

Term One 15th February 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week is flying along, it is hard to believe we have been back at school for 3 weeks already. Classes are working well and programmes are underway.

Pare Kore—Zero Waste

We are very lucky to have had X-Man working with us on Reduce, Re-use, Recycle programmes to lower the amount of waste we produce every year. Did you know that New Zealand produces 3.5kg of waste per person per day! We produce the greatest amount rubbish in all the OECD countries in the world— so much for our clean, green image. We are filling landfills in NZ with the equivalent of 70,000 buses each year. We need to change our habits, we will be making some changes at school to reduce our waste— it will need your co-operation too.

Visitors From Taiwan

On Wednesday we had a visit from a Taiwanese family who have been staying with the Fulton's. We learnt about Taiwan, what their city is like, where they live (a five storied house that is 12m long by 4m wide.) Howard and Leo showed us how to write using calligraphy, play musical instruments and demonstrated the Chinese Yoyo. It was very interesting. There are some photos at the bottom of the newsletter.

Term 1 Calendar

Here is the Term 1 Calendar, please note the **Teacher Only Day on Monday 5th March— school will be closed.** This is for a Community of Learning professional development day.

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	19 th BoT Meeting Swim safe rooms 1,2,3 1:30pm	20th	21st	22nd Pool Party & Meet the Teachers	23 rd
5	26th	27th	28th	1st	2nd
6	5 th TOD CoL School Closed	6th	7 th Junior Swimming Display At School	8th	9th
7	12th	13th	14 th	15 th Whole School Visit To Pukemokemoke Bush Reserve 11am	16th
8	19 th BoT Meeting	20th	21 st Senior Swimming Sports At Huntly Pools	22 nd	23rd
9	26th	27 th	28 th EWCS Swimming Sports Division A Only	29 th Easter Egg Hunt	30th Good Friday
10	2 nd April Easter	3 rd Easter	4th	5 th Learning Conversations 2pm- 6pm School Ends at 2pm	6 th
11	9th	10th	11th	12th	13 th End Of Term 1





Morrinsville Association Football Club

Annual General Meeting will be held at Morrinsville Recreation Grounds Clubrooms on Wednesday 21st February at 7pm.

Enquiries to: Jeremy Pope 021405547 or Andrew Hansford 021315104

PTA Pool Party And Meet The School Community



Thursday 22nd February

6:00-8.00pm

Free sausage sizzle courtesy of the PTA

Drinks for sale

Meet the teachers starts at 7pm

Teachers will outline the classroom expectations and routines.

Everyone welcome

Student Of The Week



Room 1: Bethany Webster for setting an amazing example of how to act and work in Room 1.

Room 2: Connor Turner-Walters for his amazing progress.

Room 3: Kayleigh Wallis for being an awesome role model in Room 3.

Room 4: Skyla Clarke for setting a high senior standard.

We would like to welcome to Whitikahu School Henry Scherer, Jacen Lee, Leah Hodel, Odin Barker, Phoebe Barker, Piper Barker in Room 2, Ben Taylor, Maddox McLaggan in Room 3, Jesse Read, Jacob Ryan, Gabrielle Scherer in Room 1, Hayden Gosnell, Charlie Scherer in Room 4.



Years 6,7,8 Camp Fundraiser

Easter Eggs for sale- \$1.50 each



This year Senior camp is at Epworth- this is a water based camp and one not to be missed. It is on 5th-9th November. This seems a long way away however with costs spiralling we expect the initial cost to be \$270 per student (before subsidies & fundraising) so we need to get onto our fundraising. We recommend that parents start an automatic payment to ease the cost.

If you would prefer that your child does not sell Easter Eggs please complete the slip below and return to school. Boxes will go out on Friday with 40 eggs inside to sell.

I would prefer that my child does not sell Easter Eggs

