

# Blue Day

developed by Jade Fisher R6

Tuesday 27th March.  
Students are encouraged to dress in blue, have blue hair, or blue accessories.

Please bring in a gold coin donation on Blue Day which will be donated to EMR (Experiencing Marine Reserves)

## WELL DONE

to

Carlotta, Millique, and Tasha for a successful cake stall which raised \$213 for donating to help save Maui Dolphins.

## PINNACLES TRAMP

A reminder that years 5 - 8 are going on their Pinnacles practise tramp next Monday. Please return all permission slips.

Lets get these kids ready for the big Pinnacle Tramp!

We appreciate the support from our WONDERFUL COMMUNITY



# Whenuakite Kōhenua

From Mr Kelly

Kia Ora Whānau

Last week we had a number of activities which involved the children and showed how amazing they are. We were fortunate to have local Rock n Roll tutors teach Rooms 5 and 6 how to dance. The older children are teaching the younger ones this afternoon. This reinforces the notion of Tuakana Teina, older learners mentoring younger learners. (Tuakana - older person, Teina - younger person).

Waterwise started last week, and the kids have enjoyed three days of sailing lessons. We have sessions running through into next week.

### Attendance

On Auditing the 2018 Attendance, some alarming information was presented. So far, we have an Attendance Rate of 81.4%, Justified Absence (Illness or Medical) of 2.8% and Unjustified Absence of 15.8% (holiday / trip / no notification).

What does this mean?

80% of the year to date is approximately 7 days off this year. If this trend continue, that would equate to 28 days in a year.

If a child were to miss 5% of the school due to illness, holiday or other reason, that would equate to approximately 10 days per year. By the end of Year 8, that is 80 days they will have missed; not including trips and activities. 10% would be 160 days by the end of year 8.

We also ask parents to ensure their child arrives before school starts. Lateness impacts the learning of those who arrive late, as well as interrupts the class. Did you know, that 10 minutes late every day equals at least 50 minutes of lost learning per week. This is 33 hours per year.

### Swimming

Congratulations again to those swimmers who represented the school and Mercury Bay at last weeks Thames Valley Swimming Champs. Reports back was that each of you participated with all of your heart, and represented the school outstandingly. Well done on persevering and endeavouring to do your best in all areas.

### Results:

#### Chelsea Lomas:

3rd Senior 100m Medley, 2nd 11 and over 100m Breaststroke, 1st 11 yr 50m Breaststroke, 1st 11 yr 50m Backstroke, 1st 11yr 50m Freestyle.

#### Paddy Butcher:

2nd 9yr 25m Backstroke

#### Jake Lomas:

2nd 10yr 25m Backstroke

#### Rilee Wooten:

1st 9yr 25m Freestyle

#### Poppy Richmond:

3rd 12 and over 25m Freestyle

#### Noah Candelaria:

2nd 9yr 50m Freestyle

Well done to all of our swimmers who represented the school and themselves with mana,; we are proud of you all: Jack Fiddler, Lottie Harrison, Poppy Richmond, Chelsea Lomas, Jake Lomas, Aliza Niclas, Kolbie Fraser, Noah Candelaria, Quinn Smith, Paddy Butcher, Rylee Wooten. Thank you to the parents who supported, transported and manged our team.

### POOL KEYS:

The pool will be closing at the end of the Term. Could we please ask that all Keys are returned promptly.

Nga mihi maioha - Eamonn Kelly

## TERM DATES

2018

Term 1: 01 Feb - 13 Apr

Term 2: 30 Apr - 06 Jul

Term 3: 23 Jul - 28 Sept

Term 4: 15 Oct - 17 Dec

### TERM ONE Dates:

Tues 13 Mar

R6 Snorkelling

Thurs 15 March

Paid Union Meeting. School Closes at 12PM

Fri 30 Mar:

Good Friday (No School)

Mon 02 Apr:

Easter Monday (No School)

Tues 03 Apr:

Easter Tuesday (No School)

Fri 13 Apr:

Last day of Term 1

## Fundraising Committee Meeting

Monday 19 March  
7.00pm

## SOCCER

Thanks for all the registrations - and the patience in the new registration process. \*

**\*Registrations for 2018 season are now closed\*\***

A huge thank you to our coaches that have stepped forward and to those that have offered to help out, it is very much appreciated and without you we would not have teams.

