

### 20 February 2019

#### Tēnā tātou katoa e te whānau

Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Talofa, Bonjour, Χαιρετίσματα, Grüß Gott, Zdravím, Приветствия, สวัสดี, Sawasdee, Konnichiwa, Pozdrowenia, Selamlar, Guten tag, Salaam, Salama Aleikum, Leikum Zdras-Tvuy-Te, Ahn-Young-Ha-Se-Yo, Marhaba, Nay Hoh.



# **Curriculum & Information Evenings**

First up on behalf of the staff thank you very much for coming to the Curriculum Evenings over the last two weeks. If you still have questions about your child's class programme or routines, please feel free to contact the teachers and inquire further.

#### Te Matatini 2019

You will have noticed that the city centre is full of *Kapa Haka* groups who will be competing in the national competitions. There was a powhiri this morning and



competitions proper tomorrow through to Sunday. The capital is expecting an influx of some 60,000 people for the *Kapa Haka* performances. In addition to performances there will be art, crafts, food, fashion and more.

Our school *Kapa Haka* performance group is lucky enough to also attend Te Matatini tomorrow accompanied by staff and parent helpers. We are all looking forward to it. Te Matatini is the pinnacle for *Kapa Haka performers* throughout the 'Motu/Island'. It will inspire us all.

### **Volunteers**

The school is most fortunate to have a number of keen volunteers to assist with programmes in the class rooms: Tom is a registered teacher and assists in Pohutukawa on Friday's (if I haven't



commandeered him for relieving); Trevor is in Harakeke assisting the 5 year olds. Trevor is retired, lives on the mountain and is a keen table tennis player. Helene, one of our parents, is volunteering in the library and Rimu whanau. Amie, another parent is keen to assist in Ngaio (Y5-6). They're selfless and we appreciate all that they do.

#### **NZEI STOP WORK MEETINGS**

Tuesday March 19 & Thursday March 21 1.30pm—4.30pm

The school will remain open on these days however only half the teaching staff will be on site in the afternoons of both days. Staff will be acting in a supervisory role and in the afternoon the usual programmes will be suspended. If parents wanted to collect their child/ren at 12.30 or I.30pm then please advise the



class teacher or the office. Afterschool Care will still operate on these days.

# Waharoa (Gateway/Entrance)



Robert our caretaker has been refurbishing the Waharoa outside the office. Prior to the summer vacation, Robert noticed a number of tiles coming loose hence the refurbishment.



The Waharoa was the brain child of John McDougall (ex-teacher) and all the senior students at the time. John wrote "We began the process learning about the stories of the rohe/ tribal area, from te timata/ the beginning: Maui, Kupe, Whatatai, Ngake, Te Keo and then connecting to ideas of Tūrangawaewae (A place to Stand). We asked what is it that symbolises you. We looked at artist models, Paratene Matchitt, Cliff Whiting, and more traditional Whakairo and the way these hold whakapapa/ genealogy and the stories of an iwi/tribe."

We unveiled the Waharoa March 12 2010. It's a significant part of our school whakapapa.

#### **HEADS UP - MATAIRANGI CLYDE QUAY IS MOVING MARCH**

We will again be promoting active travel for the month of March, with plenty of prizes available for any and all students who WALK OR WHEEL their way to school.

Every year Movin'March is embraced by more schools because it

- gets children moving as a normal part of their day not something they have to find separate time for
- helps minimise road traffic at the gate
- enables families who live 'too far away' to take part in a way that is manageable for them and still reduces pick up/drop off congestion
- fosters independence in older children and invigorates learners for the school day
- gives parents an opportunity to spend time walking and talking with their children and connects them to their neighbourhood and school.

More details will be available soon!

#### Safety at the school crossing:

Reminder to parents dropping off students, please use the school crossing, even if road patrollers are not yet on duty, vehicles are more prepared to stop for you if crossing at the allocated space.

Please wheel bikes and scooters across the pedestrian crossing, less chance of a crash!

Please remind students to hop off their wheels and walk through the lower playground gate, it is a busy spot in the morning and there is not room to pedal/zoom through the gate.



