

# NEWSLETTER WEEK 1, TERM 3



## TAI MITCHELL WINNERS 2022

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Welcome to Term 3. It was wonderful to join together as a community in our first pōwhiri since COVID-19 to celebrate the young men of the Galatea Tai Mitchell team and their coaches who are the 2022 Tai Mitchell champions. It is an outstanding effort by all involved, showing perseverance, resilience, and true sportsmanship.

This term, the focus is all about attendance and achievement. For our senior NCEA students in Years 11–13, the term is all about making sure they complete the learning and assessments they need to be confident of getting their NCEA certificates.

Attending school helps set children up for life. We need to work together to make sure that all our tamariki go to school unless they are sick. I have shared some guidance on 'Winter wellness for tamariki' on our Facebook page. It has some great tips on when students should stay home and when it is OK for them to attend despite the normal winter ailments.

Nationally, the past few years have seen substantial drops in the number of students going to school 'regularly' and substantial drops in achievement. We see this trend at Murupara Area School and we also see high absences on Mondays and Fridays and nearing the end of term. There is also a worrying rise in the number of absences due to reported 'illness' and an equally worrying rise in the number of students who are just 'skipping' school. These absences mean that 'regular' attendance at MAS is really poor and is having a really negative effect on our student's learning right across the school.

In Term 2 only 25.0% of female students and 22.1% of male students were attending regularly. This poor attendance means many of our students are not progressing with their learning because they are missing so many learning opportunities. There is no 'safe' level of non-attendance; every day matters. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can grow exponentially and students may not even want to come to school. To be even clearer about the dire consequences, at 50% attendance your child will have missed 6.5 years of learning over their time at Murupara Area School. All students must be present at school every day so they can participate and engage in learning. Please support your child to be at school every day and work with your child's teachers to address any issues resulting in absence quickly. Together we can help our tamariki succeed. This is what really matters. Nāku iti noa, nā

Dr Angela Sharples, MNZM

## IMPORTANT INFO

### School Term Dates 2022

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| Term 1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb – 14 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Term 2 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> May – 8 <sup>th</sup> July   |
| Term 3 | 25 <sup>th</sup> July – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep |
| Term 4 | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 13 <sup>TH</sup> Dec  |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 9th - Senior Cross Country

PH: 07 3665 602

EMAIL: [office@mas.school.nz](mailto:office@mas.school.nz)

Please contact us with any enquiries and if your child will be absent.

# OFFICE NOTICEBOARD

Kia ora everyone. A few important pānui from us here at the office:

- We need up to date contact details for caregivers and emergency contacts as we have been unable to reach a number of you. If you have changed your phone number or email recently or moved give us a call at the office 07 3665 602 and update your details please.
- If you or your child has tested positive for COVID 19 or has become a household contact please call and inform the school.
- Our school gates will be locked between 9:00am and 3:15pm.
- Please remember to sign in at our front office before entering the classrooms.
- Panui from the newest staff member of Murupara Area School:

## Hei Awhi

An information expo for young people with any type of disability, whānau, educators and supporters

Where: Life Zone Church, 7 Oak Lane, Judea, Tauranga (lots of parking available)

When: Thursday 22 September, 12:00 to 4:00 (Set up from 11:30 out by 5pm)

What: Lots of agencies involved in disability support in one place for you to talk to.

Who: Young people with disabilities, whānau, educators, health professionals, agencies.



For more information or if you are an agency who wishes to have a stand please contact:

Andrea or Naomi, Tauranga Special School, 07 5784424, [heiawhi@taurangaspecialschool.nz](mailto:heiawhi@taurangaspecialschool.nz)

## Kia ora tatou

Ko Tairahia te maunga

Ko Ohinemataroa te awa

Ko Te Rewarewa te marae

Ko Te Mahurehure te hapu

Ko Tuhoe te Iwi

## Ko Ripeka Hawkins ahau



Introducing your new Community Connector. I am dedicated to building strong supportive community relationships with the school to support our students to attend and engage in their learning. The role also includes providing whānau support for students at risk of disengagement with their learning and working with professionals to promote the attendance and engagement of students.

Our school has an open-door policy whereby you are all welcome to come and visit with me, staff, or

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just to come along and see how your tamariki are doing in their learning.

If you'd like to know more about my role, pop in for a cuppa and ask questions, I'm only too happy to sit with you and give you a tour of our school, introduce you to our staff, as we have a couple of new staff and of course our tamariki, your tamariki/mokopuna.

