

Thursday 13th June

Week 7, Term 2 2019

Kia ora, Greetings and welcome

It's nice to just sit and write the newsletter with the whirr of a week we are having.

Monday was TECH day for our Year 7s and 8s. While they were away our other seniors got constructing on their pallet hut in the forest area. It looks awesome and fits our criteria (and of course has structural integrity). Although not complete it has been well used already during break times.

On Wednesday Jane from Write That Essay spend the day with students and staff. The kids and staff both learnt so much from the writing work she did with us. It is such a pleasure to see our student's engagement and love of writing. She was impressed with students in both classes, and complimented the Year 8's on their Leadership that she had witnessed during the day.

**TONIGHT at 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.** we will be holding our Whānau Meeting around Digital Technology with Te Ahua Park. Te Ahua will be working with staff and students during the day, and staying in Whangarei just for our meeting, so it would be great to see a big turn-out from our parents. Bring the kids as well. Supper-baked by the senior girls will be provided. Come with your questions, concerns and be ready to see and hear what your children are learning at school in this curriculum area. We will also be asking you questions about what you want. It will be an hour of interactive fun. Love to see you all there to support your children's learning.

It's also a chance to have your say on the uniform colours and designs. Time is running out!



Two events in two days. Come and join us.



**TOMORROW Friday 14 June** it is our turn to host the Country Meal. Due to a 'wake' for Mr and Mrs Draffin, being held at the complex, we are unable to get into the complex until 4.30 p.m. to set up so if you can make it to help then that would be appreciated. Remember **two big salads** from each family please. Drop them off at school if you can't make the evening. This our night to shine in the community and promote our fabulous school. The more volunteers we have on the night the lighter the workload.

**STAFF CHANGES:** As some will already know Mrs L-K has accepted a new job closer to home. She will take up this position next term. The Junior class teaching position has been advertised and we are hopeful of securing a new teacher before the end of the term, so the transition will be as smooth as possible for all concerned. We know this was not an easy decision for Mrs L-K, but she has our love and best wishes. A farewell function will be organised at the end of the term.

## **BOT SPOT:**

**Next BOT meeting is Wednesday 3 July at 7 pm in School Staffroom** - Come into school to view the new draft uniform designs and have your say.

**2019 Great Kiwi Spelling Bee** : The University of Canterbury is offering children the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI Spelling Bee competition. This is open to all Year 5 – 8 students. This online spelling bee will take place in Term 3 from 5<sup>th</sup> to  $23^{rd}$  August. Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students. There is a fee of \$9 to take part. If your child would like to have a go, please let us know and we will send an application home for completion.

## .....COMMUNITY NOTICES.....



**International Culinary Studio** provides the perfect programme to develop your child's culinary skills from the comfort of their own kitchen. Email or visit the website for more info enrol@internationalculinarystudio.com www.internationalculinarystudio.com PAY ONLY \$25 INSTEAD OF THE USUAL \$49. The Junior Chef at Home programme provides children, aged 8-16, with an insight into the culinary world, developing many of the cooking, baking and technical skills they will need if they decide to turn their passion into a career.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Our turn on the COUNTRY MEAL at the Mangakahia Sports
	Complex.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 – 8 Valley Sports at Mangakahia Complex 10 a.m. start
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki Arts Day at school
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Senior class trip to Jack Morgan Museum – Details to follow
Tuesday 2 July	Parent Interviews 3.30 p.m. till 7 p.m.
Thursday 4 July	Farewell shared lunch for Mrs L-K at 12.30 p.m.