

Maitai School



Newsletter - 26th 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

What a hot evening it was yesterday, for our annual BBQ! The playground proved popular with the children and the adults enjoyed a relaxed evening catching up with old and putting faces to new names. Unfortunately our Beach Day had to be cancelled last week, but the students coped well and worked hard instead, and managed a great Kapa Haka at the end of the day. It is fabulous that our students can manage disappointment in such a mature way...

... which leads me to talk to you about **Key Competencies**. As you know we are about to embark on our new IEP model, where we will base our goals on these competencies. These are important abilities for life and underpin everything we do. There are many competencies, but the NZ Curriculum focusses on just five, considered to be the most important for establishing life long learning. These are:

Thinking: Using our brain to make sense of our experiences

Using language symbols & texts: Using different ways (e.g. words, numbers and maths symbols, visual symbols, signing) to represent our thoughts, and to communicate

Managing Self: The way we meet daily challenges and organise ourselves

Relating to others: How we interact with others in different ways

Participating and Contributing: Our involvement in the communities around us

Over time these terms will become second nature to you :)

We hope you find our new approach helpful and meaningful.

Attached to this newsletter, for your reference, is the section from the NZ Curriculum that explains these competencies further.

Ngā Whetū o te Wiki

This Week's Stars

Principal's Award - Georgia Rose-Roach

Class Awards

Room 1— Liam Leitch

Room 2— Kieran Van Der Hoeven

Room 4 —Jack Mitchell



Ngā Whetū a tērā Wiki

Last Week's Stars

Principal's Award - Damon McKay

Class Awards

Room 1— Jack Singleton

Room 2— Emily Campbell

Room 4 —Anna Welland

M@HW —Saffron Walker



The Action at Maitai@HenleyWaimea.



What a way to start the day! We all take turns and share our news with everyone else. It is really neat to find out what others do at home or in the weekends. After all the serious business we then do body songs, sometimes the bungee song and sometimes we do the stick songs. To finish up we do action songs and we need the whole classroom as we have to dance, skip, jump, fly and lots more.



We are always busy. Even at break times we are doing something. It is good because we are learning new skills like how to climb and how to ride a scooter. And of course there is always our garden to look after and get ready for planting. Summertime is a neat time at school.



Farewell to Reuben and whanau. All the best down the coast :)

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Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 16th March - Special Olympic Swimming

Friday 18th March - Purple Cake Day

Friday 25th - Tuesday 29th March - Easter