

Newsletter

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**Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings**



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 about these activities 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, a swim and 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 is NO eating in the pool at any time. Again this is a serious concern with food in and around the water.
- (2) 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 are fine.

School "Fees"

Our annual BOT Amenties Fee (\$30) and the Activity Worksheet Fee (\$20) no longer apply. The Board has set no school fees nor activity fees for 2020.

There will be charges related to camps which will remain. These costs are outlined in the camp notices which teachers will send home.

Waitangi Day

This Thursday 6th February school is closed.

Term 1 Upcoming Events

Thurs 6 Feb

- Waitangi Day - School closed

Tues 11 Feb

- Mobile Ear Clinic at Morrinsville School 9am-2:30pm
- PWC Info Evening 5:30pm

Weds 12 Feb

- BOT Family Fun Evening 5:30pm

Fri 21 Feb

- Junior Swimming Sports

Thurs 27 Feb

- Senior School Swimming Sports (Postponement Date 28th Feb)

Thurs 6 Feb

- Waitangi Day - School closed

Weds 4 Mar

- Y7/8 Whitianga Leadership Camp departs

Thurs 5 Mar

- Junior School Trip to Hamilton Gardens

Fri 6 Mar

- Y7/8 Whitianga Leadership Camp returns

Thurs 12 Mar

- Interschool Swimming Sports (Postponement Date Fri 13 Mar)

Sun 15 Mar

- Port Waikato Camp departs

Tues 17 Feb

- Mobile Ear Clinic at Morrinsville School 9am-2:30pm

Weds 18 Mar

- Y4 Pukemokemoke Walk

Fri 20 Mar

- Port Waikato Camp returns

Mon 23 & Tues 24 Mar

- Parent Teacher meetings



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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.

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. Ngaa mihinui, Shay.

PORT WAIKATO CAMP - GENERAL INFORMATION EVENING

Where: Room 3, Morrinsville School.

Time: Tuesday 11th 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 PWC.



BOT FAMILIES FUN EVENING NEXT WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

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

Below are photos from 2019.



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 or chewing gum 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 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 2020) 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, **Tuesday 11th 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.

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 2020

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 14th February.
- **Please note: The school office is unable to process credit cards - so cash or cheque only.**

Book Club



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: Maraea Nahu (Excellence)
(Room 7) Kirimangu McLaren-Wilson; Harley Bowden-Preston (Highly Commended)

Student Alex Harding (Excellence)

Diligence: Leyton Chandler; Maraea Nahu
(Room 7) (Highly Commended)

Y1 Awards:

Academic: Madison van de Pas (Excellence)
Charlie Moore; Tiana Thompson
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Waimarino Mark-Paora (Excellence)
Zane Vincent; Brodie Te Hau Tanawhea
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Madison van de Pas (Excellence)
(Room 8) Cooper Nahu; Amaia-Rose Tuhakaraina
(Highly Commended)

Student Ariana Sun (Excellence)

Diligence: Kitara Edwards
(Room 8) (Highly Commended)

Y2 Awards:

Academic: Quinn Hojnocki (Excellence)
Amariya Christy; Ian Mayo
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Charlie Hamer (Excellence)
Ignatius Borgia; Jordan Osai
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Jacob Liddington (Excellence)
(Room 12) Charlie Hamer; Amariya Christy
(Highly Commended)

Citizenship: Sapphire Chaloner (Excellence)
(Room 11) Gemma Johnson; Jordan Osai
(Highly Commended)

Student Erika Hun (Excellence)

Diligence: Evita Belmar; Karlah-Jane Edwards
(Room 12) (Highly Commended)

Student Ignatius Borgia (Excellence)

Diligence: Madison Symon; Kylie Simpson
(Room 11) (Highly Commended)

Y3 Awards:

Academic: Lochlan Grainger (Excellence)
Paige Carrington; Benjamin Borgia; Erin Hamer
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Brodie Wetere (Excellence)
Drew Hards; William Liddington
(Highly Commended)

Room 16 Paige Carrington (Excellence)

Citizenship: Drew Hards; Erin Hamer
(Highly Commended)

Student

Diligence: Lilly Lao (Excellence)
(Room 16) Aaliyah Pluss; Drew Hards
(Highly Commended)

Y4 Awards:

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

Sport: Neko Ridling (Excellence)
Jayda-Rose Murray-Ofanoa; Te Rukei Karauria
(Highly Commended)

Y5 Awards:

Academic: James Carrington (Excellence)
Hayley Thompson; Jade Richmond
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Corey Sherwood (Excellence)
Leon Gilroy; Lukas Pluss
(Highly Commended)

Full Attendance: Hayley Thompson

Y6 Awards:

Academic: Kori-Emily Hoskin (Excellence)
Danica Liddington; Holly Barlow
(Highly Commended)

Sport: Gracie Whareaitu-Porter (Excellence)
Aidan Keoghan; Danica Liddington; Jaiya Elfa
(Highly Commended)

Full Attendance: Danica Liddington, Ella Bramwell

Y7/8 Awards:

Academic: Bella Simpson-Y7; Ethan Scott-Y8 (Excellence)

Sport: Bella Simpson-Y7; Jolene Birt-Y7 (Excellence)
Te Ahi Muriwai-Y8 (Excellence)
Lee Thompson-Y8; Ethan Scott-Y8
(Highly Commended)

Senior Citizenship Awards:

Room 1: Kanneka Suon (Excellence)
Isla Aitken; Te Rukei Karauria
(Highly Commended)

Room 2: Lucas Belmar (Excellence)
Scarlett Barrett; Nevaeh Mika
(Highly Commended)

Room 3: Hawaiiki Taupo (Excellence)
Hinemaia Taua; Ruby Tatham; James Carrington
(Highly Commended)

Room 4: Danica Liddington (Excellence)
Reese Barker; Holly Barlow; Rhythm Clair
(Highly Commended)

Room 5: Piyathida Yala (Excellence)
Madam-Jean Henry-Hindmarsh; Tennessee Mika
(Highly Commended)

Senior Student Diligence Awards:

Room 1: Kanneka Suon (Excellence)
Rosa Elliot; Lisa Po
(Highly Commended)

Room 2: Aliyah Garnham-Richmond (Excellence)
Scarlett Barrett; Jayda-Rose Murray-Ofanoa
(Highly Commended)

Room 3: KT Hards (Excellence)
Hawaiiki Taupo; Rhylee-Jane Mason
(Highly Commended)

Room 4: Isabella Elliot (Excellence)
Sebastiaan Gierke; Aidan Keoghan
(Highly Commended)

Room 5: Piyathida Yala (Excellence)
Sharvette Hohaia-Hape; Luca van der Heyden
(Highly Commended)

Kapa Haka Awards:

Excellence and Achievement:

Bronzin Mark-Edwards, Hinemaia Taua, Hawaiiki Taupo

Dedication and Service:

Ataretta Maaka, Charlotte van der Aa, Lochlan Grainger, Lucas Belmar, Paige Carrington

Milk for Schools Awards:

Service to Milk for Schools

Reese Barker, Angelina Hun, Aidan Keoghan, Danica Liddington, Rhys Owen.

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