



Riwaka School

HE WAKA EKE NOA

We're all in this together

19 AUGUST 2020

Tena koutou katoa

Firstly we welcome **Mackenzie N.** to R2, it's great to have you here with us. It is hard to believe that we are heading into the middle of Term 3 for 2020. It has been a year of adjusting to constant change and keeping agile as an organisation in being ready to respond to changes in Alert Levels and also any changes in recommended guidelines.

The Sneezing Season Last week we had several staff off with colds including myself. Thanks to Struan for being able to step into the acting principal role over the week in my absence. I also appreciate your vigilance as parents on the home front in keeping children home who are presenting with any illness.

Lake Rotoiti Camp The week before last saw our Y7/8 students enjoy an action packed three days at Lake Rotoiti. This was made possible through the planning and organisation by Johnna and Sarah as well as the support from our camp helper parents; Bryre, Jo, Alena, Karl, Nathan, Matt, Simon, Brendan and Milan. This camp would not have been possible without their help. Some highlights for me were the fun in the snow, playing spotlight in the rain and seeing the seething mass of eels in the lake at night. They are a fantastic group of students to take away and it was a pleasure to be part of the camp. In light of the changing Alert Levels and uncertainty around impact on scheduled events, I also feel very comfortable with the decision not to have ventured up north for a Wellington Camp this year.

Impact on Cluster Wide Events At this stage we are seeing the Impact of a return to Alert Level 2 on some of our scheduled across school events. This has meant an outright cancellation of both the Junior and Senior Winter Sports tournaments as well as the postponement of the Y5/6 and Y7/8 MoTEC Technology Challenge until term four. I wanted to acknowledge the great deal of work that has gone into organising the Winter Sports Tournament by Tess Hansen TIC Sports. It is disappointing under the current circumstances that this cannot go ahead. We will await the next announcement on Alert Levels and keep you informed on the impact on any other upcoming events.

Ways to Help Children Cope in a Pandemic Children react in part on what they see from the adults around them. When we as adults deal with COVID-19 calmly and confidently, we are able to provide the best support for children. It is important to reassure children that they are safe, letting them know that it is OK if they feel upset and also share with them as adults how we deal with stress in a positive way so that they can learn from us. It is also helpful to limit children's exposure to news coverage of the event, including social media. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened of something they do not understand. Two other tips to help children cope is to model taking breaks, getting plenty of sleep, exercising and eating well; also spending time together in a meaningful way reading together, exercising or playing games. These are trying times. We also need to prioritise our own wellness to be in a position to support and help others. It is that oxygen mask analogy; we need to make sure our own mask is firmly intact before helping others with theirs. Take care of yourselves and your whanau, he waka eke noa; we are all in this together.

Ngā mihi nui

Fraser Campbell
Principal
Riwaka School

NEWSLETTER NO. 8

HERE'S WHATS HAPPENING

Monday 24 August
Rm 1 & 2 Whenuaiti Trip

Tuesday 25 August
Rm 3 Whenuaiti Trip

Wednesday 26 August
Rm 4 Whenuaiti Trip

Friday 28 August
Daffodil Day

Term 3
Last Day 25 September

Term holiday
26 September - 11 October

Term 4 Commences
Monday 12 October

Daffodil Day.
We are proud to be supporting Daffodil Day this year on Friday 28th August (week 6). Please encourage your child to wear yellow and bring a gold coin along to support this cause.

Room 9 Fundraiser
Peanut Butter Lovers, look no further! Our very own Vivi Roberts and her dad make and sell peanut butter! As part of Room 9's fundraiser, these tasty delights are for sale at the office for only \$5 each! Grab yourself a bargain, crunchy and smooth available.



DMIC focus (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities)

All teachers at Riwaka School are following this maths programme. DMIC is based on 15 years of New Zealand studies of maths in schools. DMIC accelerates achievement that has follow on effects for future life and career pathways. Maths is something that can be learnt and done by everyone. We learn maths by working together. Playing with maths and being creative is an important part of learning maths. Lets the children understand that maths is everywhere in their lives.

RbL focus (Relationships based learning)

Relationships Based Learning is all about creating a family-like atmosphere in our classrooms; where children feel safe, happy, valued and heard. We use different techniques to help our students with their learning. There will be an explanation of these processes in each newsletter. The first of these techniques is FEEDBACK. This is a process where teachers explain what students have done well or succeeded at. This feedback is specific to what the students are working on.

PB4L focus (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Our focus last week was on break times and what is expected. This week, we are looking at lifting up others through what we say and do. This enhances the mana/worth of each other.

Waka Warriors

Week 2 Term 3:

Ashley R, Sybella E, Alisi G, Galarn H, Eden T, Elvi O, Adele C, Thea A, Amelia S, Freddie E, Liam R, Stazeia K-P, Addy D, Eddie J, Harriet E, Grace H, Cameron A, Elwen G, Zac W, Izmae K, Theo H, Cedric H, Alex L, Myia C.

Week 3 Term 3:

Cora G, Sybella E, Jaxon S, Elijah B, Galarn H, Sienna M, Thea A, Elena K, Poppy H, Maddison B, Toby D, Sienna J, Addy D, Hannah C, Kelepi P, Gemma H, Elwen G, Logan B.

Dani G, William M, Amelia F.

Riwaka School are working on developing a closer relationship with MHS in terms of sport development and student engagement. Ali Grant brought a team of Y13 students who are completing studies in Sports development and they ran a series of skills and game training sessions for soccer, rugby, netball and miniball.



We have another session planned for this week and are looking forward to working with MHS staff and students to support Riwaka tamariki confidence and skill in sports.

Community Notices

Kids Fabric Masks for Sale

Fabric masks of various sizes for kids will be on display in the school foyer.

\$10 each

Phone Kat 021528909 to arrange your order.

Kat will notify you when your order is available for pickup, with payment, at the school office.



FILMCAMP 202 at The Playhouse
Mon Oct 5th till Friday Oct 9th

Action! Film Camp is back at The Playhouse Theatre. Action Adventure, Zombie Rom Com or Murder Mystery, it's the school holiday camp where the kids create write, star and direct their very own movie.

The camp is limited to 15 students aged between 9 and 15 and runs daily from 9 till 4pm at the Playhouse. Kids will have a chance to film and edit their film over the week with a grand screening of their work on the Friday Night to parents friends and family. The camp costs \$400 for the week, which includes 3 meals a day plus tutoring. For more information please call Nic Roland on 5402985 or email at theplayhousecafenz@gmail.com.

SIMO'S SPORT CAMP

28-2 & 5-9 SEPT/OCT
9AM - 3PM
AT NCG BRONTE ST GYM
Limited spaces available

FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

ABOUT US

- Summer holiday programme focused on sports, enjoyment and becoming better people
- Gives kids the opportunity to further their skills with sports
- All sports will be introduced by a specialist teacher who has excelled at that sport as an athlete/ coach

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Football
- ✓ Netball/ Basketball
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Rugby (Touch & Rippa)
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ And more...

\$50 per day
BOYS AND GIRLS

\$200 per week
AGES 8-12

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