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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

... Gary Hampton for sterling work in the pool with our junior swimmers this term (Gary is very publicity averse but we thought that his efforts needed acknowledgment).

... Aide Shortland Mendez for teaching Spanish in the senior school this term. Thank you for your very thorough preparation each week Aide. The children have really enjoyed interacting with you. Thank you also to Cristina Robles for picking up this role.

### People of the Week

... Parent helpers for the fantastic work you continue to do!

... Ricardo Telles-Robles for super work in class this week.

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

10 April Year 3 & 4 Tahi Honey Trip  
11 April Northland Swimming Championships  
12 April Final day of term 1 (29 April first day of term 2)

### Upcoming Union Meetings for Teachers

Please note that these have been postponed due to the incident in Christchurch. We will keep you informed.

### BoT Elections - Up to Date Contact Details

As many of you will know BoT elections are looming. Yesterday a yellow form was sent home requesting you provide up to date details - address and phone contact details as well as medical. All parents are asked to complete and return this form please (by 12 April) so that we can update the student management system & prepare voting papers for mailing. *Up to date contact details are especially important for the office in the event of an accident or sickness.*

### Advising of absences or changes to bus arrangements

If you need to advise of an absence, or a change to bus arrangements, and you are out of phone minutes, an alternative is now on our website. Go to our school website's home page, and scroll down to the quick links boxes. Once you have completed the form this comes through to the office computer.

### Hayden Martin Electrical

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

*Sun Safety*

*Other Centredness Virtue*

*International schools Competition*

### Receipts

Receipts for school contributions and other fees have been processed up to mid March and were sent home earlier this week. A sincere thank you from the board to all families who have paid their contributions, and to those who have negotiated payment arrangements which suit their circumstances. If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, and have not yet done so, you will find the school highly flexible.

### Year 3 & 4 Tahi Honey Trip

Rooms 5, 6 & 7 are visiting Tahi Honey on Wednesday 10th April. Permission slips & parent helper forms were due back to your child's teacher by today, Friday, 29th of March. If you have not yet returned your form please send it to school on Monday. Any questions to your child's teacher please.

### Hockey Update

The fees for the season are \$70 per player. Hockey socks have arrived & will be issued upon payment (\$12 per pair) - cash to the office or internet bank to the school account. Please make sure you pay this to the office as soon as possible. Any queries re hockey to Rachael Burgin (co-ordinating teacher).

### Netball Update

The fees for the netball season are \$37 for years 1-6, and \$66 for years 7 & 8. Please make payment to the office (or the school bank account) as soon as possible. Any queries to Stacey.

### ICAS Competition

Consent forms for this competition were sent home this week for return please by next Friday - 5 April. Please carefully note the change in approach this year.

... the test will be marked on site and there will be no external moderation (**i.e. we will not be able to compare our scores with those elsewhere in NZ**)

... children will still get the opportunity to practise papers and will sit last year's paper, but for their new level (as they will have changed level this test will be new to them)

... there will be no entry fee this year

.. we will still present certificates for exceptional performance

If your child did not bring a form home you can request one from the school office.

### ICAS and Year 7 and 8

After careful deliberation, we do not **recommend** that our seniors do the ICAS paper. Cambridge already involves a pretty heavy workload and plenty of extension, and the ICAS papers are not well matched to the NZ Curriculum or to the Cambridge Programme. Having said that, we recognise that, for child specific reasons, a parent may still want their child to sit the ICAS test on site and **we are happy accommodate this**.

### Old Wool

If anyone has any wool remnants the senior school would love to have them for their Options programme on Tuesdays. Please send in to the office. Many thanks.

### Lost

Champion Black Sweatshirt Size 12. Missing from library a few weeks ago. If your child has taken it home by mistake can you please return to the office as soon as possible.

### Lost property

The lost property mountain is growing .. please come and take a look before end of term when everything is donated to charity.

### Finally

Most of you will be aware that the government Task Force Group charged with reviewing NZ's current education system is calling for submissions to their recommendations published in draft form last year. Some of the recommendations have significant potential implications for our school, including a reduction in funding, less autonomy in developing curriculum and approach, exclusion of out of zone students etc. If interested in knowing more visit ...