**No reira, nau mai haere mai ki tō kura**

**Te Kura Rohe o Murupara**

What an amazing day we had on Tuesday the 2nd of August celebrating the 2022 Galatea Tai Mitchell representatives who succeeded in claiming the ever-elusive Tai Mitchell Trophy for the first time in Galatea Tai Mitchell history.

What an incredible day, listening to the stories of past and present players, including a special video message from Sam Cane, the NZ All-Blacks Captain who was also a Galatea Tai Mitchell representative. Sam also paid special tribute to Eric and Roz Merriman for their great work, determination, and commitment over the years, and as we all know, Eric and Roz have been the driving force behind the Primary School Rugby, from J.A.B right through to the Tai Mitchell representative teams for over 30 years.

Roz Merriman then introduced each player individually of the 2022 squad to those present at the Murupara Area School. Following on from that Eric Merriman shared some inside stories about some of the shenanigans of what the boys got up to during their Tai Mitchell Campaign which had the audience in fits of laughter. Eric also made mention that 20 players were chosen from 28 players to form the Galatea Tai Mitchell team, Eric compared that to other teams, where players are chosen from up to 200 players. Eric also believed that the current squad had no idea of what they had achieved by winning the Tai Mitchell Trophy.

The ceremony was concluded with arousing haka from the 2022 Galatea Tai Mitchell representatives who squared off against past Galatea Tai Mitchell representatives.

Therefore, in closing, I would personally like to extend my congratulations to the Galatea Tai Mitchell representatives and their Coaching and Management Team and look forward to 2023 where we will defend the Tai Mitchell Trophy.

**Naku noa**

**Ripeka Hawkins**

**Community Connector**

**Murupara Area School**

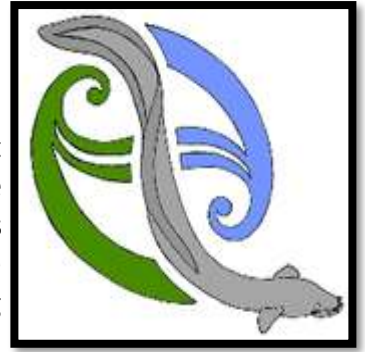




# NĪOREORE PĀNUI

**Ka mihi ki ngā mate huhua o te motu, otira ki ngā mate o te hau kainga nei haere, haere, haere atu ra, ā, hoki mai ki a tātau te hunga ora, nau mai hoki mai tātau ki te kura!**

Wow, and just like that half of our school year has flown by! A new term at school means new learning for all of us here at MAS and a new kaupapa at the forefront. This term's kaupapa ako is MAHINGA KAI (Mahinga kai encompasses the way resources are gathered, the places they are gathered from and the actual resources themselves). Murupara is famous for its hunting and gathering spots and the abundance of kai we are surrounded with, having the Te Ika Whenua Ranges and Te Urewera on one side and the Kaingaroa Forest on the other, as well as our many rivers and lakes nearby. There will be lots of learning around Traditional Maori Kai and also kai that is specific to Ngāti Manawa. We will also be holding a hunting and gathering competition for our tamariki which will also double up as a Wild Food Festival at the end of the term, but more details around that event will come out at a later date. We the staff of Nīoreore look forward to another jam-packed term of teaching and learning with our tamariki and sharing this learning with you all in the coming weeks.



## Naku noa

### Whaea Miriama Iti-White



## Tauira Hōu



We would like to introduce our new students into our Nīoreore whānau. Nau mai haere mai Jezire Issac Apiata Tapara.

## New School Jackets and Shoes

This week we have been privileged to receive jackets and shoes to fit all our students. These garments and shoes are of top quality. The jackets have been named and issued and are now part of our school uniform. The shoes, complete with two pair of socks, are also school uniform and so they should be worn to school each day. Please monitor these valuable items and join us in our appreciation for the Kids Can organisation who have sponsored our school. We are trying to instill in our MAS students a sense of pride to be part of our amazing school and the wearing of the correct uniform is part of this. Please remember that should your child wish to wear an extra shirt under their school shirt then it must be coloured black or blue. Should your child come home without their clothing or footwear please come to the school and check the lost property. All students have lockers in which to keep their bags and clothing. Please

ensure all uniform pieces are named.

