

Maitai School



Newsletter - 12th February 2016

'Mā tini, mā mano ka rapa te whai'

'Together we will succeed Students, Staff, Parents & Community'



Our Shared Vision

"Students Achieving Educational Excellence and Celebrating Success"



Principal's Forum

Tēnā koutou katoa

Nau mai. Welcome back to Maitai School for 2016. We have already been hard at work for two weeks and the students have settled rapidly into their new classes, and new ways of learning. They have returned refreshed and keen to try new learning experiences. The senior students have really grown and matured over the break and many are now looking like young adults!

We are making the most of the long hot summer and will be enjoying our annual Beach Day at Rabbit Island next week, as well as our usual family BBQ the following week. These events are great opportunities for students to extend their learning into different environments. They are also fabulous for parents and staff to get to know one another in a low key setting. I do hope you take the opportunity to join us at one or both of these events. See you there. Ngā mihi nui,

Jane Wills

Ngā Whetū o te Wiki

This Week's Stars

Principal's Award - Tim Worboys

Class Awards

Room 1— Megan Clews

Room 2— Izaiha Newport

Room 4 –Reuben Fulton

M@HW – Madison Morgan



Ngā Whetū a tērā Wiki

Last Week's Stars

Principal's Award - Anna Welland

Class Awards

Room 1— Tom Storey

Room 2— Damon McKay

Room 4 –Felix Dodds

M@HW –N/A



2016 Maitai School Terms

Term 1 – Tuesday 2nd February–Friday 15th April

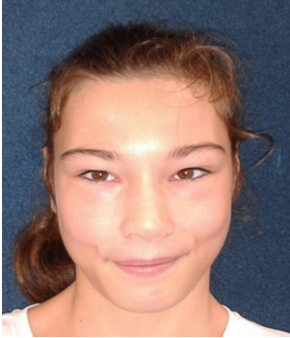
Term 2 – Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July

Term 3 – Monday 23rd July – Friday 23rd September

Term 4 – Monday 10th October – Thursday 15th December

Welcome to 2016

A warm welcome to our delightful new students ...



Shae, far left, and Indigo have begun their acquaintance with Maitai School at the Henley / Waimea (M@HW) satellite class. They are great learners, and are already right at home!

Tom, far right, and Shannon, right, have arrived to start the year at Base School. Tom will be working with the Collaborative group, and Shannon in Te Ara Ora. We also have Felix visiting Base school for a few weeks. He is a whizz in his brand new wheelchair!



... and our fabulous new teacher

We are delighted Brigid Moffat has joined the staff of the Collaborative team at the Base school. Brigid is a well known Nelson special educationist and brings considerable knowledge and experience to our team. Nau mai.

Final farewell to an old friend

With great sadness we have said farewell to our dear friend and colleague Julie-Anne Lochhead. Julie-Anne died on January 26th after a long and defiant battle with cancer. Julie-Anne was our longest serving staff member, having completed 25 years of service to the school. She has left a large gap for us to fill. Among her many attributes, Julie-Anne was a great communicator, and a determined advocate for others, especially our students, even when she was gravely ill. We will miss her dearly.



Richmond Riding for the Disabled

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday February 27th 10am – 2pm at our premises 169 Champion Road, Richmond.

All proceeds to go towards the purchase of a much needed horse for our riding programme.

We hope to make this the best fair that we have had so far, so we would appreciate the support of our rider's families. If you are able to provide some home baking, excess produce from your garden or some good quality items for our Garage Sale would appreciate it.

Rally your family, friends and neighbours so that they come along and support us. If you are able to help by giving some of your precious time to assist on the day that would be fantastic.

Please contact Liz or Jenny if you can offer support or have garage items that you would like collected, Phone 544 8960 or email

richmondrrda@ts.co.nz



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Dates For Your Diary

Friday 19th February - Beach Day

Thursday 25th February - Staff/Parent BBQ

Friday 25th - Tuesday 28th March - Easter