

Kia ora to our Parents and Whanau  
Last newsletter for 2018



### **A busy few days...**

It has been an amazing few days in the life of the school.

We had hundreds of people come along to our Merry Matipo Christmas last Friday, to celebrate and enjoy being together. Thanks to everyone who made it happen and even stayed to clear up afterwards!

On Tuesday we said farewell to our Year 6 leavers and they move on to the next step of their journey through life. We are very proud of them.

On Wednesday – water fights!

Today we celebrate achievement at our Junior and Senior prize-giving events. Tomorrow school finishes at the usual time, and will be closed until 4<sup>th</sup> February the start of term 1 2019.



Marie Dale (nee Hansen) with Hansen Award Winners Kurt Stunzner and Billie Circuitt

### **Ra, Haere Mai**

I heard some sad news this week. Whaea Ngaire has just resigned. We are still a bit sad – and we've only just sorted out the Senior Maori Enrichment class. But I am very grateful to Tony Nemaia he has agreed to take over as the class teacher in Room 13 in the meantime. Lose some, win some, eh?

### **Maori Enrichment**

We have had to start a waiting list for our Maori Enrichment classes. We don't have enough space for everyone who wanted to be part of it. We allocated places as carefully and fairly as we possibly could, but the message is clear. We will nurture and grow our Maori enrichment whanau so we can offer this to everyone who wants to be part of it. For 2019 our Maori Enrichment team includes Matua John, Matua Kahu and Matua Tony, Whaea Janna and Whaea Vashti. Matua Kaea will also be part of the whanau. The next step is to start up a Maori Enrichment class in the juniors, as soon as we find the right person.

### **Over the holidays**

We will be working on our school over the holidays, to keep fixing things up, sorting out the car parks, rebuilding the bin enclosure at the rear gate and so on. We are also planning for our new school-wide PA system to be installed soon, along with night approach lighting security cameras. SKIDS will be operating over part of the holidays. First Security will be on site each day, and the alarm monitoring service is now working well.

If you do see anything suspicious then please call NZ Alarm on 09 3030303. They will contact me, or Carl, or First Security or the Police as necessary.

### **Upgrades**

We expect our new website and School Management Software to be up and running by the middle of January so our communications and reporting systems will flow a lot more smoothly next year. We expect this to remove some of the frustrations that everyone has been so patient with this year.

### **Warden Parent Help for 2019**

We are needing a lovely parent to come and help supervise the wardens on the corner of Taikata & Matipo Road, Tuesday & Friday morning. Please email [karend@staff.matipo.school.nz](mailto:karend@staff.matipo.school.nz) if you can assist at all.

Thank you

My Christmas wish? For the Teacher's pay claim to be sorted out in a good way by the time school restarts.

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Aston Johnstone, Olivia Hill, Quinn Young, Charlotte Morpeth, Tyler Foster, Lylah Daros-Motta, Jude Hawkins, Edward Liew, Noah Petley, Louis Bacquet Macmillan, AJ Abdullah-Rogers, Isla Bowen, Cole Jackson, Sarah-Jane Berben, Lui Joe, Jaxon Turner, Amelijha-Rose Rogers, Kahu Kuchel-Barrales, Harry Moore.

### **Matipo Friends and Whanau**

The Matipo friends and whanau pop up bar at Merry Matipo raises \$2365 for our obstacle course.

A massive thank you to Murray Keets from Et tu who donated the beer for our fundraiser. And to the whole team for organising and running the bar.

The team have met with an outdoor playground specialist for design and have a 3 stage plan which will be shared very soon!

We all wish you a safe and happy family Christmas and a peaceful summer holiday. See you safe again next year.

Meri Kirihimete from all of us – that's Paul, John, a whole bunch of Hollies, Natalie, Grace, Teresa, Shelley, Jess, Carl, Bharat, Steph, Kahu, Mia, Ilona, Sarah P, Lise, Phill, Jade, Emma, Michelle, Sarah-Lee, Vashti, Kelly & Kelly, Mitch, Sumbaal, Sophie, Robyn, Sophie, Cheryl, Tony, Jill, Caroline, Delwyn, Melissa, Steph, Nicola, Neil, Rahel, Tori, Judith, Karen, Sarah M, Vicki, Rose, Rowena, Ariki, Ngaire, Beth, Francis and Kathryn - not forgetting Lindsay and Sian. Phew.

