



July 2016
Term 2, Week 10



Family Newsletter

Kia ora families and whanau,

At the end of term it is timely to pause and reflect on what we have collectively experienced over the last 10 weeks. Sadly for many of our families it has been a time of much loss and sadness. We acknowledge that there have been at least nine tangi of close relatives of our students. A large proportion of our students have been affected. Some are struggling to quantify their loss and resolve their grief. We extend our aroha to all whanau who have had loved ones pass recently. If there is anything we can do to support your child or if there is any pertinent information that would help us meet their needs we would appreciate being informed.

At least partly due to this there is a real need for our NCEA students in particular to ensure that they are on track and up to speed on their assessment work and preparation for exams. Effectively there are only 12 weeks of school remaining for these students. I ask parents to check with your child that they have a plan to complete the year well. Our whanau teachers and deans are assisting in this but would like to know if additional help is required.

I extend my best wishes to those students who have been selected to represent Northland Area Schools at national tournament. I hope Dunedin is not too cold for you.

I have received feed back recently that there is a perception that the school has not responded to critical situations and events. I do not consider that this is actually the case. It is however true to say that the school has not communicated what has been done. This is largely because there are issues of confidentiality that the school must consider and in so doing act to safeguard the welfare, private information and mana of students and staff. We will gladly engage with Whanau in regard to their own student(s) but are obligated not to share information with them about others.

If you have a particular concern about an event or incident then I invite you to contact me so I can detail what has been done in terms of the process that has been followed. I suspect not everyone will be satisfied with the outcome but to assume that nothing has been done is a falsehood.

Ka kite ano

Phil Reynolds,
Principal

Admin & Community News

Visitors to school during school hours, *including parents and caregivers*, are required to sign in at the office. This is standard practice across schools. Please help us comply with health and safety regulations by following this requirement.

Trophies: Please return all Show Day and Prizegiving trophies to the office.

Show Day:

It's time to start planning ahead for Show Day in term 4. This year Show Day is Saturday 15 October. **Calf, lamb, goat or puppy entries must be born after 1st July in the year of competition.**

Option and consumable fees need to be paid as soon as possible. These charges are compulsory and are used for materials e.g. workshop timber and food ingredients. The technology departments need these fees to run their programmes. Statements have recently been posted to all parents and caregivers. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Town Bus: A reminder that we are now operating our own school van/bus on the town run. As the van is only able to transport 11 passengers seats are limited. Spaces are reserved for regular, fare paying students. Other students wishing to use the van **MUST RESERVE A PLACE in advance** and pay for the ticket on the day of travel.

Absences: Please remember to contact the school office as soon as possible to let us know if your child will be absent.



William Pike Challenge

Recently, the Link class enjoy a sunny but chilly day on the water at Tutukaka learning to paddle board as part of the William Pike Challenge programme. All the students took on the challenge with enthusiasm. They

had an awesome time, they stepped outside their comfort zone and can be very proud of their achievements. The vision of this programme is to develop well rounded and confident students through outdoor experiences and connection with their community.



"Kiwiana" by Zac, Richard and Shay

Visual Arts

Kiaora koutou katoa,

Our students at all levels have produced some lovely work so far this year. The primary students are always eager to make art and experiment with different ideas and materials. Works ranging from collage seashore, pool and creatures, to Scraffitto framed poems and Rap.

The year 7 and 8's have produced posters which make a social comment on taking care of our environment, and are now creating delightful "Kiwiana" mixed media works. Year 9's have been hard at work learning about colour and various painting techniques. They are producing an imaginative array of artworks which display their newly learned talents. Year 10 have been studying Various Tapa cloth motifs and are now producing a Tapa style design with overlaid painted images. They look amazing!

Years 11, 12 and 13 are all hard at work with their NCEA Achievement Standards and all are producing work of a good standard. We look forward to our usual end of year exhibition so you may see their fine work.

Mandy van der Klundert

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

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To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 2 May 2016 and 31 December 2016.

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Community News

COUNTRY MEAL: Each month the Mangakahia Sports Complex at Poroti is the venue for the local Community Country Meals, which are held on the second Friday of each month. This month, 8th July, Mangakahia Rugby Club is hosting the meal.

Proceeds from the Country Meals are shared with a community group, sports club or local school that hosts the meal each month. They are a great way to meet the local community and have a relaxed night out.

Meals cost \$6 for children and \$12-\$15 for adult's meals. A delicious range of salads plus dessert is included with the meals. There is a fully licenced bar. Come along and enjoy a night out with your friends and neighbours.

School Holiday Fun at Kiwi North, 11th to 22nd July, includes:



Close Encounters with Flash the Tuatara. Matariki activities, Heritage Park Rides and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings essential. For more information contact reception@kiwinorth.co.nz, 4389 630 ext.0 or www.kiwinorth.co.nz

Term Dates:

Term 2: Ends 8 July.

Term 3: Starts 25 July, Ends 23 September.

Term 4: Starts 10 October, Ends 14 December.



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