

Newsletter

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Manaakitanga
Kindness

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai
If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive



Staffing

Miss Russell has resigned her position from the end of term 1. She has taken up a new position in Hamilton. We thank Miss Russell for her mahi while at our school and wish her well.

In the interim Whaea Tania will take over her teaching duties in Room 4. Our Senior team are keen to ensure consistency for the Year 5/6 tamariki in Room 4.

Our New Entrant / Year 1 classrooms have grown from two to three from the beginning of this term. This change provides us lower pupil / teacher ratios in these rooms. Miss Caitlin Kivell is the new teacher in Room 8.

We welcome Ms Karina McCloud who joins our staff as a full-time release teacher to cover teacher classroom release time.

Graduation

Our congratulations to Whaea Te Waipounamu O'Neill, Miss Caitlin Kivell and Miss Kim Brown. These three teachers celebrated their graduation after 3 years of study.

ANZAC Day

This Saturday 25th April is ANZAC Day. Many thanks to Mackenna and Macy Lett and Riley and Quinn Hodgetts who will be representing our school at the ANZAC Day ceremony at the Cenotaph at Howie Park which commences at 10:30am.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 20 April
 - Term 2 commences
- Monday 27 April
 - ANZAC Day observed
 - no school
- Wednesday 29 April
 - BOT hui 5:30pm
- Tuesday 19 May
 - Rugby Netball Funday (Postponement date: Thurs 21st May)
- Tuesday 26 May
 - Y7/8 Waitangi Trip departs
- Wednesday 27 May
 - BOT hui 5:30pm
- Friday 29 May
 - Y7/8 Waitangi Trip returns
- Monday 1 June
 - King's Birthday observed - no school
- Wednesday 3 June
 - School Cross Country (Postponement date: Weds 4th June)
- Thursday 18 June
 - Interschool Cross Country (Postponement date: Fri 19th June)
- Wednesday 24 June
 - BOT hui 5:30pm
- Monday 29 June
 - Mid Year reporting
- Tuesday 30 June
 - Mid Year reporting
- Friday 3 July
 - Last day Term 2

POPPY DAY - FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

This Friday we are having a Poppy Day to raise money for the RSA for ANZAC DAY.

Please bring a gold coin donation and you will receive a poppy.



READING FOR ROTARY

Congratulations to Dylan Black, Mariam Allawi and Bella Davis (Principal's Award) who received a certificate and \$20 Paper Plus voucher for their improvement in reading at our last assembly last term. The awards were presented by Dennis Attwood (Rotary) and Tracey Waite (Paper Plus).



Virtues

The following children's names were drawn out for virtue rewards:

Junior: Emilia Villaruel, Room 10 for showing the virtue of RESPECT : WHAKUTE

Middle: Carter Wetere, Room 12 for showing the virtue of RESILIENCE : HIRANGA

Senior: Kerehi-Rae Whau Whau, Room 2 for showing the virtue of RESPECT : WHAKUTE

The children will join me at the Wagon Wheel for a Hot Chocolate.



Children enjoying Library Club. Many thanks to Mrs Mangin for having the Library open at lunchtime on Tuesday's and Thursday's for children to enjoy!

NETBALL - WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

MS Maungakawa - Year 3

Coach: Josh Cresswell. **Manager:** TBC - please let us know if you can help.

Teacher: Mrs Gitika Bedasie / Mrs Gigi Nahal

Delilah Rowland, Puaheiri Hohipa, Jessie Thomas, Cattiva Gibbons, Eloise Howell, Joey Maninang, Hannah Lowe, Riley Gordon, Freya Gordan.

MS Pukemokemoke - Year 4

Coach: Miss Jorja Stewart. **Manager:** Sarah Hall. **Teacher:** Miss Kim Brown.

Riley Hodgetts, Amelia Lockley, Macy Lett, Isla McHardy, Tukawekai Thompson, Charlotte Hall, Levi Jordan, Maddison Gilbert, Delcaaliyah Clarke, King Cooper.

MS Maungatapu - Year 5

Coach: TBC - please let us know if you can help. **Manager:** Eileen Diamond. **Teacher:** Whaea Tray Whiu

Oscar Wood-Stotesbury, Max Phillips, Te Ao Rerehua Phillips, Melah Wood, Te Ao Kapurangi Phillips, Abree Diamond, Paige Rowland, Sierra Brown, Mackenzie Wilson.

MS Maungatautari - Year 6

Coach: Emma Elliot. **Manager:** Lycinda Lett. **Teacher:** Miss Taimarina Johnson.

Indy Haddleton, Georgia Thomson, Zoe van de Pas, Mackenna Lett, Miles Elliot, Casey Noonan, Lexi Trotter, Briar Walker.

Games for Wednesday 22nd April:

3:30pm - MS Pukemokemoke (Year 4) vs DSS Mystics - Court 4

4:30pm - MS Maungakawa (Year 3) vs Newstead Shooters - Court 3

5:30pm - MS Maungatapu (Year 5) vs Tahuna Storm - Court 2

5:30pm - MS Maungatautari (Year 6) vs St Joes Red - Court 6

Netball Fees need to be paid before this Wednesday 22nd April.



Haerenga ki Rukumoana Marae

As part of our *Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga* learning programme and our ongoing commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our senior students (Rooms 1–5) visited **Rukumoana Marae** last term.

We were very fortunate to have Mana Whenua welcome us on to the marae. Matua Gary Thompson spoke to our tamariki about the hitori (history) of the local area and our tamariki were able to ask questions about their prior learning regarding Rukumoana Marae and ngā tikanga o te marae.

This was a valuable opportunity for our tamariki to experience tikanga Māori in an authentic setting and to deepen their understanding of pōwhiri, kawa, and marae protocol.