

The weeks are already starting to move quickly with us nearing the end of week 3 Term 2! The temperatures are also really starting to cool down with colder mornings and evenings!! Let's hope the sun keeps shining as it has the last few days!!

It is going to be a disruptive week next week - as we have the Teacher Strike on the 29th May and Whakatane Schools Teacher Only Day on Friday 31st May - this has been planned and paid for, for months prior to the strike action notification.

TEACHER STRIKE

Message from NZEI - We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

Important Dates:

Thursday 16th May – Cyber Safety Information Meeting

Wednesday 29th May – Teacher Strike Day

Thursday 30th May – Open Day for parents to walk the Cross Country track, starting 11.30am.

Friday 31st May – Whakatane Schools Teacher Only Day

Monday 3rd June – School Closed – Queen's Birthday Holiday

Wednesday 5th June – School Cross Country (Thursday 7th Postponement date)

Tuesday 11th June – Interschool Cross Country

Tuesday 18th June – EBOP Cross Country

Wednesday 3rd July – STUDENT LED CONFERENCES – more details will come out soon about these

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thursday 4th July – STUDENT LED

CONFERENCES - more details will come out soon about these

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Friday 5th July – End of Term 2

On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

TODAY

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN ONLINE - FAMILY ZONE PARENT MEETING – We

will be holding a second Family Zone Cyber Safety Parent

Information event on Thursday 16th May 2pm at school.

There is a free license for every child at our school.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW

Every two years, the BoT (Board of Trustees) is required to update its statement on the School's delivery of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum, in consultation with the school's parent/caregiver community.

1. The "Health and Physical Education Curriculum Statement", which states how the school will deliver the Health and Physical Education Curriculum; and
2. The "Health and Physical Education Curriculum Content Objectives", which describe the school's key learning goals relevant to the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

The current versions of the statements and objectives will be shared in the next few weeks, and parent comment input will be welcomed as part of the review. As background to support the review, please find attached:

1. An overview of the Health and Physical Education section of the New Zealand Curriculum. Note that the full curriculum is available online at <http://www.nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/>.
2. A copy of the school's current curriculum statements and a copy of the school policy will be made available on the school website (this should be available next week - I will notify you of this in next week's newsletter).
3. There will also likely to be a community feedback survey and possibly a parent information evening organised as part of this - where such programmes as 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' will be discussed and shared.

LOCKDOWN Drill

We will be holding a Lockdown Drill here at school on Friday. Unfortunately, lockdowns are becoming more commonplace in schools these days, and it is really important that we walk the children through this procedure.

Lockdowns can occur for many reasons - from Chemical Spill, unwanted/uninvited intruders, stormy weather just to mention a few reasons.

In all actual LOCKDOWN cases we will be in contact with Police and other Emergency organisations, there will also be communication with local radio stations to update any information that parents may need - we would also try to send messages to all parents where it is possible and practicable, this would come via email, or facebook - as long as we can access tools to generate the messages. Obviously, we will not be doing this part during our drill this Friday.

One thing that must **NOT** happen during an actual LOCKDOWN is to attempt to come to school to collect your child!

There will be no access to buildings or children for anyone including parents and caregivers.

Parents or Caregivers will not be given access to children for collection until emergency authorities, or the person in charge have declared the situation safe to do so.

Sometimes lockdowns can last for an extended period of time - in some cases well after school hours. So, it is really important that you keep an eye and ear out for any information, ensure we have your correct contact details - and remain calm and patient!

In some recent Lockdowns around the country this has been a real problem - where parents/caregivers have tried to access their children and in doing so have put themselves, their children and others in serious danger. In some cases, this has moved the whole situation to another level of emergency and lockdown.

Ready to Ride
Free Cycle Confidence Workshops
Saturday 1st or 8th June 2019

RICHARD HAMER
WHAKATANE CYCLE COACH

New to cycling or returning after a few years off the saddle?
A bit nervous about riding on our local roads?
Just brought a bike or e-bike?
Then join Richard for a free session that will help you ride confidently.

