



Newsletter – 9th July 2021

Term 2, Week 10

Kia Ora Koutou, Dear Parents and Whānau,

Thank you to all **parents and students that participated in the Student Led Conferences (SLCs)**. This was a great opportunity for students to share their learning with parents and whānau. The survey sent to parents following the SLCs highlighted a range of opinions, on the whole positive, confirming the SLCs as a setting for students to lead the discussions around their learning. You are welcome to set times to come in and see your child's class teacher if you want to have further discussions about your child's learning, e.g. without your child present.

Parents of Year 6 students were provided with an information evening about the **Intermediate Programme, offered to Year 7&8s**. Thank you to all attendees and the intermediate staff who have created, and are delivering, a high quality programme. The Year 6 children also received a presentation, which included a Q&A time. If you were not able to attend the parents' meeting, please contact the School Office or one of our intermediate teachers for more information.

We had an excellent family turnout (thank you) for the Year 5&6 Rocket Man launch. This event was an exciting culmination of several weeks' worth of planning, investigating, testing, re-designing & re-testing water rocket designs. Well done to our next generation of flight engineers.

Over the last week, classes have been learning more about **Matariki**. This has included multiple **tuakana teina** experiences where our younger and older classes have worked together to create **a wide range of Matariki arts and crafts**. Wednesday's whole school assembly was a perfect time to enjoy all the collaborative mahi. Parents and whānau who attend the Matariki assembly were also treated to **a new waiata and haka**, performed by the senior Kapa Haka team, under the guidance of Jaymee Uttley. The assembly concluded with yet another talented performance by the **Year 7&8 Rock Band**.

One of the unique experiences enjoyed by our intermediate students is the **Year 7&8 Ball**. Last night's ball was amazing. **Tracy Noble**, and her team of parent helpers, had transformed the hall into **a breathtaking venue for our rangatahi**. We also had the pleasure of being joined by the Whangarei Heads School intermediates, with the support of their parents and staff. The students were stunning, the **set-piece dancing was beautiful to see, they were a credit to themselves, their families and the teachers**.

Term 2 has truly flown by; I am sure we have added quite a few memories for the end of year Yearbook. Coming up in Term 3 we have a number of events to look forward to. On the first day of **Term 3, Monday 26th July, a Pōwhiri** will take place to welcome our new tamariki, whānau and staff. Children will come to school at the normal time, the Pōwhiri will commence for manuhiri at 9:15am when they will be called on by the Kaikaranga.

The **School Cross Country** will take place on Tuesday 10th August, this will include cross country training taking place with all classes in the weeks preceding. For parents who wish to purchase the **Sports Tee** (not the Intermediate Tee) please see the [Uniform Hub site](#). **Kaylee Earl** deserves a special mention here; she came first in the North Island U12 Champs Cross Country recently in Taupo. **That makes Kaylee the U12 North Island Champion!**

Also in Term 3, our local **community Police team** will be running an **anti-bullying programme** for the students, using the Stop Bullying NZ materials. This will be for all students during Week 3. Staff will also be looking at **Cybersafety** for our tamariki. Additionally, [Netsafe](#) is running an [evening for parents at Kamo High School 25th August 7pm](#).

And finally, we have had some unwell children. If your child has had **sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them home** for 24-48 hours (depending on the type of illness) following the last instance of sickness. The Ministry of Health and Health Promotion Agency has a [useful table](#) to guide parents and schools on how long to keep children home if they are unwell. Please follow [the link](#) to find out more.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees for their ongoing support of the school and their focus on outcomes for your children. Please see Sarah's summary from the last Board meeting.

On behalf of the support staff and teachers, please have an enjoyable and relaxing school break, with children returning refreshed and ready to go in Term 3.

Mark Ashcroft
Principal

Upcoming events

Monday 26 th July	Start of Term 3 Powhiri – 9.15am
Friday 30 th July	Whangarei Boys' High School promotional visit – 11.30am Emily Henderson visit – 1.30pm
Monday 2 nd August	PBS Science and Technology Fair Whangarei Girls' High School promotional visit – 11.30am
Wednesday 4 th August	Assembly 1.45pm

Board of Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees met on the 23rd July 2021. One of the focuses of the Board and school leadership team is to reduce disparity within the school. After discussion of the principal's report, the board resolved to look into the anecdotal evidence that more children are coming to school hungry and to bring this information back to the board to discuss. In addition, the board resolved to fund further teacher aide hours for the remainder of the year.

The school has received information from the Ministry of Education on changes to the cohort entry process. The board resolved for the school to engage the community on whether a move to cohort entry would be desired.

Sarah Irwin

Team Manu Forum North Trip



Rocket Man



Kaylee Earl – U12 North Island Champion!



Matariki Art



Matariki Assembly and Rock Band





Holiday Programme

short Day 07:30 a.m.-03:30 p.m. \$40.00
Long day 07:30 a.m.-05:30 p.m. \$55.00

Parua Bay
Tamaterau Hall, Tamaterau Beach, Whangarei Heads

Mon 12 Jul	Tue 13 Jul	Wed 14 Jul	Thu 15 Jul	Fri 16 Jul
Camp Survivor				
				
Maroon your child with us this holidays between 7:30am-5:30 pm where there will be daily team building tasks, personal challenges & Fear Facts				
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Coming to Camp Tamaterau this school holidays - 'SURVIVOR' There will be daily team building tasks, personal challenges & fear factor fun activities taking place
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GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WHEN?
Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th July

WHERE?
Fantastic Gymnastics at the Parua Bay Community Centre

TIME?
12.00 - 4.00PM

WHAT TO BRING?
A packed Lunch & a Drink bottle

Arts & Crafts
Games
Mini Tramp
Bars
Beams

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Play gym
1-4 yrs
WED 2.30-3.15

TUMBLE & BOUNCE
Thursday 5-7pm

GYM FOR ALL
Wednesday afternoon

COMPETITION & MORE
OPEN 4 DAYS A WEEK

Contact us now to book your place for fun, friends and fitness today!

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 Whangarei Heads Road
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EPIC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Mon 12th - Fri 16th July

Futsal...and so much more!

"The best holiday program in the world!"
Ollie, aged 10

Kids aged 7 - 13 years 1 day: \$45 per day
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