



Dear parents and caregivers,

This term we are mixing it up a little and having different teachers write the newsletter. This week the newsletter is brought to you by the Mana Team.

We have had a great start to the term! The teachers are busy doing assessments in preparation for the next lot of reports, as well as preparing for camp and upcoming school events. Busy Busy!!

Congratulations Andre!

On 16th-17th of October Andre Duggan of room 16 played in the Primary and Intermediate Schools Tennis tournament in Auckland. He placed runner up in the tournament. This achievement means he now gets to compete in Wellington in a few weeks' time at the North Island Primary and Intermediate Schools Competition. Well done Andre we are very proud!!!

Health Notice

We are aware of some students who are suffering Chicken Pox and Hand, Foot and Mouth. Neither of these are notifiable diseases and most schools will have cases of these from time to time. However some people may be particularly vulnerable, in which case please seek advice from your local GP. We do not expect that there is any unusual risk for most students.

Hats

Now that the sun is shining and it is getting warmer, children need to have a hat at school to wear during morning tea and lunch times. This is compulsory in term 4 and term 1. If they do not have a hat they will be asked by a duty teacher to play in the shade.

Starting School/Learning through Play Information evening - Just reminder that this is on **tonight!** (Thursday 1st November) under the covered court by the junior classrooms.

This is for new parents and anyone else who might be interested in finding out what is happening in the Juniors at Matipo.

6 pm start...

- Sausage sizzle
- Junior Kapa Haka will start the evening off
- Welcome and Introduction
- Starting school - meet the teachers, preschool visits, which class? which teacher?
- Staying together until the end of Year 2
- The Perceptual Motor programme

- Learning through play - what does it look like? This will be a short information session followed by an invitation to tour our junior classrooms to see Learning through play in action, and talk to all the teachers about the way learning through play works in their classrooms.
- Finish at 7.15!

Class Photos

Class and team photos are coming up. These will take place on 28th November. Order forms will come home within the next couple of weeks - so keep an eye out in the bottom of school bags.

Halloween Bake Sale

A big thank you to all the families who brought along delicious baked goods for the Aroha camp fundraiser, some of the spooky cupcakes looked amazing. I especially loved the brain cake - it was delicious! The Aroha team raised over \$800 to go towards their camp costs!!

Cross Country

The school cross country will take place next Thursday 8th November with a rain date of Friday 9th November. This will be a house event - children will be encouraged to dress in house colours and everyone who participates will receive a house token. We will start the races at 9:15am. Parents dressed in their child's house colours will also earn a supporters token.

Finishing Time

We are reviewing our finishing time for the winter terms (terms 2 & 3) ahead of the 2019 school year. Please follow the link on our website to have your say in this matter. Voting will close Sunday the 4th of November at 6pm.

Ra Whanau - Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday this week to Harpah-Rose Toia, Chloe Parrant, Riley Thorp, John Gilbert, Kelly Qi, Obee McComb, Georgia Thomson, Stella Mitchell, Nathan Rizzi, Quinn Sullivan, Xavier Brunel-Morvan, Matai Parker, Sarah Suifua, Peyton Kay, Alvin Yu, Ahi Ahurei Paki, Ruby Gillard and Emma Wilson.

Haere mai - Welcome

Welcome to Matipo School Felix Bywater!

Kapa Haka Disco and Sausage Sizzle

This is on Thursday the 8th of November for Mana and Aroha children. If your child would like to attend the disco and order a sausage sizzle please ensure the permission slip and money is brought in to school by tomorrow.

ICARUS Show

This is on Monday the 5th November for Mana and Aroha children - \$4 is due by tomorrow and can be deposited into the school account if you wish for your child to attend. 30 students from each syndicate who are attending the show will be chosen to participate in a special workshop with the cast on the day.

Teachers Strike Action

We have now heard that the ballot of NZEI Teachers is in favor of further strike action. In Auckland the next one day strike is planned for Monday 12th November. The decision about whether to close the school falls to the Board, and in our case the Commissioner who has taken over the role of the Board for the time being. We will let you know more when we know.

NB: Please note that the second hui for the Maori Enrichment is scheduled for the 12th November. As this is the planned strike day we will keep you informed if there are any changes to this meeting date.

Nga mihi nui

The Mana Team

Important Dates

5 Nov - ICARUS show

6 Nov - Juicie Tuesday

8 Nov - Kapa Haka Disco

13 - 16 Nov - Year 4/5 Camp

13 Nov - Juicie Tuesday

20 - 23 Nov - Year 6 Camp

20 Nov - Juicie Tuesday

27 Nov - Softball Field Day

27 Nov - Juicie Tuesday

28 Nov - Class & Sports Team/Kapa Haka Photos (correct date)

30 Nov - Reports Home

4 Dec - Juicie Tuesday

7 Dec - Merry Matipo Christmas

11 Dec - Juicie Tuesday

14 Dec - Last day of term