



Expanding Horizons

NEWSLETTER

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*“Inspiring creativity, self-esteem and a love of learning
within a caring family community”*

Max's Message

Last week we hosted two presentations for parents focused on Student –Led Conferences. Across both presentations every Year level was represented which was useful because the discussions that ensued and feedback I received, gave me a school-wide perspective.

As a consequence of the conversations we had there are a couple of points I wish to emphasize. The Student-Led Conferences *do not replace any parent/caregiver conference, but do become an integral part of the entire reporting/assessment cycle.* Remember – every Monday afternoon we have made available for any parent/caregiver to arrange a conference with a teacher regarding any aspect of learning. Additionally *we have allotted time after the mid-term report is sent home for parent/caregiver/teacher conferencing.* Please note: *you have the option of arranging a mutually suitable time to meet with the appropriate class teacher should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child’s progress.*

In future, when classes host an assembly for the community, we will not be presenting class certificates nor the citizenship award, the reason being that time is very tight and we want the focus to be on the students who are presenting aspects of their learning. We actually have a values assembly scheduled every week, at which we make the class and citizenship presentations as they form part of the daily fabric of school life. We do however, want to issue you all an invitation to attend this assembly if you so wish. We have built into proceedings community singing so make sure your vocal chords are in great shape. Our community values assemblies will be held on a Thursday from 12.00 until 12.30.

Lastly, the teachers aim to update their respective class blogs, “windows,” with some regularity so venture onto the website and see what is current and relevant in the lives of the children at school. What you look at might form the essence of a great dinner table discussion and give you the opportunity to practice posing searching questions in preparation for Student –Led Conferences.

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Max

TERM 2 2014 Dates for your Diary**LIFE EDUCATION**

Boostrix Education Year 7 session

ICAS Writing

ICAS Spelling

12 pm – 2 pm Young Einstein Quiz

Board of Trustees Meeting

9 am Parent Committee Meeting

WBOP Cross Country, Waipuna Park

Junior X Country Years 0 -3

Reports sent home

Optional Parent/Caregiver report conferences

7 pm Parent Committee Meeting

BOP Cross Country, Opotiki

6.30 pm – 8.30 pm WBOP ‘Champion of
Champions’ – Young Einstein Quiz

Argos Gym Trip – Rooms 1, 2 and 3

LAST DAY OF TERM 2**FIRST DAY OF TERM 3**

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tues 10th – Thurs 12th JuneFriday 13th JuneMonday 16th JuneTuesday 17th JuneWednesday 18th JuneMonday 23rd JuneTuesday 24th JuneWednesday 25th June (postponement date
– Friday 27th June)Thursday 26th JuneFriday 27th June

Monday 30 June – Thursday 3 July

Monday 30th JuneTuesday 1st July – (postponement date –Wednesday 2nd JulyWednesday 2nd JulyFriday 4th July**FRIDAY 4TH JULY****MONDAY 21ST JULY**Monday 21st July**TERM 2 2014 PARENT PRESENTATIONS/MEETINGS**

Set aside the following dates/times:

WEEK 7 – TUESDAY 17th JUNE 5.30pm YEAR 6 PARENTS – Students transitioning
to 7 in 2015

Come and learn about what our Year 7/8 programme offers your child.

WEEK 9: MON,TUES,WED,THURS OPTIONAL REPORT MEETINGSFollowing the issue of reports in Week 8 *parents may, if they wish*, arrange a time to meet
with a teacher to discuss any aspect of the report.

Please arrange a mutually suitable time with your child’s teacher.

TERM 2 - 2014**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES: Start time: 2.30 pm in the Hub**

Rooms 1 and 2

Friday 20th June

Room 5 (Leadership)

Friday 4 July

NB: Every Thursday: VALUES SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 12.00 – 12.30
Parents/Caregivers welcome



CLASS CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Congratulations to our certificate recipients from last week:
Back row from left: Claudia, Ella, Stephanie and Elle
Front row from left: Max, Kara, Keyarn, Blake and Max

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHANIE WAGHORN FOR RECEIVING OUR VALUES AWARD FOR OPTIMISM

OUR FOCUS VALUE THIS WEEK IS PATIENCE.

(Affirmation: I am able to stay calm when there is a need to wait, or in difficult situations. happen.)

2015 TERM DATES

The BOT ratified, and voted unanimously on the following term dates for 2015.

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| Term 1 : | Tuesday 27 January | - Thursday 2 April |
| Term 2 : | Tuesday 28 April | - Friday 3 July |
| Term 3 : | Monday 20 July | - Friday 18 September |
| Term 4 : | Monday 12 October | - Friday 18 December |

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOLLY

Here is Molly with her certificates and medal from last weekend's gymnastics competition in Rotorua. She got first for vault, first for floor, fourth overall and her team came third. Well done!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Unfortunately two Entertainment books were returned to the office, but not in the envelopes in which they were sent, therefore we do not know to whom they belonged. If you sent back your book within the last three weeks would you kindly phone the office to advise us so that we can credit your account. Many thanks.

