



Kia Ora Parents & Caregivers,

Less than a month to go until the festive season starts! I have no doubt that Santa has already started receiving Christmas letters and requests for his elves to eagerly get on with. Some of you may also be visualising yourself collecting your kids from school on the last day of Term, waving goodbye to friends and heading off to your favourite holiday bay or bach. Our awesome Kapa Haka group will perform at the 'Carols by Candlelight' in Warkworth on Friday 1st December and I welcome you to come along and enjoy the evening with us.

Move & Groove proved to be an absolutely fantastic production. So much hard work was put in by everyone and it really paid off. It was great to see so many parents/caregivers and whanau come along to see the show and support their children. A huge thank you to all the teachers, staff and parent helpers who helped put this together, and also to the pupils for thoroughly entertaining us.

I have noted concerns that some parents have regarding end-of-year activities/trips to acknowledge and thank those students for spending their lunchtimes and playtimes completing their leadership roles and responsibilities. I am reviewing these activities/trips for next year. Please be reminded that should you have any issue that is of concern, speaking to the class teacher should be your first port of call. My office is also always open should you feel your concern should be raised to another level.

I would like to thank Mrs Bentley for organising the Home Learning Challenge. A total of 278 children participated. Well done to all our students. The Home Learning Challenge allows us to recognise what our children are doing outside the classroom as they get involved with their whanau and community. Our 2018 Challenges will be equally challenging and fun to complete.

The new PTA committee for 2018 has now been confirmed and I would like to welcome them on board. This is a very important part of our school and helps to provide some great activities and treats for the students throughout the year. Thank you very much to the outgoing committee for all your hard work, it is really appreciated. The students, teachers and school as a whole, have benefited immensely from your dedication and enthusiasm.

I am pleased to inform the school community that we have moved Kim Scott from her role as Events Manager into the School Relations Administrator position that Helena Ujdur will be vacating at the end of the Term. Kim will officially start in the role on 22 January 2018 but will be working alongside Helena until the end of the year to pick up the finer nuances of the job. Welcome to the new role Kim - we know you will do an outstanding job.

Next week is the last week that students will be issued books from the Info Centre, and all books need to be back by the end of Week 8 (Friday 8 December). I was also very disappointed to be handed a brand new library book with a squashed mouldy sandwich inside it. At the beginning of the year each student was asked to bring a library book bag, it is unacceptable that these are not always being used. Please take care of our books.

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the ICAS examinations, there were some fantastic results, you all put in a great effort. Please see the results in this newsletter.

The paddock carpark is now being surfaced. Please be reminded that large vehicles and machinery will be operating there over the next couple of weeks. Kindly be patient, take care and do not park in front of the entrance. The BOT has gone to an immense amount of trouble to secure this facility for your use therefore when it is completed, please do make use of it rather than parking on the busy road. Thanks again to Rob Gibson at Wharehine for his generous support of our school.

Congratulations to our award winners:

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| Creative Kid: | Sylvie M | Thanks Matakana Cinemas |
| Magic Person: | Oscar C | Thanks The Stables Restaurant |
| Plume Playground: | Nathan T | Thanks Plume Cafe |
| Sports Star: | Emma M | Thanks Summer Sessions |

Wishing you all the best as we approach the most wonderful time of the year,
Ngā mihi,
Darrel Goosen
Principal



2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 31st Jan. - 13th April
Term 2: 1st May - 7th July
Term 3: 24th July - 29th Sep.
Term 4: 16th Oct. - 14th Dec.

2018 Term Dates

Term 1: 30th Jan. - 13th April
Term 2: 30th April - 6th July
Term 3: 23rd July - 28th Sep.
Term 4: 15th Oct. - 13th Dec.

Term 4 Event Calendar

| Nov | |
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| 28 | Elite Athletics |
| 29 | Y0-2 Run Jump Throw |
| Dec | |
| 1 | Y4-Y6 Leadership Certificate Assembly at 1.30pm |
| 4 | Y5&Y6 End of Year Trips Y1-Y4 Author Craig Smith show BOT Meeting |
| 5 | Y4 End of Year Trip |
| 6 | Year 6 Graduation, 5pm |
| 8 | No Assembly Y3 Trip |
| 11 | Final House Assembly, 1.30pm <i>Announcement of the House that has received the most Spirit points this year. All welcome.</i> |
| 13 | Prize Giving Assembly, 11am Details on the next page. <i>Reports sent home.</i> |
| 14 | Last day of School School finishes at 12.25pm. <i>All buses will run early to accommodate the earlier closing time. Park & Walk line to the statue will operate at 12.25pm. Matakids starts at 12.25pm.</i> |

Please note that the Kindo shop will be closed on the last day of Term 4 2017 until Wednesday 24th January 2018

Please note that the last day the uniform shop will be open is Monday 4th December, the shop will reopen on Kindo on the 24th January 2018

Message from the Board of Trustees

2k Kids Dash Mike Pero Omaha Half Marathon

Thank you for supporting our final fundraiser of the school year. The Mike Pero Omaha Half Marathon 2k Kids Dash takes place on Sunday, 10 December 2017. See you there!



