



Monday 15 August 2022

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers & Whānau,

It's been rather cold the last few weeks, with a fair bit of rain, and nasty weather with more to come. Unfortunately that has once again resulted in high absences from cold and flu related illnesses. We do appreciate you keeping your children home if they aren't feeling the best. Being tucked up in bed in the warm is definitely the best place for them to recover quickly.

We have had a great start to Term 3 with the Year 3 & 4 students heading off to explore the **Maritime Museum** in the Viaduct Harbour. They always have a wonderful time, and enjoy the opportunity to learn about our Maritime histories. Room 2 has started their **Garden to Table** sessions, and Rooms 6 & 1 came along for a visit to see how the seedlings they had planted last term had flourished.

School cross country was held last week, thankfully the weather stayed away just long enough, and we had a great afternoon. All the students ran really well, and we have a good contingent to send along to the **Inter- School event** (hosted by Matakana School) to be held at the Warkworth Showgrounds on the 30th of August. It was great to see so many parents come along to offer support from the sidelines. Thank you to Mr Hatfull and all other staff members who were involved in the organisation and marshalling. Thanks to our awesome **PTA** for handing out ice blocks to all our runners - it was very much appreciated.

By popular demand, our local Kāhui Ako has arranged for speaker **Kylie Ryan** (from The Tough Stuff) to host a "**Primary & Tweens**" seminar on Wednesday evening at 7pm in our school hall. Please do come along, entry is free. Feedback from those that have attended in the past, confirms that it is an extremely valuable parenting information session not to be missed. This will be followed up by another "**Tweens & Teens**" session at Mahurangi College on Wednesday the 31st August.

I will be hosting the first **Pizza with the Principal** for the term this week. I always look forward to having this one on one time with the students, and learning about their school experiences. It's really neat to hear about their extra curricular activities, and family time as well. Thank you again to [The Stables Restaurant](#) for supplying our tasty pizzas. They are always a big hit.

Next week on Friday 26th August is **Daffodil day**. We will be having a MUFTI day, where students can wear Yellow, or Orange as it is a House assembly day. Please send a gold coin donation. All money collected will be sent through to the Cancer Society to help with their annual fundraising efforts. As a school we feel it is important to support worthwhile causes, and try to do this several times a year.

On the 9th of September we will be hosting our **Annual Auction fundraiser "Springfest 22"**. This is a fabulous night for our parents and school community to come together and enjoy a great band, tasty food, and to participate in the live auction if you wish to. There are always some sought after items up for grabs. Tickets are now on sale via KINDO. Keep an eye on your child's school bag for notices. The **silent auction**, which is run on the **32auctions** website will kick off on Monday the 29th

August, and will run for two weeks. Our local businesses have been super supportive, there really are some fabulous items that will be available to purchase.

Our **Pupil Progress Presentations (PPPs)** are scheduled for later this term. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to share in their child's learning journey, and see first hand what they have been doing in class during the year. You will also get the opportunity to view your child's artwork for this year's **Calendar Art fundraiser**. Teachers will have the order forms on hand with details about what is available for purchase. The calendars and diaries always prove to be great gifts for whānau at Christmas time. A notice with information to book in your PPP time slot with the teacher, will come home in a couple of weeks time.

We would like to remind families that we have several students at Matakana School who have **severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis** to the following: **peanuts, cashew nuts, pistachio nuts, peanut butter, eggs, wheat, rye, barley, orange and citrus pips/seeds and white fish**. We kindly request that children in the following year groups do not bring the following items to school.

Year 0/1 - cashew nuts, pistachio nuts or products containing these nuts, white fish.

Year 2 - peanuts or products that clearly have peanut ingredients eg muesli bars or peanut butter sandwiches, boiled eggs, egg sandwiches, bread rolls dusted with flour

Year 3 - cashew nuts, pistachio nuts or products containing these nuts.

Please remind your children not to share food with other students due to safety issues.

It has been brought to my attention that the **community carpark** is being used as a "Kiss, Drop and Drive" zone in the mornings. This is a public car park. If you wish to drop your children off in the **community carpark** please escort them into the school, or at least to the gate. It is vital that children are not walking or running between the cars without supervision. This is a serious **Health and Safety** risk, and it would be very unfortunate if someone was run over.

Ngā mihi



Darrel Goosen

Principal

