards:

Academic: James Carrington (Excellence)
Hayley Thompson; Braydon Simpson
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Corey Sherwood (Excellence)
Izaiah Douthett; Bronzin Mark-Edwards
(Highly Commended)

Y7/8 Awards:

Academic: Kiana Horo-Kiriwera (Excellence)
Bella Simpson (Highly Commended)

Sport: Tennessee Mika (Excellence)
Kiana Horo-Kiriwera; Jolene Birt
(Highly Commended)

Senior Citizenship Awards:

Room 1: Drew Hards (Excellence)
Meyah Ruawhare; Mersadiez Wilson-Green
(Highly Commended)

Room 2: Madison Symon (Excellence)
Lucas Fu; Paige Carrington
(Highly Commended)

Room 3: Lucas Belmar (Excellence)
Hayley Thompson; Nevaeh Mika
(Highly Commended)

Room 4: Jade Noonan (Excellence)
Tawhana Hohipa; Bronzin Mark-Edwards
(Highly Commended)

Room 5: Jolene Birt (Excellence)
James Carrington; Khan Mark-Edwards
(Highly Commended)

Senior Student Diligence Awards:

Room 1: Drew Hards (Excellence)
Jayda Edwards; Puhikura Hohipa
(Highly Commended)

Room 2: Kanneka Suon (Excellence)
Benjamin Borgia; Emjae Tongia
(Highly Commended)

Room 3: KT Hards (Excellence)
Hinemaia Taua; Aliyah Garnham-Richmond
(Highly Commended)

Room 4: Hawaiiki Taupo (Excellence)
Jade Richmond; Ruby Tatham
(Highly Commended)

Room 5: James Carrington (Excellence)
Tennessee Mika
(Highly Commended)

Kapa Haka Awards:

Excellence and Achievement:
Bronzin Mark-Edwards; Hinemaia Taua;
Karlah-Jane Edwards

Dedication and Service:
Tennessee Mika; Lochlan Grainger;
Zahnay'Eve Mark-Edwards; Amaia-Rose Tuhakaraina

Milk for Schools Awards:

Service to Milk for Schools
Jade Noonan; Jade Richmond; Tawhana Hohipa;
Bronzin Mark-Edwards; Ruby Tatham

Full Attendance:

100% Attendance
Phoenix Christy; Patrick Briscoe; Paige Carrington

Nga mihi nui **Shay Noonan**
Regards **Principal**