

Newsletter

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Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings



Te Oranga. Well Being.



CANTEEN

Our school Canteen is now closed Monday-Thursday. It will open on Friday's for lunches only. A notice will come home each Thursday detailing the \$5 special for the Friday.

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome (excuse the pun) to all children and their school families and whanau. We are already well into our planning for the first term activities. We have our school swimming sports, the interschool swimming sports as well as our Port Waikato Camp Y5-Y6 camp and our Y7-Y8 Whitianga Leadership camp beginning this term. Information news sheets and notices will be regularly sent home and parents need to respond within the time frames requested.

BOT Families Fun Evening

The Board's Families fun evening will take place next week. That was very successful last year - races/lollies/swim/a BBQ all with the compliments of our Board of Trustees.

Pool Use

We have had a reasonably good holiday use of the pool. However we also have had a few major issues which have come to our notice.

- (1) There are babies who have been taken into the pool with nappies on and no cover nor swimming nappies. Some have no clothing on at all!! If excrement/poo gets into our pool IT HAS TO BE CLOSED possibly for 4-5 days! This is a serious concern. I am asking users to monitor this and to phone our contact person should a parent take a baby in the pool without the proper swim gear. Keyholders who break this Health and Safety rule will have an automatic/immediate cancellation of the electronic key - no exceptions.
- (2) There is NO eating in the pool at any time. Again this is a serious concern with food in and around the water.
- (3) The bomb brigade are at it again! Willy has had to run the hose and we are using a massive amount of extra water. We pay for all water use which over the year is in the thousands of dollars! Families should ensure their children are NOT doing bombs. Diving and pool entry feet first is fine.

So much for the grouch at the beginning of the school year. No apologies though. We don't want the few spoiling it for the rest.

Term 1 Upcoming Events

- Weds 6 Feb**
- Waitangi Day -
School closed
- Thurs 7 Feb**
- Port Waikato
Camp General
Information
Evening 5:30pm
- Weds 13 Feb**
- BOT Family
Evening
- Thurs 21 Feb**
- Senior School
Swimming Sports
(Y3-Y8)
- Fri 22 Feb**
- Ear Caravan at
Morrinsville School
9am-2:30pm
- Weds 27 Feb - Fri 1
Mar**
- Whitianga
Leadership Camp
(Y7/8)
- BOT Meeting
5:30pm
- Thurs 7 Mar**
- Interschool
Swimming Sports
- Sun 10 Mar - Fri 15
Mar**
- Port Waikato
Camp (Y5/6)
- Mon 25 Mar - Tues
26 Mar**
- Parent Teacher
Meetings
- Weds 27 Mar**
- BOT Meeting
5:30pm

2018 Parent Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the Parent Survey at the end of last year. We received some very useful feedback and the Board had the summaries presented by Miss Craw at its January meeting. We will work away at dealing with a number of ideas common to a number of families. Our first focus is to improve on communication with families. A new initiative is on Class Dojo which families will be invited to join. See the notices which have been sent home with your child(ren). We will deal with other items over the term. The winner of the random draw for the \$50 New World voucher was Lee Sanft. Congratulations Lee!

Core Values/Virtues

Our core values are the basis for our operational activity 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 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.
Ngā mihi nui, Shay.

PINEAPPLE BY ROOM 7

On Friday we had pineapple. Ms Johnson cut it up into pieces for us to try. It smelt sweet like lollies. It tasted juicy and sweet. It was dripping down our arms. It was yummy and soft to eat.

We had sticky hands but we didn't mind because it was delicious!



PHOTOS OF OUR YEAR 4/5 CRICKET TEAM PLAYING AT SEDDON PARK LAST YEAR - PHOTO CREDIT: NORTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET CLUB



PORT WAIKATO CAMP - GENERAL INFORMATION EVENING

Where: Room 3, Morrinsville School.

Time: Thursday 7th 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 display of photos 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, Sarah Dods, Whaea Tania, Leasa Craw and Rebecca Wilcox.

School Rules for All Children

- Children are not permitted to “go shopping” on their way to/from school.
- No lollies or chewing gum at school.
- No coloured fizzy drinks, caffeine enhanced drinks or glass bottles at school. e.g. raspberry, V etc.
- 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 shoe wheelies - these have almost disappeared.
- 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 2019) 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.

Ear Clinic

The free mobile ear and hearing testing service will be at Morrinsville School, Lincoln Street, **Friday 22nd February 9:00am till 2:30pm (lunch 12-1pm)**. There is a trained ear nurse available at the Caravan. The service includes assessment of children in all aspects of ear infection treatment; grommet checks; cleaning of running ear; safe removal of wax and foreign bodies. No appointment is necessary. A parent or caregiver must attend with children.

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 4-5 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 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.

