

# Whenuakite School Newsletter

## No 5 Term 1



27th February 2017

Greetings and Kia Ora to everyone,

### Country School's Swimming Sports

It was a hot day in the sun but the involvement, determination and competition of the swimmers was once again inspirational.

There were children who swam their very first 25m length and there were others who strived for their personal best in races and new strokes.

We have used a points system this year to identify our swimming champions for 2017.

Congratulations to these children for being such wonderful role models for us all. They love swimming and they put in the training required to be competitive.

Thank you to the coaches, tutors, teachers and parents who have helped all of the children develop their aquatic skills. The Country School children continue to display a high level of ability in the water.

Thanks to MBAS for allowing us to use the pool last Wednesday and thanks to the Swimming Club for their help and for the use of their equipment. It is always appreciated. Thanks to the mums and dads, family members and friends who were able to come along and help and support the children, on the day.

### 12 Year Boys

James Smith	1st
Jack Forsyth (TR)	2nd
Zyon Adams (TR)	3rd

### 12 Year Girls

Holly Smith	1st
Alex Litherland	2nd
Mohana Molijn	3rd

### 11 Year Boys

Jack Fiddler	1st
Connor Gibb	2nd
Theo Kington (TR)	3rd

### 11 Year Girls

Stella Bahr	1st
Poppy Richmond	2nd
Aliza Niclas	3rd

### 10 Year Boys

Quinn Smith	1st
Will Lockhart	2nd
Rico Simpson (TR)	3rd

### 10 Year Girls

Ella Eakins (TR)	1st
Georgia Litherland	2nd
Carlotta Ward	3rd
Helena Hick	3rd

### 9 Year Boys

Brynn George	1st
Jack Hill	2nd
Kayden Troth	3rd

### 9 Year Girls

Kolbie Fraser	1st
Bella Carlisle	2nd
Mia Bently-Butz	3rd

**Thames Valley Swimming**—children who are keen to try out for the Thames Valley Team can get a copy of Wednesday times from their teacher.

They can use these times or their swimming club times and enter them into the entry sheet they already have. (spare copies at the office). Return these to the office ASAP and we will send them to MBAS. MBAS will compare times from other entries and choose the fastest 2 or 3 for Thames Valley.

(TV Swimming 15/3)



**Health and Well Being**—keeping infections away from school is always very important but it is doubly so now.

We have several children at school who for medical reasons, have extremely high susceptibility to any infection going around.

These children catch infections very easily and then they can rapidly develop the most serious forms of whatever is going around.

Please let the office know if there is illness in your family and please keep children who are infectious away from school until they are well.



Recently there has been a 'vomiting bug' impacting on MBAS so we need to be wary here too.

**School Interviews**—thank you for allowing us to have a TOD for the interviews. It certainly helps the teachers to take in all the information and to have that little extra time to further develop the home– school relationship which is absolutely vital for all children to achieve their best at school.



**The Life Education Caravan** will be here on Wednesday and stay until Monday. Thank you to the Fundraising Team for funding this visit for each child.

Every class has 2 or 3 sessions in the Caravan.

Life Education always generates lots of thinking and discussion so children should be keen to share their experiences when they come home.

**Dental Caravan**— will be here from March 8th. The Dental therapist can be contacted on 021 356 292 or 0800 825 583.

### **Mercury Bay Day Camp**

19th - 21st April 2017

Registrations open Monday 27th Feb

Registration forms available from school office on Monday 27th Feb or online at [daycamp.co.nz](http://daycamp.co.nz)

### **Soccer**

Needing an indication of numbers for the season. Please text players name and DOB to Jeni on 022 6908363 or add information to the list at office. Also we are need coaches.



### **Student Contact List**

Attached to this newsletter is a Student Contact List form. Could you please complete this form and return it to Donna in the Office. Thanks

**Waterwise Sailing**— Rosters came home on Friday. Any changes due to weather, clashes with other events or mistakes will be fixed up as we go. Please make sure transport and supervision are organised this week.

**Pinnacles Tramp**—YEAR 5-8.— Newsletter Number 2 came home on Friday. All consent forms need to be in by tomorrow.

**BOT News-**

- **Staffing**— the BOT interviewed applicants for the Room 1 position, during the weekend. They hope to be able to confirm the appointment by next week.
- Jess Khouri takes maternity leave from the start of Term 2 so that is another staffing appointment to be decided shortly, too.
- The Room 5 and 6 upgrade and toilet refurbishment is progressing well. We hope to have Room 5 and 6 back in their rooms by the end of Week 6. (Friday 10th March)





# CONCERT AT HOT WATER BEACH TOP 10 HOLIDAY PARK

Sunday 19 March from 3.00pm-7.30pm

Join us for an afternoon of great music from our local artists  
bring a picnic or enjoy takeaways from F&C's in the campground

Fred wenzl

Dave Parkes

Dix Ozier & Yvette Audain

Good gracious annie

Link Road

Beach Culcha

Mystery Auction with great prizes!

ADMISSION - pay at the gate

\$20 ADULT, children under 5 free

\$50 Family (2 Adults PLUS children up to 15)

All proceeds to St John Mercury Bay South

new ambulance station

special donation to The wilderland trust

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