



Merrilands School Newsletter

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'A CARING COMMUNITY INSPIRING LIFELONG LEARNING'

Tēnā koutou katoa

Who would believe that we are reaching the mid way point in the school year! This term has continued to be a cracker with so many awesome things happening around the school. There is a buzz of learning about the place and lots of budding scientists in the making, as a result of the inquiry this term into one of our local awa – Te Henui.

You will have received your child's mid year report. This report forms a small part of the mid year reporting process. Student Led Conferences over the last week of term add further information about key learning, as well as the ongoing reporting about progress and achievement that comes through to you via See-Saw in the junior and middle school. We hope to see all parents at the conferences, along with their child who is keenly preparing what they'd like to share with you.

I'd like to thank Mr Bridger for his work this term teaching in Room 5. He has helped to create a seamless transition for students as they have waited for their new teacher, Mrs Gladding to arrive with us next term. Mrs Gladding finishes at Pembroke School at the end of this term and will start with us in Room 5 on the first day of Term 3. Mr B will continue to

work at our school a few days each week in various classes so we will continue to see him and his guitar about the place still.

Mrs Innes has also slotted seamlessly into Room 11. She is looking forward to meeting parents of students in her class at learning conferences and this is a perfect time for parents to make a personal connection with her and set some shared goals for the second half of the year.

It's great to see people using the new school path! Thanks very much to The Taranaki Masonic Trust, Avant-Garde Lodge 503, The Freemasons Charity and M. Hareb Excavating Ltd for making the installation of this path possible. This addition sees students no longer needing to walk through the car park, where from time to time there is still traffic movements. The paths are the safest option and we encourage everyone to be using them now that they are available, on either side of the carpark.

We are looking forward to a great final week of term and wish you a safe school holiday break at the end of the week.

Ngā manaakitanga
Michelle Cronin
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2 & 3

JULY	
Tue 6 & Wed 7	Student Learning Conferences from 1.30pm. School closes 1.00pm
Fri 9	Assembly 11.30am – SHINE Assembly followed by SHINE TIME
Fri 9	Term 2 Ends
Mon 26	Term 3 Starts
Fri 30	Assembly 10.15am - Leaders
AUGUST	
Mon 2	Home & School Meeting 7pm
Wed 4	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 13	Assembly 10.15am
Tue 17	School photos
Fri 20	Interschool Chess Tournament
Mon 23	Pie Orders Pick Up
Fri 27	Assembly 10.15am
SEPTEMBER	
Wed 1	School Cross Country
Fri 3	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Wed 8	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 10	Assembly 10.15am
Wed 29	Taranaki Cross Country
Thu 30	Assembly 11.30am SHINE time
Fri 1	Puanga Festival – Kapa Haka rōpu performance
Fri 1	Last day of Term 3

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the Week 6 assembly the following students were acknowledged for their super efforts:

Room 1	<p>Annabelle Wilson - For fantastic writing skills. Your passion shines through in all you write and has a profound effect on others.</p> <p>Kaito Chin - For being a dependable student at all times. Your leadership at Interschool and with your Club has been brilliant!</p>
Room 3	<p>Kingston Rangitonga - For your communication and cooperation skills. You worked effectively with your PE group to create a motivating football lesson.</p> <p>Olivia Vedder - For your self-management skills. It is great to see you managing your time to produce quality work. Well done!</p>
Room 4	<p>Luci Biggar - For showing excellence with your writing. You work hard and constantly try your best, well done!</p> <p>Mikayla Henriksen - For always being a kind and considerate member of Room 4. You are a great role model to others, keep it up!</p>
Room 6	<p>Levi Oliver - For fantastic self-managing skills. I really like the way that you try to have a go before you ask for help. Ka mau te wehi!!</p> <p>Indie Weaver - For being such a quiet achiever, and always using your shine vales.</p>
Room 9	<p>Thayne Smith - For showing great enthusiasm and interest in our Nga Awa study. Well done Thayne.</p> <p>Brooklyn Pihema - You have been showing our 'Excellence' Shine Values by consistently working hard and doing your best in all areas.</p>
Room 10	<p>Emma Mulligan - For working hard on our river movie with Cameron showing that you never quit!</p> <p>Cameron Inwood - For working hard on our river movie with Emma showing that you can self manage nicely.</p>
Room 11	<p>Mason Hareb - For an improved effort and attitude to try your best when writing sentences that make sense. Keep up the 'give it a go' attitude to SHINE!</p> <p>Clara-Rose Wallace - For an improved attitude to 'never quit' by participating in learning with the class. Keep up the positive attitude and always do your best to SHINE!</p>