Rock Garden Project

The board have sourced some fantastic rocks to be put in the school's main quad to allow an area for more climbing and rock hopping, as well as creating seated areas on the grass for our children to sit and enjoy their lunch. This project would not be possible without the support of Wharehine Group who have kindly offered to transport these massive rocks to the school and who have offered us the use of their digger.



Move and Groove

What an absolutely fabulous two evenings of performances we had last week! The children were outstanding. And who knew the teachers and parents were such wonderful dance choreographers? It was incredibly special to see such fabulous support from the school community. Last week's performances embodied the spirit and atmosphere of primary school and the memories that last in our children's minds. Thank you to everyone involved for making those performances happen. We know it was a massive effort but so very worth it.



FROM THE PTA

It is such a busy time of year for everyone, and the kids seem to have so much on this term, but I think the highlight for many will be the incredible performances from every single child at the Move and Groove concerts last week. The choreography and costumes were very cool, and the teachers worked so hard to make the show such a success. Thanks to everyone involved for all your efforts. Unfortunately this year we were not able to have Christmas in the Village, however there will be a special magic treat for the kids during school hours next week. We have had such an amazing response for a new core PTA group, and welcome the new team. Thanks to everyone who has put their hand up, and remember, even if you are not officially a member of the PTA, you can always help out on a casual basis, or when you feel passionately about something. We are excited to see what the new PTA has planned for the next year at Matakana School, and will definitely be there for support. Have a wonderful week, ka kite, Kirsty, Rachael, Emily and Norm.

Introducing the new PTA committee for 2018

President: Caroline Searle (bottom left)
Secretary: Melissa Crawford (middle top)
Treasurer: Megan Ellis (bottom middle)

Committee: Delle Hay (top left) Andrea Turnbull (bottom right) Steph Roberts (top right) Tiffany Hubbard (absent)

★★★ MATAKANA SCHOOL ★★★



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

★ **END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING** ★

DECEMBER 13TH

STARTING AT
11AM

ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND
WHANAU WELCOME

KAPA HAKA AT

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

WE ARE VERY EXCITED THAT OUR KAPA HAKA ROOPU HAS BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM AS ONE OF THE 'WARM UP' ACTS PRIOR TO CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT BEING HELD IN LUCY MOORE PARK ON FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER.

OUR ROOPU WILL BE ON STAGE FROM APPROX 6PM



Reminders of school activities and trips, etc are sent out on the school App. Please ensure you have downloaded the App and joined the relevant alert groups.

ICAS RESULTS

Year 3 Science - Ayeisha B (Distinction), Lucas B-W (Distinction), Joia T (Merit), Teo B (Credit)

Year 4 Science - Christian A (Credit), Zachary B (Distinction), Andrew G (Distinction), Aria D (Credit), Frankie H (Credit), Abby H (Credit), Lennon K (Credit)

Year 5 Science - Daisy A (Credit), Charlie B (Credit), Lara K (Credit), Remy S (Credit)

Year 6 Science - Tilly C (Credit), Thomas G (Credit), Sasha J (Credit), Olesya K (Credit), Ari O (Credit)

Year 3 English - Maddison S (Credit), Siena A-S (High Distinction), Ayeisha B (High Distinction), Lucas B-W (Distinction), Teo B (Credit), Anna I (Distinction), George P (Distinction), Joia T (Credit)

Year 4 English - Zachary B (High Distinction), Aria D (Credit), Eva F (High Distinction), Frankie H (Credit), Luka H (Credit), Abby H (Merit), Chilli J (Merit), Lennon K (Credit), Katya K (Credit), Dylan M (Merit), Matai O (Credit)

Year 5 English - Gemma B (Merit), Luca C (Credit), Faye D (Distinction), Phoebe G (Credit), Esme G (Credit), Sam M (Credit), Olivia M (Merit), Felicity S (Credit), Remy S (Distinction), Liliane W (Distinction)

Year 6 English - Bella B (Credit), Tilly C (Merit), Thomas G (Credit), Sasha J (High Distinction), Olesya K (Credit), Ari O (Merit), Mia O (Credit)

