



## PRINCIPAL'S PANUI

### Kia ora koutou katoa,

Welcome back everyone. I am looking forward to a wonderful year focused on learning. I want to invite you all to our MAS Welcome next Thursday. We are combining this with senior athletics so please come and support your athletes from 1pm. Between 4pm and 6pm we will have various fun athletic activities and share a BBQ. This is a chance to meet your child's teacher, have some fun with your tamariki, and share a light meal. We will also have a selection of the healthy lunches your tamaiti have been enjoying for you to try. I hope to see you next Thursday for a fun whānau evening.

We welcome our new staff and students. Kura Hingston is our Year 9 – 13 DP and Julie Tumarae steps up to acting Year 1 – 8 DP. Teri Teddy is our Rangipō hub leader and Brooke Aramoana-Arlidge joins her team as our Technology teacher. Connie Pouwhare and Weka Kirk take on new roles within the school as Food technology and PE teachers. Miriama Iti-White is the hub leader of Nīoreore and Kohine Tawhara is acting hub leader for Kārangaranga. We also welcome, Justin Timoti into Kārangaranga and Hone Love-Henry into Nīoreore. Tanetiki Takuira is our new Sports Coordinator. Together with the staff you already know we have a great team in place for 2020.

2019 academic results for NCEA have been released and we have some real highlights. Our achievement at Level 1 is higher than for other Decile 1 – 3 schools and for Māori students in New Zealand. At Level 2 our achievement was higher than all 2018 national averages. We can be really proud of this. I also want to highlight the achievement of two of our Level 1 students who gained their Level 1 NCEA certificates with Merit endorsement. That means they are in the top 25% of the country and had more than 50 credits at Merit or above level. Natalie Allen had Merit endorsements for Maths, Science and Visual Arts, and Mikayla Lowery had a Merit endorsement for English and also gained an excellence endorsement for Visual Art, putting her in the top 10% of the country in this subject. Well done Natalie and Mikayla, we are all proud of you.

I know that 2020 will bring great learning opportunities; academic, sporting, and cultural, and I'm looking forward to working with you all to make it a wonderful year for our students.

Noho ora mai



## KEY DATES

17 February – 20 March  
Mobile dental service onsite for Yr 1 - 8

### FEBRUARY

- 25 Flipperball
- 26 Mates & Dates workshops  
Yr 9 - 13
- 26 PPTA Paid union meeting
- 27 Defence Force recruitment bus visit
- 27 Senior athletics 1 – 4pm
- 27 Visit from Tamati Coffey MP
- 27 Kohutapu Lodge visit

**MAS Welcome  
whanau evening & athletics 4 – 6pm**

### MARCH

- 2 - 13 Services Academy Induction camp at Waiouru
- 2 Principal's assembly
- 3 Flipperball
- 3 Mates & Dates workshop  
Yr 9 - 13
- 5 Kohutapu Lodge visit
- 6 **SETTLING IN REPORTS** issued
- 11 School swimming sports
- 12 Swimming sports postponement date
- 16 Principal's assembly
- 17 Flipperball
- 18 Te Urewera Cluster swimming sports
- 18 Waikato BOP athletics
- 11-13 Teacher Only Days
- 19 Kohutapu Lodge visit
- 24 Flipperball
- 25 BOPSS swimming championships
- 26 Kohutapu Lodge visit
- 27 GRIP Prefects leadership training
- 27 BOP Primary & Intermediate golf tournament
- 30 Principal's assembly
- 30 HPV vaccinations Y8

## POWHIRI AT WESTERN HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Recently staff prefects and whakaruruhau supported Matua James at his powhiri at Western Heights High School. He has taken on the role of Principal at WHHS. We wish him all the best.



## KAIWHITIWHITI

At our powhiri to welcome in the new academic year and our new staff and students we also revealed the name of our community hall. With much discussion our whakaruruhau helped choose the name Kaiwhitiwhiti. As Maurice Toe Toe explained to the school, Kaiwhitiwhiti is where our warriors were trained in tracking at the half mile strip, very fitting for a hall and gym.



## SPORTS

Flipperball has started on Tuesday at Rotorua Aquatics Centre. We four teams competing in the junior and senior sections. 25 juniors are in for a fun filled season.



### FUN FILLED AND UNBEATABLE

Next week we have the senior twilight athletics. It is teamed with our MAS Welcome so please come and join us for a fun filled whānau evening.

Swimming sports will be on March 11<sup>th</sup>, again please join us for the day. There are competitive and fun races, music and mini whānau competitions. We also aim to have a parent / teacher / student race to finish the day off.



We are looking to start two touch teams and compete in the BOP Secondary Schools comp. Please see me if you or child are interested.

Thanks so much to all the parents who help us with coaching and driving. I appreciate all of our helpers, we can't have these opportunities for our kids without you so throughout the year I will be highlighting our wonderful volunteers. Particular thanks today to Mere Paul for volunteering her time and helping out with the Flipperball. If you can help please contact me on 07 366 5602

**Ngā mihi**  
Tanetiki Takuira

## LEARNING HUB ACTIVITIES

The learning is our focus and it is great to see our students engaged and focused.

Some of the Trades courses have started at Toi Ohomai.



Year 3's figuring out how to work as a team and communicate effectively to get everyone into a VERY small box without touching the ground.



Our senior hospitality students produced beautiful baking for Valentines Day. This contributed to their NCEA assessment. The staff were invited to morning tea and were hugely appreciative.