LUCKY SHINE WINNERS AT OUR WEEK 6 ASSEMBLY DRAW:

JUNIOR

Asher Swan - Rm 9
Kai-era Hoeta-Nathan - Rm 11
Elijah Gill - Rm 10

MIDDLE

Laquarius-Jay Walden - Rm 4
Zoe Schrader - Rm 4
Wyatt Swan - Rm 4
Harper Olsen - Rm 4

SENIOR

Bethany Nortje - Rm 1
Isaac Marr - Rm 1
Finn Ward - Rm 1



We are really proud of the following students who have completed their Level 1 SHINE card and were presented their Level 1 band at assembly:

Year 5-6:

Sheng Hu, Summer Hareb-Radford, Leon Peterson, Bethany Nortje

Year 3 -4:

Connor Peterson, Levi Oliver, John Taylor, Izzy Musso, Lily Marlaine Williams, Caleb Oliver

Year 1-2:

Leona Zhi, Aliyah Wilson, Hannah Huang, Emily Wilson, Peter Taylor, Keeva Hetherington, Claudia Gilchrist

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the Week 8 assembly the following students were acknowledged for their super efforts:

Room 1	Dmitry Thomas - For making huge efforts with your writing and maths. Keep up the hard work! Maaka Robinson - For an amazing result with your charcoal sketch of our warrior, it is awesome!
Room 2	Olivia Dore - For excellent eye pointing to communicate your choices. Keep up the awesome work Livvy! Addisyn Rolfe - For making great progress with the activities on your Eye Gaze Computer. You are a star!
Room 3	Pippa Tainui - For your enthusiasm for working with others. We will miss your bubbly personality. Good luck at your new school. Sheng Hu - For the amazing art that you produce. You are talented at sketching as shown in our character work.
Room 4	Onyx Katene - For fantastic commitment to your inquiry study. You share your passion for the natural world and show excellence through your work! Michke Grobbelaar - For always giving everything your best. You have a positive mindset and set a great example for others!
Room 5	Traysharn Waiwiri-Nathan - For being a supportive, helpful and kind class member. Shem Scrivener - For being an inquisitive learner and asking higher order questions during class discussions.
Room 6	Pirihira Nathan - For always bringing smiles to everyone's faces, with your laughter, in Room 6. We really enjoy having you with us. Junior Dames - For making an effort to S.H.I.N.E in all that you do. Keep it up as you are making so much progress.
Room 9	Dziah Skipper-Ngatai - For trying so hard with all of your work. I love your 'Can Do' attitude. Keep it up. Ethan Williams - For trying so hard with all of your work. I love your 'Can Do' attitude. Keep it up.
Room 10	Paipa Evans - For making a great start in room 10 by always trying to do his best. Welcome to Merrilands school. Sophie Pomare - always trying to do her best at school. Welcome to Merrilands school.
Room 11	Maddison Smith - For Always taking risks and trying you best in Te Reo with Matua John. Mihaoro!! Mason Hareb - For Always taking risks and trying you best in Te Reo with Matua John. Mihaoro!!

LUCKY SHINE WINNERS AT OUR WEEK 8 ASSEMBLY DRAW:

JUNIOR

Tony Van Dem Bemb - Rm 10
Sophie Pomare - Rm 10
Leona Zhi - Rm 11

MIDDLE

Harlem Hoeta-Nathan - Rm 5
Jordy Millar - Rm 5
Ricky Rewa-Liddell - Rm 4

SENIOR

Kaito Chin - Rm 1
Memphis Rewa-Berrett - Rm 3
Emily Swan - Rm 3



We are really proud of the following students who have completed their Level 1 SHINE card and will be presented their Level 1 band at our next assembly:

Year 5-6:

Emily Swan, Sam O'Keefe, Harmony Dravitzki, Reid Lee, Lucas Harvey, Mia Mercer

Year 3 -4:

Zoe Schrader, Neitana Waiwiri-Grant

Year 1-2:

Ohia Edwards, Brice Bridger, Ardern Gilchrist, Luka Anderson-Hayston, Kawana Waiwiri-Grant, Maddison Smith, Kai-era Hoeta-Nathan, Max Kawau, Jadson Olsen, Alex Biggar, Clara Rose Wallace

MID YEAR REPORTS & STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Mid year reports went home with students on Wednesday. These form part of the mid year reporting process, along with Student Led Conferences.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

If you haven't already, follow the link below to book a time to meet with your child and their classroom teacher, as your child shares more about their learning from the first half of the year. There will also be time to clarify anything in your child's report, and discuss anything else that supports your child's continued learning as we move into the second half of the school year.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code=4dsz2>

School closes at 1.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday to enable these conferences to take place. Please ensure arrangements are made to collect your child/ren early on these days.

Conference times available are in the next column at the top.

Tuesday 6th July - 1:30pm - 8:00pm
 Wednesday 7th July - 1:30pm - 5:00pm

If you need help making a booking please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or Brenda in the office.

We look forward to seeing all parents over these two days.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

The Home & School have run two **FUN**draisers this term. FUN being a great word to describe both.

The PJ & Pizza Day proved to be a real hit with the children and Quiz Night a hit with the adults. Profits will be shared in our newsletter once confirmed.

Thanks to all those who helped with organizing these events, or who came along to help make them the success that they were.

Thanks also to The Stumble Inn for hosting the quiz. It's a great venue and also awesome for us to be able to support one of our local businesses too!

WHAKATAUKI

Tukua kai tu takitahi, ngā whetu o te rangi

'Let each star in the sky shine its own light'

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata

'Goodwill to others is a precious treasure'

Volunteers Needed

Pukekura Scout Group are looking for volunteers to lead a group of Keas (5-8yr olds), for 1 hour per week after school. Training will be provided. Doing activities with kids is not only fun, it's really rewarding! If you're interested in helping us, email us at: pukekura@group.scouts.nz

POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS

Check out these positive affirmations that you could use at home as well.

Scan the QR code using your phone to hear how to pronounce the kopu (words).

			
			
			
			

YEAR 3 & 4 TRIPS – TE HENUI RIVER

Kia ora koutou,

With a lucky break in the weather on Tuesday and Wednesday last week, the Middle School ventured off to our local Te Henui Stream under the expert guidance of Dr Emily Roberts from the Taranaki Regional council. It was a fantastic outing of gathering scientific knowledge and understanding of our local environment. The learning opportunities on our very own door step are infinite.

Our tamariki measured the water clarity, the water velocity and investigated what lived in our local stream. Our tamariki were surprised by the different macro invertebrates, fish, eels and other organisms.

Take a whānau walk on the Te Henui walkway and allow your children to share what they know.

A very special thanks to Dr Emily Roberts, our wonderful parents and of course Colleen for supporting our team for the two days.

“Tatū te marae a Tāne-Mahuta, tatū te marae a Tangaroa, tatū te tangata”
If the land is well, and the sea is well, the people will thrive

Ngā mihi, Matua John, Mr Bridger, Mr Kennedy me ngā tamariki hoki.