Year 4 Digital Technologies - Aria D (Credit), Katya K (Credit), Tilly O (Merit)

Year 5 Digital Technologies - Luca C (Credit), Phoebe G (Credit), Esme G (Credit)

Year 6 Digital Technologies - Bella B (Distinction), Tilly C (Distinction), Sasha J (Credit), Olesya K (Credit), Mia O (Credit), Jonty W (Credit)

Year 4 Writing - Zachary B (Distinction), Eva F (Credit), Frankie H (Credit), Chilli J (Credit), Katya K (Credit), Matai O (Credit)

Year 5 Writing - Charlie B (Merit), Madeleine E (Credit)

Year 6 Writing - Olesya K (Credit)

Year 4 Spelling - Zachary B (Credit), Aria D (Credit), Eva F (Credit), Andrew G (Merit), Abigail H (Credit)

Year 5 Spelling - Sylvie M (Distinction), Ted S (Merit), Felicity S (Credit), Remy S (Distinction)

Year 6 Spelling - Thomas G (Merit), Sasha J (Credit), Olesya K (Credit)

Year 3 Maths - Ayeisha B (Distinction), Lucas B-W (Distinction), Teo B (Credit), Anna I (Credit), Charlize K (Merit), Joia T (High Distinction)

Year 4 Maths - Zachary B (High Distinction), Aria D (Credit), Eva F (Credit), Andrew G (Credit), Abby H (Distinction), Lennon K (Credit), Katya K (Credit)

Year 5 Maths - Daisy A (Distinction), Charlie B (Merit), Luca C (Merit), Finn C (Credit), Ben H (Distinction), Leo R (Credit), Ted S (Credit), Remy S (Credit), Ruby T (Credit), Liliane W (Credit)

Year 6 Maths - Bella B (Credit), Tilly C (Credit), Cormac G (Distinction), Sasha J (Credit), Olesya K (Credit), Sid T (Credit)



I had so much fun on Tuesday because we had our Move and Groove. We had to wait soooo long but finally it was our turn. I was nervous when we came up on stage. My glasses helped a little bit because it made it dark so I couldn't see the people. Then eventually I felt like a rock star because I was up on stage without being scared. Well, a little bit.
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IN AN EMERGENCY STAY SAFE STAY INFORMED

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Emergency Mobile Alert coming soon

The Government will soon be launching a new service to keep people informed in an emergency, led by the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM).

MCDEM is partnering with other authorised agencies – New Zealand Police, Ministry for Primary Industries, Ministry of Health, Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups and Fire and Emergency New Zealand– to use Emergency Mobile Alert to alert people if their lives, property or health are at serious risk.

The system uses cell broadcast technology to send messages to enabled phones, so alerts can be targeted to specific geographic locations. People won't need to sign up to receive alerts, or download an app, alerts will be sent to every enabled phone in the region.

This is an exciting development towards strengthening our emergency alerting systems across New Zealand. But it doesn't replace existing channels and natural warnings. It's another channel for warning people when there is a serious risk. We will still use our existing channels, including social media, our website, TV and radio.

A multi-media advertising campaign will ensure New Zealanders know the system is coming and what to do when they receive an alert. We are on track to conduct a nationwide test of the system on 26 November.

What you can do

Find out if your phone can receive the alerts at www.civildefence.govt.nz. If your phone is turned on, is capable of receiving the alerts and you are in the targeted area, then you should get an alert if it is sent out.

If you would like more information, check out www.civildefence.govt.nz/emergency-mobile-alerts.

Make a plan

Make sure your family has a plan for what to do in an emergency. You can make yours online www.happens.nz/make-a-plan/

In an emergency you could be stuck at work, without transport home. Work through the [personal workplace emergency plan](#) to work out what you will do.

Please be aware that the school's acceptance of advertising in the school newsletter does not constitute approval and/or endorsement for any product or activity.

MEET PADDINGTON!
 AT NEWMARKET STATION (PADDINGTON STATION)
3 DECEMBER 2017

PADDINGTON 2
 IN CINEMAS DECEMBER 21

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CADBURY RAFFLE

WE HAVE A 10KG BLOCK OF CADBURY DAIRY MILK (5 X 2KG BLOCKS) THAT HAS BEEN KINDLY DONATED BY MATAKANA FOUR SQUARE

TICKETS ARE \$1 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ON KINDO

DRAWN FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER



Online web ordering system presently used for supplying school lunches to Matakana & Warkworth Primary Schools. The system could suit an already established business, wishing to expand their earning/business potential.

For further enquiries email: orders@lunchesmata.co.nz or ph Sharon 021 247-3393