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/>

Regards  
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## **Community Notices**

**Work wanted - Keen 16 year old WBHS student** looking for farm work – after school, weekends, holidays. Anything considered, has some experience in fencing, tractor work, weed & pest, stock rotation. Please phone Dylan Hook 022 370 8349 or 435 2953

**Horse Riding Lessons**, - Beginner to intermediate. I can come to your place, or I have arena facilities available close to Matarau. You need to have your own horse and gear. Contact Elise on 021814373 for further details.

**To Rent** - 5 brm Country Home. Clean and insulated. Separate bathroom, shower room, 2 toilets, 2 vanities. Private, farm, bush and river views. Large double garage with sectional door and internal access. 20 mins west of Kamo \$470pw. If you are interested please email Margaret - [wpdunn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wpdunn@xtra.co.nz) with relevant details

**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!! Info on their website [www.maungamayhem.co.nz](http://www.maungamayhem.co.nz).

**YWCA Whangarei Women's self-defence workshop** on 11 April from 1pm - 4:30pm. The contents of this workshop are unique and provide participants' with real, functional skills to assist in identifying & avoiding violent situations, de-escalating aggressive situations, physically self defending against violent attacks as well as dealing with potential consequences and aftermath of real situations. Please call YWCA 438 2926 to register.

**Kamo Squash Junior Club Nights** will run on Monday nights from 3.30 until 5pm during the school terms. Monday night squash is for ALL juniors from 8 years old - Primary, Intermediate and Secondary students. New players are very welcome. Come for two weeks free trial. Subs \$70. Enquiries to Fiona: [mooseandfi@gmail.com](mailto:mooseandfi@gmail.com) or Gary: 021 542 992.

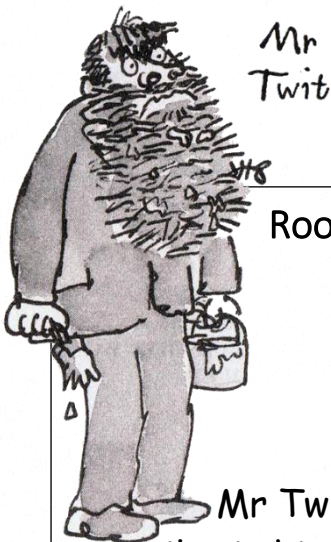
**“End Of Summer Bash!!” Sat 30 March.** What better way to farewell summer than with live music?!?! Some of the incredible talent in our community are very generously donating their time to Comrie Park Kindergarten in the form of an evening of live music with TWO live bands, 99Ghosts and The Damage. Tickets \$25 each available from kindergarten, Fiona Goodin or see the Facebook event for more details. All funds raised from this night are going towards a large outdoor carpentry area at the kindergarten.

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**Room 9 have been doing Acrostic Poems...  
here's a couple by Olie & Leon!**

**L**oves hockey love's winning against hard teams.  
**E**ager always want to do or try something new.  
**O**utdoor love outdoor games.  
**N**ature i love climbing trees.  
**W**inter sports love hockey soccer rugby etc.  
**I**ce cream cools me down.  
**E**xperienced level 3 in gymnastics.  
**G**ymnastics love doing vault.  
**E**xplorer love exploring new places.  
**R**obotics love working with robots.  
**S**ports loves playing all kinds of sports.  
**M**usic love learning the piano.  
**A**ctive always wanting to do something.

**O**ptimist I never give up in all areas!  
**L**oving I love to do challenging school work  
**I**ntelligent Smart & Love to do maths  
**E**ating YUM YUM in my TUM TUM!  
**B**eautiful Always like to look my best when I go places  
**R**unning Is mine and mine only peps!  
**A**ctive Always doing flips and cartwheels all over the place  
**D**ancing Love to move to music like a hip hopper!  
**L**aughing Love to joke around with my family!  
**E**arliest Getting to school first so I can help Mrs Gunson  
**Y**oung Many years to live!



Room 7 have been writing Character Descriptions of  
Roald Dahl's Mr Twit  
.. here's 2 of the great pieces of writing

Mr Twit is hateful. His eyes are salmon red. Humungus nostrils rip his eyes apart. Crooked teeth look so ugly but Mr Twits teeth are uglier. The first thing children would notice about him is his very hairy jungle of hair. He has a ferocious temper by the way!

By Zara

Mr Twit is hairy. He wore a purple suit. As he eats his food, his crumbs go in his beard. When he brushes his teeth, his teeth are still yellow. With his big jelly arms, he makes bird pie. His garden has thorns in the ground to get rid of the visitors.

By Amelia Jayne