## Whaea Marie

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## Phonics Programme

We have welcomed Annie Russell, RTLB, who has come into the Nioreore Junior Hub and brought us up to speed to deliver the Yolanda Soryl Phonics programme. All the classes are being taught at the same time each morning and we expect to see this intervention help lift the literacy across the junior school. Annie loves coming in to see us, commenting on how politely our tamariki greet her and how keen they are working on their letter sounds.

## Mahinga Kai

As part of our inquiry this term the Junior Nioreore hub is studying soil health and structure and how important this is to grow wholesome kai. Worms - of course, are a major topic of interest! Each class is in the process of setting up a small worm farm to observe their activities. It was great being outside on Tuesday when the classes got together and planted their gardens with beetroot and spinach seedlings. Superb teamwork tamariki!

## Cheers, Whaea Susannah



## Tai Mitchell

What a great day to celebrate our Galatea Tai Mitchell 2022 Champions. To pōhiri our boys into Kaiwhitiwhiti with their coaches, managers, whānau and the shield was overwhelming. We are so proud of each of the boys, but would like to acknowledge Tyrell Matekuare, Tangata Toko, Whenua Toko, and Butler Toko who are our MAS students within the team. But the success of this team could not have been achieved without the coaches and managers Eric Merriman, Gareth Copsey, Matt Ferreira, Dave O'Reilly and Roz Merriman. We thank you all for your commitment and dedication to the boys, their whānau and the many boys before this team. Kātahi ngā kaipono ki tēnei kaupapa ko kōrua Eric and Roz, anei mātau o Murupara Area School e mihi atu ana.



## Nga Mihi, Whaea Midz



# KĀRANGARANGA PĀNUI

**Kia ora e te Whanau,**

We look forward to another term of exciting learning. We have started with a focus on the Commonwealth games in Birmingham. Students have researched the history of the games and are now focusing on New Zealand teams or representatives.

Our overall theme of learning this term is around mahinga kai.

This will involve:

Working with food - To work the food

Maramataka - Using the phases of the moon to help guide us.

Soil Health

Rongoa / Medicine - to be successful to grow cultivation & tinana

Heritage seeds/ plants

Traditional/ Food Resources

Rama Tuna

Preserving of foods/ Procuring - Fermentation/ Pirau, Pawhara, Smoking (ahi)

Protecting of foods - Natural resources, Rivers, Lakes, Whenua, Moana,

Local kai - Trout, Tuna, Koura, Berries, Poaka, Tia, Taraute (trout), Tī Kōuka.

There is a calendar event around this theme scheduled for week 8 of this term – Watch this space!

If you have any questions about the learning or what is happening in Karangaranga please make, contact with us as soon as you can.

**Nga mihinui**

**Learning advisors - Matua Muriwai, Whaea Julie and Whaea Pam**

Year 7 & 8 girls basketball game – Wednesday 3 August

Unfortunately, a loss against Kaitao Intermediate. Player of the evening Chanel Makiri. A big thank you to Te Aomihia, Leona and Helena for their support.



Girls played JPC juniors, score 28-40 loss. First game back for Term 3. The ladies had a great game tonight they worked hard defensively. Sadly not all their shots made the basket. Keep up the hard Mahi, practice makes perfect.

Congratulations to our Captain Manaia and deputy captain Meheyla. Player of the Day - Skylark Maher.



## **RANGIPŌ/SERVICE ACADEMY PĀNUI**

### **Trades**

#### **Agriculture L2**

Yesterday Rusty went with her group to whakatane and Okere Falls where they were able to tag and drench sheep and spray them against infection. They also picked up the new calves and took them to the barn. It was another interesting day and Rusty was able to collect the last 2 entries for her portfolio.

On Tuesday Matenga was able to complete all the theory for his Auto Mechanics.

All of our students enjoy their time and learning at Toi Ohomai. These are also the career pathways they want to follow when they finish school because although they have now learned many new skills in one area these skills are also transferrable. Well done Trades students!

We have begun the term with a clear focus on learning and academic achievement. All seniors Yr 11 - 13 have their current credit standing and know where they must be by the end of the term and therefore they will be on track to successfully complete their NCEA Certificate.

All students know how important it is to attend school everyday and to work hard in class.

Our hub has a very positive learning vibe and this is a credit to our seniors and staff. Kia kaha koutou mā

We have an open door policy and welcome you to visit your students and see them working and engaging in learning.

**Ngā Mihi, Whaea Teri**