BASKETBALL:

Please ensure all players bring along suitable footwear on practice days.



BASKETBALL DRAW UPDATE:

Monday 16 June - Years 7 and 8 Boys D – Matahui Magic v Omokoroa Breakers at 5.50 pm Court 8

Friday 20 June – Years 5 and 6 Mixed D – Matahui Sharks v STM Phoenix at 6.05 pm Court 1

COLGATE CARTON RACE

Once again our school is competing to win a share of \$60,000 worth of new sports gear! It's part of a campaign called the Awesome Carton Race, and the winning schools simply have to collect the most Colgate toothpaste cartons per pupil. So we're asking everyone we know to raid your bathrooms, check your recycling bins, ask your friends, family even neighbours – every carton counts, so please do whatever you can to help us win. We have also placed a Colgate collection box for the school at Countdown in Katikati. It is located opposite customer services as you leave the store. It may be easier for you to deposit your empty boxes there.

DULUX – PAINT FOR SCHOOLS PROJECT

Dulux are introducing a 'A Paint for Schools Project' – details listed below:-

'For every 8 litres or more of Dulux paint bought between April 7th and May 31st, Dulux will donate 1 litre of paint to a New Zealand school. Parents and caregivers just need to staple their receipts to the Dulux Paint for schools entry card, which they will receive when they buy their paint and get their kids to drop them off to their teacher.'

If you do buy some Dulux paint within this time frame please send your receipt into the school office.

PARENT COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning to be held at the school at 9 am on Tuesday 24th June. All welcome – invitation to be sent home shortly.

FUND RAISING EVENT

A fund raising event is being run by the Parent Committee: Available for sale are eco-friendly, reusable sandwich and snack bags for your children's lunch boxes.

Order forms will be sent out today with your child. Orders to be returned by Friday 20th June. Samples may be viewed in the school office.

RED PUPPY “BIKKIE” DAY

On Tuesday the 17th of June, we will be selling bikkies to raise funds in support of the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Guide Dogs. Please bring a gold coin donation to buy a 'bikkie' and support this worthwhile cause. All funds raised will go towards supporting the Guide Dog appeal.

SALE UNIFORM ANNOUNCEMENT

Fleece	\$40
T Shirts	\$20
Polo Shirts	\$25
Sweat Shirts	\$30
Vests	\$10

Limited stock available.

KINDLING FUNDRAISER

Our Parent Committee are selling bags of kindling wood here at school. They are \$10 per bag and can be purchased direct from the school office.

SAVE THE DATE – 6th SEPTEMBER - FOR OUR SPECTACULAR BIENNIAL MATAHUI BALL!

The ball is a major school fundraiser and is only held every second year. It is primarily a social gathering to share a meal, dance and be merry.

Our French Skool-en Rouge theme is a celebration of culture, our Matahui School student exchange programme with Tahiti and has a cheeky Moulin Rouge twist. The dress up opportunities are endless!

Save the Date in your diary and start getting together a group of friends for a great night out. Tickets on sale next term.

(Please note the date change – earlier the floating proposed date was 30 August but the fabulous Tim Armstrong band were not available so the Ball is now all go for 6th September)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

KATIKATI PLAYCENTRE'S QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK! SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH AT FAIRVIEW GOLF CLUB.

Questions cover a wide range of categories and will be easy enough out for a social team wanting a fun night out with a few more challenging questions for keen trivia buffs.

Meals will be available to pre-order with your ticket purchase. (Meals must be ordered by Fri 20th June).

Tickets \$10pp, available from Robert Harris in Katikati or Fairview Golf Club. Door sales \$15pp. Open for dining from 6pm. Quiz starts 7pm (meals must be collected prior to 7pm).

For any enquiries please phone Kirsten on 571 0546.



TAURANGA ART GALLERY- KIDS ART STUDIO

Looking for something to occupy the young creatives in your life? We have Kids Art Studio weekend workshops this month, with just a few slots still available. Full details here: www.artgallery.org.nz/holiday-programmes-kas

And we're very excited to announce our **Art After School programme** for 12 to 15 year old students. This will consist of eight Tuesday sessions during each term, with each one running 4pm to 5.30pm. The first one is on 29 July.

The class will be taken by tutor Hannah Wilson (BFA, PG.Dip.FA) and will be a fun and engaging way to develop knowledge and technique in a range of art mediums including painting, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture.

The cost is \$175 for the eight sessions, with all materials included. Call in to the Gallery or phone 578-7933 to secure a spot as class size is strictly limited.

We hope to see you - and your young creatives - down at your Gallery soon!