

Kia ora te whanau,

Well it has been a whirlwind of a start to Term 4 with two big occasions squeezed into one week. Tuesday was supposed to be the Te Rangatahi o te Kauea Cultural Festival but due to poor weather was postponed until Wednesday, and today was the National Tuia 250 event held at Wharekaho (Simpsons Beach, Whitianga). This has been a big ask for all those involved and in particular our students, especially after a two week break. Congratulations to you all for getting through what has been a very busy week. Now relax this weekend and go the mighty All Blacks!

Nga mihi,

Mr D

TE RANGATAHI O TE KAUEA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This year's Coromandel Cultural Festival was hosted by Mercury Bay Area School for the first time up in Whitianga. The poor weather tried its hardest to cancel the event but those in charge made the decision to postpone one day later and the occasion was a great success.

Our students travelled up the windy SH 25 with only a few car sick casualties! Upon arrival, Tane Mahuta made their way to the large powhiri in the school gym. Many schools from all over the peninsula participated in the festival and took part in the traditional maori welcome.

Tane Mahuta performed at 10.30am and they were outstanding. They looked amazing, sounded great and performed to a high standard. Two principals spoke very highly about our group after their performances, which is a real credit to Tane Mahuta and the team behind them. Thank you so much to all the parents who transported and came along and helped prepare our roopu. Thanks also to Gina Kennings, Matua Ryan and Mike Cooney for their input as well. Michelle and Rachel also deserve a special mention for organising the group's uniforms.





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OPOUTERE SCHOOL SENIOR ATHLETICS

Our Opoutere School Senior Athletics Day is just around the corner. The date has been set for Tuesday 29th October (Friday Nov 1st back up). Ages are taken as of 14th October 2019 (First day of Term 4). This event guides our selection for an Opoutere School team to represent at the Four Schools Athletics Championships the following week at Whangamata Area School. The details for the day are as follows:

9.10 a.m. Assemble for briefing. Hats are to be worn.

9.20 a.m. Races (50m, 80m, 200m)10.30 a.m. Morning Tea Break10.50 a.m. Assemble in front of hall

FIELD EVENTS BEGIN (2 attempts and 3 if time allows)

ROUND 1 11:00 - 11.25

8YO	9YO	10Y0	11YO	12+ YO
LONG	HIGH	SHOTPUT	DISCUS	FUN
JUMP	JUMP			RACES

ROUND 2 11: 25 - 11.50

8YO	9YO	10Y0	11YO	12+ YO
FUN	LONG	HIGH	SHOTPUT	DISCUS
RACES	JUMP	JUMP		

ROUND 3 11.50 - 12.15

8YO	9YO	10Y0	11YO	12+ YO
DISCUS	FUN	LONG	HIGH	SHOTPUT
	RACES	JUMP	JUMP	

ROUND 4 12:15 - 12.40

8YO	9YO	10Y0	11YO	12+ YO
SHOTPUT	DISCUS	FUN	LONG	HIGH
		RACES	JUMP	JUMP

12.50 p.m. Lunch

1.30pm Back to class (Afternoon Roll / Hats)1.40 p.m. Continue with Field Events (Last rotation)

<u>ROUND 5</u> 1:40 – 2.05

8YO	9YO	10Y0	11YO	12+ YO
HIGH	SHOTPUT	DISCUS	FUN	LONG
JUMP			RACES	JUMP

2.15pm Inter House Relays

2.30 p.m. Finish

Please feel free to join on us on the day and if you are able to help by supporting a teacher at a field event or timing during the sprints in the morning we would love to hear from you.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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JUNIOR TOUCH RUGBY

Junior touch is all set to go for Week 2, Term 4 starting Thursday 24 October. We are a little short on coaches for a junior team so please let us know if you can help.

Like and follow the Whangamata Junior Facebook page for regular updates and info.

https://www.facebook.com/WhangamataJuniorTouch/





POEM

Thanks for coming and sharing your poem with me Lia. Mr D:)

Wet soggy grass....

Rain drops dancing crazily on the roof.

Splish splosh....
I can hear the rain whistling loud,

Relaxing rain,

Rustling raindrops.

Wet soggy grass.....

By Lia Shoemark Rimu

PROJECT ENERGIZE





CALLING ALL CRICKETERS

Registrations are now open for junior cricket players. We are hoping to enter teams at Year 3&4, Year 5&6 and Year 7&8. If you have a child who wishes to play cricket please register through the following link:

https://registrations.crichq.com/register/220473

Games will be played on a Saturday morning throughout November. If you are interested in coaching or managing a team, please contact Alistair Luke at school, alistairl@whangamata.school.nz.



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING

Following from last summer we are starting up tennis coaching again on Wednesday 16th October at the tennis courts in Whangamata. These sessions are designed to develop interest and skills in tennis.

Group session 1

Start time 4.00pm

This is for 5-8 year olds and works on eye – hand skills using equipment for this age group, such as correct racquets, tennis balls and a smaller net.

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Group session 2

Start time 5.00pm

This is for the older children 9-14 year olds and is on the full court, working on swing pattern, movement and balance and having rallies. Also how a game is played from scoring through to where to be on the court.

If your child does not have a racquet they can borrow one, the same as last season.

For booking please email:

Whangasports@gmail.com

Cost for the term is \$35.00 and is payable to Whangamata Combined Sports A/C 02 - 1254 - 0027793 - 000

Looking forward to seeing you John Carlyon

CALENDAR

TERM 4			
Tuesday 22 nd October	Project Energize Athletics		
Wednesday 23 rd October	Cricket Taster Sessions		
Monday 28 th October	Labour Day		
Tuesday 29 th October	Opoutere School Senior Athletics		
Monday 4 th November	BOT Mtg		
Tuesday 5 th November	WHOT Athletics		
Wednesday 20 th November	Thames valley Athletics		
Monday 25 November	BOT Mtg		

All term events are added to the Parent's Google calendar found on our School website. https://www.opoutereschool.net/school-calendar

Please visit this regularly for updates and new events.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



THAMES VALLEY RUGBY UNION

HEARTLAND
CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL
Thames Valley v Wanganui
PAEROA DOMAIN, KICK OFF 2PM.
Curtain Raiser game at 12.15pm
Thames Valley U14's v
Morrinsville College U15's
Come dressed in your best
Swampfoxes supporters gear
SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER



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