Year Level Awards

NE Awards:

Citizenship: Madison Van De Pas (Excellence)

Student Kitara Edwards (Excellence)

Diligence: Jade Hirst, Kingston-Rose Tongia
(Highly Commended)

Y1 Awards:

Academic: Ignatius Borgia (Excellence)
Shivam Khanna, Ian Mayo
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Charlie Hamer (Excellence)
Lachlan Thom, Jacob Liddington
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Charlie Hamer (Excellence)
(Room 8) Jacob Liddington, Karlah-Jane Edwards
(Highly Commended)

Student Charlie Hamer (Excellence)

Diligence: Erika Hun, Evita Belmar
(Room 8) (Highly Commended)

Y2 Awards:

Academic: Erin Hamer (Excellence)
Paige Carrington, Benjamin Borgia
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Erin Hamer (Excellence)
Brodie Wetere, William Liddington
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Gemma Johnson (Excellence)
(Room 12) Aaliyah Pluss, Haven Te Hau Tanawhea
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Brodie Wetere (Excellence)
(Room 11) Sapphire Chaloner, Janaya Taylor
(Highly Commended)

Student Madison Symon (Excellence)

Diligence: Paris Hirst, Blake Harris
(Room 12) (Highly Commended)

Student William Liddington (Excellence)
Diligence: Charlise Tapara, Puhikura Hohipa
(Room 11) (Highly Commended)

Y3 Awards:

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

Sport: Neko Ridling (Excellence)
Te Rukei Karauria, Lucas Belmar
(Highly Commended)

Room 16 Paige Carrington (Excellence)

Citizenship: Isabella Symon, Lucas Belmar
(Highly Commended)

Student

Diligence: Kanneka Suon (Excellence)
(Room 16)

Full Attendance: Luke Cowley

Y4 Awards:

Academic: Hayley Thompson (Excellence)
James Carrington, Aliyah Garnham-Richmond
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Hayley Thompson (Excellence)
Izaiah Douthett, Hawaii Ki Taupo
(Highly Commended)

Y5 Awards:

Academic: Holly Barlow, Kori-Emily Hoskin (Excellence)
Danica Liddington, Aidan Keoghan
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Danica Liddington (Excellence)
Gracie Whareaitu-Porter, Jamie Yuill
(Highly Commended)

Full Attendance: Danica Liddington

Y6 Awards:

Academic: Anna Ly, Amber Bullen, Koopah Keoghan
(Excellence)
Ruby Birss, Abbie Owen (Highly Commended)

Sport: Riley Noonan (Excellence)
Bella Simpson, Jozef Van Essen
(Highly Commended)

Full Attendance: Ha Ram Kim, Emily Sun, Riley Noonan

Y7/8 Awards:

Academic: Deacon Hoskin (Excellence)

Sport: Timothy Wilson-Turner (Excellence – Year 8)
Shylah-Lee Message (Excellence – Year 7)
Te Ahi Muriwai (Highly Commended – Year 7)

Senior Citizenship Awards:

Room 1: Nevaeh Mika (Excellence)
Kurios Pairama, Nacorsha-Lee Neha-Edwards
(Highly Commended)

Room 2: Ezekiel Clarke (Excellence)
Jade Noonan, KT Hards (Highly Commended)

Room 3: Awhina Parata-Allen (Excellence)
Reese Barker, Rhys Owen (Highly Commended)

Room 4: Ruby Birss (Excellence)
Ebony Thom, Sophie Beachen
(Highly Commended)

Room 5: Breeze Te Hau Tanawhea (Excellence)
Bella Simpson, Lauren Hamilton
(Highly Commended)

Senior Student Diligence Awards:

Room 1: Nacorsha-Lee Neha-Edwards (Excellence)
Neveah Mika, Tawhana Hohipa
(Highly Commended)

Room 2: Lukas Pluss (Excellence)
Sophie Taylor, Scarlett Barrett
(Highly Commended)

Room 3: Angelina Hun (Excellence)
Ella Bramwell, Luke Carr (Highly Commended)

Room 4: Vena Suon (Excellence)
Emily Sun, Evelyn Fu, Emelia Fu
(Highly Commended)

Room 5: Bella Simpson (Excellence)
Breeze Te Hau Tanawhea (Highly Commended)

Kapa Haka Awards:

Excellence and Achievement:
Bella Simpson, Kiana Horo-Kiriwera

Dedication and Service:
Hemiona Green, Hawaii Ki Taupo, Ataretta Maaka,
Isabella Symon, Te Rukei Karauria

Breakfast Club Awards:

Service to Breakfast Club
Madam-Jean Henry-Hindmarsh, Hinewai Tongia,
Hemiona Green.

Milk for Schools Awards:

Service to Milk for Schools
Ebony Thom, Ruby Birss