

ActingPrincipal' s Message

Welcome all to term 3. I am excited to bring you our first newsletter of Term 3 and my first as acting principal. I also am excited to be leading the school this term and early into next term and continuing the great work that has come before me and continuing on this learning journey with you, your families and our community.

This term is already shaping up to being an incredibly busy term with lots of great learning and experiences planned for your children. The first few weeks of term classes will be enjoying the excitement of the Olympics, following the NZ teams successes and then participating in a junior and senior school Olympics. The remainder of the term classes will be using the technology process to find ways to develop and improve our school environment.

On our first day back we welcomed to our Whatawhata Family the following children. In TeKakano we welcomed Hazel, Caiden, Devon, Mackenzie, William and Brooklyn, Matai and Ariki. In TeKaho1 we welcomed Tyler and in TePihinga we welcomed Noah and Nathan. We wish you all the best in your new adventures here with us at Whatawhata.

The staff and I wish you all the best for a great term, if you have any questions, concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Until next time—Laurel Benn

Our new class - Welome Robyn Marquand!

Our new Te Kākano class has opened with our new teacher, Robyn Marquand, joining us. The class has already begun working collaboratively alongside Te Kākano, with children still learning with the different teachers according to their needs.



New TePihinga

Te Pihinga 1 and 2 are now enjoying their new collaborative space and are enjoying the different work zones and more time spent working together.



Just a few reminders

Absences

If your child is unwell or is going to be absent from school please remember to contact the school office on either 8298820 or you can text a message to 0221671290.

Lateness

We have quite a few children who are late to school. The morning starts at 8.30 and this is the time that teachers use to get the children set up and ready for learning. Where possible its also great for kids to arrive 10-15 minutes before the bell as it provides them time to catch up with friends, order lunches and be great self managers and get themselves organised ready for learning.

Wet Weather

With the weather being wet the field and some playground areas are wet and muddy, as a result we are having many children getting wet and muddy as they play. We are asking if your child enjoys playing in those areas that you put a change of clothes in their bags just in case of accidents.

Uniforms

Just a reminder that we are expecting to see all children in their school uniform each day.

Parking

Please remember and follow the safe ways we park around school. Only park on the school side of School Road in the marked bays then drive up the road towards Mason Road / Horotiu Road when you leave. You can park both sides of Kura Street though keep clear of the crossing area. Only cross Kura Street at the crossing. Thanks in advance for keeping our children safe.

Ag Day/Calf club

Its that time of year again—a personal favourite for me and some of you may have already begun thinking about it. This is the time of year when the children (and their families) begin rearing either a calf, lamb or kid goat in readiness for our annual Calf Club Day. This is a great experience for your child being responsible for the caring for and raising a young animal. If you require more info you can look on the following site www.calfclub.co.nz or contact me (Laurel)

Agricultural Animal saving dates

Kid goats : Early 1 July - 19 August
Late 20 August - 20 September
Lambs : Early 10 July - 19 August
Late 20 August - 20 September
Calves: Early 10 June - 31 July
Late 1 August - 20 September



Sporting Successes

Last term our Y5/6 basketball team won their division in the TeAwamutu basketball competition. Two members of the team, Taane and Kacy have been selected to play in a rep team—fantastic. A big thanks to their coach Tane Wiki (a former Whatawhata student) and an especially big thank you to the time and commitment that Tanya and Kira Wetere have made to supporting and coaching our players.



Another team that has had a great season supported by their coach Judy McDonald is the Whatawhata gold netball team—well done girls and a big thanks to Judy.

All those parents who help to coach, manage and support our children in their sports we really appreciate all your time and effort, we couldn't do it without you.

Upcoming events July—Hongongoi

28th Australian Maths Competition
29th CORE Ed for all staf

August - Hereturikōkā

2nd, 9th First aid training for all staff
2nd, 9th and 17th home play challenge supported by Richard
12th Snr Olympics day
16th BoT meeting, 6pm
19th TeRakau Avantidrome
26th Inter-schools junior football

September -

2nd Core Ed staff development day
8th Inter schools winter sports tournament (snrs)

Who wants to be a marching girl?

We have teams in Hamilton looking for marching girls. This sport offers a strong sense of team spirit and self-discipline. It aids in improving concentration and fitness, encourages pride in grooming and personal achievement. It offers musical enjoyment, life long friendships, opportunities to travel and is really fun.

If your interested please call or text Michelle on 021376288

Happenings this week

100 day Party in Tekakano

New classes and learning spaces

BP technology challenges in the senior

Classes.

