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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... to those who supported our swimmers at the Zone Swimming Sports at Kokopu School this week.

... to those who supported this week's Junior Swimming Sports.

### People of the Week

... The mystery children who prompted a parent to send this email to us last week (names deleted).

... *I have been meaning to message you for a few weeks. I love it when I visit the school and see traces of the virtues programme coming through in the students' behaviour. \*\*\* and I were carrying some bags and boxes into Room 11 for the gala day sale.\*\*\* was struggling with a big bag of clothes. Between the junior playground and the classroom, two different children come and offered to help \*\*\* carry the bag! Such thoughtful kids those Matarau kids.*

### Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

20 March Interschool Swimming Sports  
25 March March meeting of the Board of Trustees  
11 April Northland Swimming Championships (tentative)  
12 April Final day of term 1 (29 April first day of term 2)

### Interschool Swimming Sports - Wednesday 20 March

Congratulations to those children who qualified. Year's 4-6 children need to be at Whangarei Intermediate School pool in plenty of time for a 9.30am start, and Years 7 & 8's need to be there for a 12.30pm start. Make sure they have a drink bottle, sunblock, sunhat etc with them.

### Netball Players wanted

We are still needing a few netball players for our year 5/6 teams. If your child is interested in playing please see Stacey or the office for a registration form. Thanks

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## Previous Week's Newsletter ... accessible through our website

*Help with devices      Headlice Checks      School Contributions and Events Fees  
Request for Parent Helpers      Gearing up for Winter Sports*

### Sun Safety

Parents are asked to help please by ...

... considering sun safe clothing as an addition (or maybe alternative) for things like shoulders, arms, legs

... you may like to apply sunscreen each morning to your child, we understand on good authority that there is an 8 Hour sunblock which is highly effective, 50 plus protection (but not water resistant).

... *EACH DAY PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR SCHOOL SUNHAT IN THEIR SCHOOLBAG (MUST BE THEIR SCHOOL HAT) QUITE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN ARE SAYING THEIR HAT IS LOST OR AT HOME.*

### OVERARCHING VIRTUE FOR 2019 - OTHER CENTREDNESS

We had such success with "other centredness" as our overarching virtue a couple of years back that we decided to dust it off for another year. Shortly your children will be discussing what it means to be "other centred" with their classes and they will be asked to practise this, and comment on others practising this.

Bottom line, the idea is to put others first, and to think of how our actions affect others. This could be as simple as letting someone through the door first, not needing to be first in a line, surrendering a privilege to someone else, or recognising when someone needs our time, care, or attention. So please discuss other-centredness with your children, encourage them to practise it at home, and bring shining moments to our attention so that we can celebrate with you.

### International Schools English and Maths Competitions - Years 4 - 8

Thank you again to those parents who contacted the school to share their thoughts on the ICAS competitions. The changes in the style and administration of these exams inevitably mean that these exams will not meet the needs specified by many parents. By and large, parents have valued these exams as extension for their children, as an opportunity to learn exam technique, and for motivational purposes. In light of this, we have decided to continue the exam in 2019, but as an internal exam, and not an externally marked and moderated exam. So, the exams will be sat on site, marked by us, and certificates will be awarded at the end of the year. We will issue practice papers as per our custom and there will be no cost for entry. The exams will be sat on the following days ...

Maths Exam ... Tuesday 3 September      English Exam ... Tuesday 17 September

An expression of interest form will be issued next week. Any questions just drop by to see Kevin. Note again the papers will NOT be externally moderated.

### Upcoming Union meetings

You may be aware that union meetings will be held over coming weeks for teachers to discuss the government's latest pay offer. While teachers have entitlement, under their employment contracts, to attend these meetings, we can assure you that attendance will be rostered so that school can continue to operate as normal. Every effort will be made to ensure that regular programmes continue uninterrupted.

### Some Observations Made by Mr Johnson this week

Just passing on how amazed I was with the awesome attitudes shown by our year 5/6 students that participated in the Ki-O-Rahi tournament last Thursday. They not only picked up this sport

incredibly quickly (I only taught the children the week prior) but gave it their all and played fairly. This, alongside the parents who attended, contributed to a fun and successful day.

**And ...**

On this note, at Kokopu swimming sports this week, the number of our parents who put up their hands to help was great to see and helped make the day run so smoothly. It makes it an absolute pleasure to take the kids to these events :)

### **Finally**

Thank you to those parents, like the one mentioned earlier in this newsletter, who take the time to let us know when they think we, or our students, are doing something well.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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**Hayden Martin Electrical**



**Wednesdays** -\$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** -\$4.00 - Hot Mince or Mince & Cheese Pies, Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) or a Butter Chicken Wrap

and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. \$4.50 : - Ham or Chicken Salad Wrap or \$2.50 - Cup of Chilled Watermelon or Pineapple.

Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

## **Community Notices**

**Maunga Mayhem Saturday 30 March** – Maungatapere School's - obstacle adventure race is designed to be challenging, to help develop confidence and to be lots of fun! It's a memorable day for the whole family - you won't want to miss the Mayhem!! All the information you need is on their website [www.maungamayhem.co.nz](http://www.maungamayhem.co.nz).

**Cleaning Services** – References available. Contact Cristina on 021 464 300

**Kamo Magpies Rugby Season** – U7s to U18s, register online at [kamojuniors@gmail.com](mailto:kamojuniors@gmail.com) or contact tasha owens on 021 552 184.

**Kamo Football (Soccer) Club** – contact Sam Walker, 022 315 8055 or [123samwalker@gmail.com](mailto:123samwalker@gmail.com) for details on registration with Kamo Club.

**YWCA Whangarei** and Protect are holding a *Women's self-defence workshop* on the 11th April from 1pm-4:30pm. The contents of this workshop are unique to Protect in New Zealand and provide participants' with real, functional skills to assist in identifying in avoiding violent situations, de-escalating aggressive situations, physically self defending against violent attacks if necessary as well as dealing with potential consequences and aftermath of real situations. Please call YWCA 438 2926 to register or if you have any questions.

**Boxes of SPREE Fizzy Cans** – leftover from the Country Fair – if you are have a party coming up & would like to save a trip to the supermarket, the school is holding several boxes of cans (Cola, Orange, Lemonade & Lemon flavour), & some mixed boxes. Being **sold for \$8.00 per box of 12 cans or 3 for \$20.00**. Please contact the office to purchase.



Year 5 & 6 (top) &  
Year 7 & 8 (bottom)  
Ki-O-Rahi in action  
last week at  
Kensington.