Meet - Whakatane Rose Gardens
9.30 to 12 or 1 to 3.30
FREE (Max 4 riders per session)
Book on 027 3257792 or whakatanecyclecoach@gmail.com

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LOST PROPERTY

Remember to name all children's clothing especially expensive jackets and sweatshirts etc. At this time of the year we tend to gather large numbers of sweatshirts, jackets, coats etc. - with cooler mornings children come all wrapped up, but as the day moves on and heats up the jackets and sweatshirts are removed and left lying about.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

7 June 2019

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school. The board is the employer of all staff in the school and is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and for ensuring that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

This three-minute video is for use with prospective trustees and briefly outlines what trusteeship is all about.

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

Call for Nominations by	Friday 10th May 2019
Close Supplementary roll	Noon, Wednesday 22 May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday 13 June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019

PRIDE VALUES

P – Positivity - We participate in all activities with enthusiasm. We say kind and positive words.

R – Respect - We listen and use our manners. We care for ourselves, our belongings, the environment and each other.

I – Integrity - We make the right choices and do as we say. We are trustworthy.

D – Diligence - We try our best in all activities and take on challenges. We work hard to achieve our goals.

E – Empathy - We think about others and their feelings before we act.

Our focus this week is **Respect**


PRIDE Winners for week 2 were:

Te Tiwai – Madeleine, Cleve, Ben M, Jai, Quinn

Nga Peka - Case W, Fenix C

Each fortnight at our Monday Morning assemblies, we present 2 to 3 children from each learning space with a Pride certificate related to the current Value focus and a coloured band. Whanau should be extremely proud if their child brings one of these home. Children who have also earned pride tickets around school or on the bus also go into a draw to win an ice block. This term those with the most Pride tickets or Pride points from each class also get to have a special treat on Friday.

At the end of this term all those who have received a PRIDE ticket go into a draw for prizes.



NEWSPAPER DELIVERY PEOPLE

- Earn extra cash
- Learn valuable work life skills

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Waterways Dr, Saltmarsh Cl,
Shark Bay Cl, Sanctuary Ave,
Landward Cl, Te Horo Dr, Claydon Pl

The Beacon is seeking a reliable person to deliver newspapers to our subscribers' letterboxes in the above area.

- You must be over 10 years old
- Be available Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
- Be able to deliver the Beacon before 7.30am each day

To register
Julie 308 8129 extn 824
circulation@thebeacon.co.nz



Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?

If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:

Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds

Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old

Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old

Rangers: 12 – 17 years old

For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand

www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

0800 22 22 92

info@girlguidingnz.org.nz

WHAKATANE EMBROIDERER'S GUILD JUNIOR EMBROIDERY CLASSES 2019

Wednesdays 22 May – 26 June 3.30pm to 5pm at ATC Rooms end of Tuho Ave

Girls and boys from 9 years welcome. \$5.00 for 6 classes. Please contact either;

Miss Nancy Neilson or Mrs Peta McMillan

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RENTAL HOUSE WANTED - Tilhi and Virna family wish to live closer to school. If you have or hear about a long-term rental in Ohope / close to Ohope, call Anniina Talaslahti: 0272033662 or email: oli.talasilahti@sig.biz.

WHAKATANE COMMUNITY OF LEARNING TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday May 31st - (Friday before Queens Birthday Weekend) Early notification of a Teacher Only Day

Our Community of Schools (CoL) group is holding a Teacher Only day for our district on Friday May 31st - this is an opportunity for all the local teachers, Early Childhood through to Secondary to all come together for some shared professional development, sharing of information, skills and ideas.

All local schools will not be open for instruction on that day.

Parent Election Notice

Ohope Beach School - School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

Nomination forms are available from the school office.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.

Signed

Jenny McKenzie

Returning Officer