Important Dates	What's happening		
TERM   2019			
Wednesday 20 February 2019	Y5/6 swimming 11.00am-12.30pm		
Thursday 21 February 2019	Y7/8 swimming 1.00pm-2.00pm		
	Y1/2 swimming 11.00am-12.00pm		
	TeMatatini National Kapa Haka		
	Book BBQ 5.00pm-7.00pm		
	International Mother Language Day		
Friday 22 February 2019	Assembly— Harakeke/Pohutukawa		
	Y3/4 swimming 11.00am 12.00pm		
Monday 4 March 2019	Pohutukawa (Marlaina/Amanda) Art Gallery 9.20am-12.30pm		
Tuesday 5 March 2019	Pohutukawa (Xandra) Art Gallery 9.20am-12.30pm		
	BOT meeting 6.00pm		
Tuesday 12 March 2019	CQS Athletics Sports (postponement day 26 March)		
	Yr1-3—9.15am-12.30pm		
	Yr4-8—9.15am-2.30pm		
Friday 15 March 2019	Immunisation Yr7 Boostrix and Yr8 Gardasil 9.00am		
18-22 March 2019 Year 7 and 8 Camp			
Tuesday 2 April 2019	BOT meeting 6.00pm		
Tuesday 9 April 2019	CQS Swim Sports 9.30am-11.30am		
Friday 12 April 2019	Last day of Term I		

Swimming Timetable Term1 2019			
Y5/6-11.00am.12.30pm	Y7/8-1.00pm-2.00pm	Y3/4-11.00am-12.00pm	
	Y1/2-11.00am-12.00pm		

# **Community Notice**

Wellington United Junior Football Club is a thriving club based in Newtown. We offer football to children from 5 years onward. Registrations are now open for the winter 2019 season. Please visit our website www.wellingtonunited.org.nz for more information or email wellingtonunitedjuniors@gmail.com. Our main team trials are on the weekend of 23/24 February – players must be registered to trial.

### Learn a new language the FUN way! French language classes Term 1 2019

Fun Languages Wellington runs pre-school, lunchtime and after-school French classes at various Wellington locations. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home. Free trial class is offered.

OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE: After-school French classes are also held in Northland, Karori and Khandallah. Spanish classes scheduled in the school Term - subject to demand.

Contact details: 021 462 042 E: annick@lcfclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcfclubs.co.nz or https://www.facebook.com/funlanguageswellington/ for more information.

#### **Pre-school Music and Movement**

Community run interactive and fun music sessions for you and your little one – followed by morning tea and free play time. Thursday's (starting Feb 7th) 10am during term time (entry by donation.) St Johns in the City Hall (Cnr Willis and Dixon Sts) (Casual attendance is fine.)

### **Wellington Music Centre**

Saturday morning classes for primary and intermediate school age children. At Island Bay Primary School Hall. Any queries phone or text 027 489 7979.

### STANDOUTS DRAMA \* DANCE \* SINGING

Performing Arts classes for young humans in Lyall Bay. Term 1 2019 kicking off this weekend (Sat 9th Feb): 4-6yrs: 11am-12.30pm. 7-14yrs: 1-4pm. Free trial class welcome! Please visit www.standouts.co.nz for all the info on our term classes and holiday programmes for 2019 or email gemma@standouts.co.nz. Why fit in when you were born to STANDOUT!

# What Now' (8-10am Sunday on TVNZ 2).

During 2019 we are broadcasting our first 10 shows from around Wellington, show casing a different community each week. On Sunday 17th March, our show will be coming live from Mt Cook and I would like to invite your families to be part of the live audience!

Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience & it's FREE!! As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

To register go online to be part of the audience <a href="www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience">www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience</a> Ground Location: Mount Cook School, 160 Tory Street, Te Ora, Mt Cook.

# **Bigair Gymnastics**

Pre-schoolers in Tawa are learning how to forward roll, handstand and cartwheel at Bigair Gymnastics classes! At Bigair we are seeing the 3&4yr olds gaining increased listening skills, concentration, determination, independence and the confidence to try new things. Children are learning to reflect on their progress and gain pride as they master new skills, which are all essential learning processes used at school. Active indoor fun for toddlers in Tawa! Bigair Gym offers play sessions for children under the age of 3yrs to allow them to learn essential fundamental movements as they explore through circuits, an 11 metre long trampoline, inflatable air track, large soft shapes, and so much more!

To find out more, please call Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz.