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NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S SOAPBOX

Growing, growing, growing... yes our roll is over 400! Exciting and challenging. The latest on our classroom situations is that it looks like we will not have any for at least a year. So we are going to be bursting at the seams and being creative with the spaces we have. The New Entrant room will soon be moving into the larger part of the Library so that it can expand and a second teacher will be employed to work in there as the roll grows. At this stage when our heating and lighting upgrades begin we will be moving two classes at a time into the staffroom while their classrooms are upgraded. They will then move back into their newly refurbished rooms and the next two classes will occupy the staffroom. We are still working out where the staff will be for their breaks. It is very frustrating that we are in this situation as Aaron began two years ago to inform the Ministry that our area and school were growing and we needed more rooms.

Lit Quiz: On the 9th of May a group of talented and avid readers from Y6 - Y8, travelled to Kerikeri to participate in the Northland Regional Literacy Quiz. They placed 7th, out of 35 teams with 64.5 points. Well done Rosa Ewing, Eve Hampson, Scarlet Walker and Minnie Stratton on your great effort. The top team, Kerikeri High School placed 1st with 80 points. A fun day was had by all. Our team won a round and all the girls got a book voucher for this. Thank you to Susan Butler for organising this.



Netball success: Congratulations to Madaline Sosene-Fletcher who has been selected for the Year 8 representative team and Georgia Penjueli and Olivia Platt who have been selected for the Year 7 representative team for Rodney Netball. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish them well with their games at this next level of competition.

Board of Trustees: Voting closes WEDNESDAY so get your votes in. You can vote for up to FIVE people to be parent representatives. This is a really important job so please be an active participant and get your vote completed on time. There is a BALLOT BOX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE where you can drop them in.

Intermediate Camp: The intermediates are off to camp. We wish them a fun, exciting week of learning out of their comfort zones. Thank you to the parents who are going to assist and the teachers for the organisation of this experience.

Issues:

A reminder for everyone about what to do if you or your child has an issue at or with school:

1. See your child's class teacher first.
2. If you feel your issue has not been managed or addressed then you come and see Aaron or myself.
3. If you feel your issue is still not being heard or addressed then you can write to the board and ask them to look into it.

It is important that you inform us of issues quickly so that we can address them in a timely manner.

Tsunami Drill: We will be having a whole school tsunami drill on Thursday 26th May. This is overseen by Traffic Safe and we thank them for their support with this important health and safety requirement.

Home Time Organisation:

1. **Bus changes:** Please inform the office if your child has an after school commitment that means on certain days they will not be on the bus. e.g. soccer, netball so that we can keep our bus rolls accurate and up to date. Thursdays seem to be particularly hectic at the moment.
2. Thank you to the parents who are coming into the gym to pick their children up. Please remember that this is a health and safety issue at the end of the day and we need you to follow this procedure. Do not tell your child to meet you on the court or under the tree. Do not call them from your car in the car park. We now have six buses to get away and with the wet weather more likely these are important systems at the end of the day.

New Parent Meeting: There is a new parent meeting this week on Thursday at 10.00am. Come along and meet our new parents, have a cuppa in the staffroom and Aaron and I can answer questions.

Literacy Development: I have been looking at the school data and writing books of students across the school. Specifically looking at students who write well and comparing them with our



students who struggle to record their ideas. One of the aspects that has stood out is that students who write well have a huge vocabulary to draw upon. I cannot emphasise enough to you the importance of reading to your kids and talking to them about the meanings of words. To add to this, if your child struggles with reading or does not enjoy reading, then they are getting limited exposure to good vocabulary. If they don't hear it then they can't use it. You can help your child - no matter what their age - by reading to them, discussing the language in books. Have conversations about what they view on telly or their

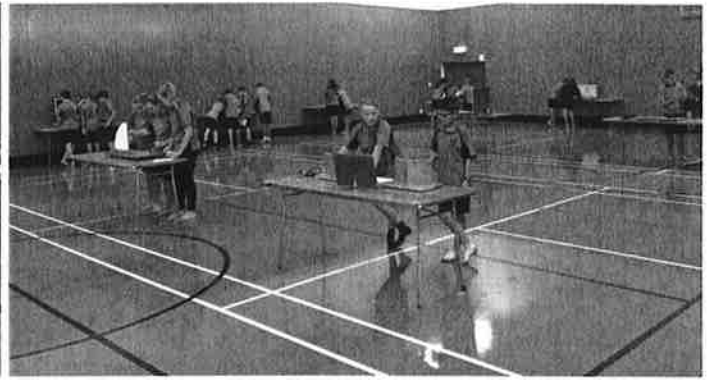
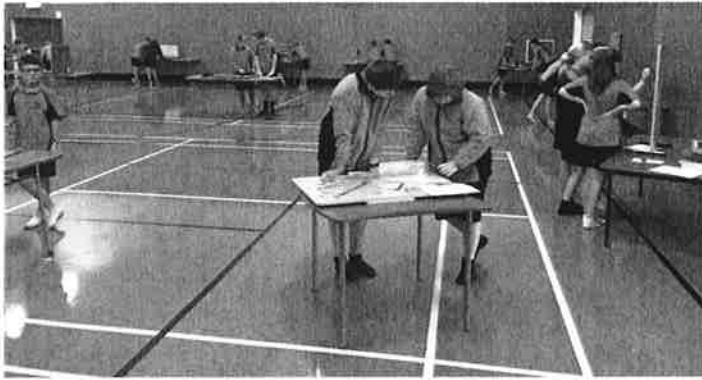
screens. Take the time to explain words or give them synonyms for basic words they use. You might like to start a family vocab chart where everyone takes a turn to choose a word to discuss at dinner time. Play with words in the car. Practice describing what they see out the car window and add details.

Classroom Help Needed: Our New Entrant room is now at 19 and we have one wonderful parent helper. I know it is difficult these days with lots of families having two parents working but we would love some more help for our New Entrant room especially at writing time. If you are able to help in the morning on a particular day - I know Sue and her class would welcome your support. If you know of any grandparents or retired people who might be able to assist please talk to them and get them to ring the school office if they are interested in helping.

Lost/Found Property: We have quite a lot of found property. Our house captains go through this and deliver the named items to classes - unfortunately they are finding that a lot of clothing is unnamed. Please check your child's clothing is named if they are wearing it to school - including mufti items that they wear for PE.

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Paula Bygrave – Deputy Principal

VOTING PAPERS NEED TO BE RETURNED BY 18TH MAY
There is a ballot box in the school office where you papers can be dropped in either by yourself or your child/children



PROBLEM SOLVING AT THE MATHS ROADSHOW

Calendar Update:

17th – 20th May Yr 7/8 Camp – Hunua
 17th May – Yr 5/6 Enviro/Science Beach Trip
 18th May – BOT Election closes for votes
 19th May – New parent meeting 10am (staffroom)
 24th May – Yr 3/4 Enviro/Science Beach Trip
 26th May – Tsunami Drill 10am
 27th May – Assembly @ 1:45pm, all welcome

2016 MBS TERM DATES

Term2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul
 Term3: Mon 25 Jul – Fri 23 Sep
 Term4: Mon 10 Oct – Fri 16 Dec

School Break Times

8.55am Period 1

10:00am Brain Break (sml snack)
 11:00am Interval
 11:30am Period 2
 1:00pm Lunch
 1:40pm Period 3
2:45pm End of School

Assembly days:

12:45pm Lunch
 1:30pm Assembly

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

Visiting the School Grounds. If you are visiting the school for any reason you need to first sign in at the school office and obtain a visitors pass – this is a health and safety requirement.

Home-time Changes (green notes). If an **EMERGENCY SITUATION** arises during the day and you need to get a message to your child, the office can send a green note with the afternoon messages to let the child know what is happening.

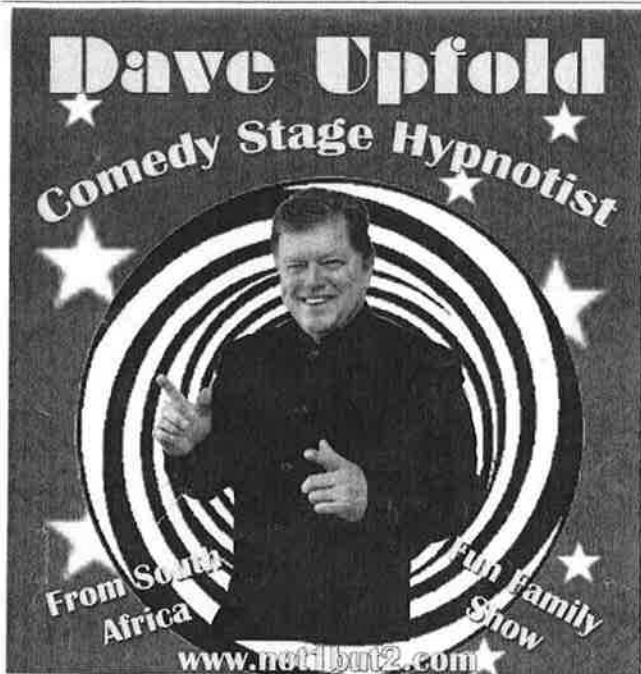
Absences. Children not attending school must be reported to the school office before 9.30am with the reason for the absence. You can either leave a message with our answering service or text the school mobile: 0223957708.

School Buses. Buses are provided to take children to and from their home. With 400 students to organise in the afternoon, it is imperative that the office keeps an accurate check list of children riding the bus home in the afternoon in case of an accident or emergency. Please let the office know if your child is not on their normal bus in the afternoon.



Beach FM 87.8 - The student led radio station will be blasting every lunchtime. Please remember to tune in and listen to our students read stories, play music and practice their DJing skills.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Mangawhai Golf Club

(Mangawhai Beach School Fundraiser organised by F.O.M.B.S.)

Saturday 2nd July - 7.00pm

Tickets available from the school or fundraising members online tickets at www.eventfinder.co.nz search Dave Upfold

Tickets only \$ 35.00 light snacks provided

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COMPETITION TIME!!

Martin from A+ Music is offering a terms tuition FREE!...

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Competition runs until 8th July and winner will be announced during the school holidays, subject time availability.

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- \$100 cash Best Costume
- \$100 cash College student spot prize
- \$100 cash spot prize
- \$100 cash oldest person
- \$100 family with most members participating (eg, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, etc)
- \$100 team with most participants (eg sport's team, workmates, etc)



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