\* We still need managers for all grades please.

\* Training for all grades commences 1st May 3-4pm at the school field, with the first games commencing 5th May. (Due to coach constraints, training for 11th grade has commenced already for those players that can commit this term).

\* Games will be held each Saturday for ALL grades until late August/early September.  
\* All players will need to provide their own soccer boots/shin pads/black shorts (please have these prior to the first game of the season). Socks and tops are provided by the school.

\* For any questions feel free to contact Andrea 8695394 or Jeni 0226908363 We look forward to another great soccer season

**Swimming Lessons  
with Sylvia Dudley**  
( Phone 8663240 )

Swimming lessons are on after school on Tuesday and Thursday.  
If you are interested, please

**MUSIC LESSONS' IN  
SCHOOL.**  
**Michelle Clotworthy**

Piano and Guitar  
lessons.

Please find further  
information in the  
school office.

**Thanks to our Major  
Sponsor of the Gala**



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**Concerns:**

From time to time, a concern may arise.  
If it does, please follow the following  
protocol in order to have it addressed  
quickly and appropriately.

- (1) Please make an appointment to see the class teacher to share the concern.
- (2) If this does not resolve the concern, please make an appointment to see the Senior Leader of the teacher. (Junior School—Mrs van de Pol, Senior School—Mrs McEwen).
- (3) If this does not resolve the concern, please make an appointment with the Principal (Mr Kelly).
- (4) If the concern cannot be resolved at this point, a letter to the Chairperson of Board of Trustees.

Please address the concern quickly, to ensure that it is resolved at the time. This will help in decreasing anxiety which can be caused.

# KIDS CORNER

## Keeping Our Beaches Plastic Free

Pick up more than 30 pieces of plastic rubbish from public places, and get a free tie dyed bag. There are only 40 bags so be quick or you will miss out.

Jade Fisher

## Beach Hop 2018

On Thursday 22nd March  
10:30am (approx.) the Beach  
Hop Cars will be driving past on  
their way to Whitianga. Our  
Children will be out waving,  
supporting and Rock n Roll  
dancing. If the children we  
would like ask the children to  
dress in Rock n Roll Theme.

**We will be selling American  
Hotdogs for lunch.**

**Hotdog \$3.00**

**Must be prepaid and  
preordered by Wednesday.**



**Weekly Techy Bite**

Khan Academy is an excellent maths site for learning and extending our students. Their are video clips and practices and it is easy to the children to manage alone.



Watch this space  
each week for  
techy info!

[khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org)

## Casey's Hair at Home

142 Kaimarama Rd  
Whitianga

Kids Cuts	under 5	\$15
Kids Cuts	over 5	\$20
Mens Cuts		\$20
Ladies Cuts	Trim	\$30
	Restyle	\$30

\*\*\* APPOINTMENT ONLY \*\*\*

022 044 1215

Facebook: Casey's Hair at Home

## Karakia

A Karakia is a maori blessing. We say a Karakia in the morning and afternoon; as well as at assembly and meetings. The blessings we use have no religious meaning, rather sharing goodwill for the day, and align with the school Values.

Morning / pre-meeting / start  
of assembly.

Kia hora te marino

Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana  
Hei huarai ma tatou I te rangi nei Aro-  
ha atu, aroha mai  
Tatou i a tatou katoa  
Hui e! Taiki e.

English:

May peace be widespread  
May the sea be like greenstone  
A pathway for us all this day  
Let us show respect for each other  
For one another  
Bind us together.

Afternoon, end of meeting / end of  
assembly

Kia tau to rangimarie  
Ki runga I nga iwi o te ao

English:

Let peace reign on all the people of  
the world.

## Pinnacles Trip

**Thursday 12/4 -  
Friday 13/4, for**

**Years 5 - 8  
students.**