



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

19 th August	School Photos
20 th August	Interschool Netball
21 st August	Board of Trustees meeting
28 th August	Home and School Movie Night
3 rd Sept	Interschool Football
4 th Sept	Home and School Meeting
14 th Sept	Y6 Fundraiser-SV Pool(more info to come)
17 th Sept	Interschool BMX
18 th Sept	Board of Trustees Meeting
19 th Sept	DanceSplash
25 th Sept	Upper Hutt Cultural Festival
27 th Sept	Last Day of Term 3



From the Principal

Nationwide Teacher and Principal Negotiations – Important Information

I would like to thank everyone for their support on Green Day, which was organised nationally to raise awareness about principals' employment negotiations. I love my job and I want to make sure that being a principal is a desirable profession for teachers to aspire too. On a positive note, the government have made a new offer to principals which I believe will likely be accepted.

Togane High School Visit 5th August 2019

Last week we had a visit from some college students from Japan. The students were from Togane High School and were visiting New Zealand as part of a school trip. The college students worked with a group of our students, teaching them some origami and playing some sports and games. Our students enjoyed showing the Japanese students around our school, and ended the visit with an impromptu Haka.



School News

Toastie Tuesday

Our Hub will be running Toastie Tuesday for most of the term. Please ask at the office or the Hub if you would like further information. A separate notice about Toastie Tuesday has been sent home.

Hub Activities

Our Hub is running weekly events for students to take part in at lunchtimes over the term. Over the next few weeks our events focus on teeth (dental programmes), Daffodil Day, International Day of Happiness and Maori Language Week. We encourage the children to pop in and see what's happening in the Hub and take part if they are keen.

Home and School Movie Night Fundraiser

Our Home and School Association are putting on a movie night fundraiser of the film 'Late Night' on the evening of August 28th. Tickets are available from the office for \$20 (cash only).

Bike Track Exploration

We are in the early stages of investigating a bike track that would go around our entire field, and may even link to a similar track being proposed by Maidstone Intermediate. We have approached the Upper Hutt City Council, while also exploring funding options through Bikes in Schools and other charitable trusts. The cost of the bike track could potentially cost close to \$100,000.00, hence the need to seek large grants. If you would like to help in any way with our bike track development, please speak with Michelle Picard or Phillipa Whiteman.



Student News

Amazing Quests, Projects and Home Learning

Over the last few weeks we have had a huge number of students doing some really fantastic work, much of which they are completing at home. Some of our senior students have been completing projects based on their culture unit that they are working on in class. These are currently on display outside the staffroom. We have also had a lot of children completing some wonderful Fraser Quests, many of whom have also popped into my office to share their work. Below is an amazing collage made by Susan L which she worked on at home for her Fraser Quest.

Interschool School Sports

This term is a busy one on the sporting front. We have a number of events happening that our students are taking part in. We had three teams recently take part in the Interschool Basketball competition, with the Netball competition being held next week. Later this term we also have Interschool Football and BMX. Where possible, we put children into both competitive teams, as well as more developmental 'Have a go' teams. I would like to thank all the staff, parents and whanau who help to coach, supervise, and transport the children to these various sporting events.



Susan's Fraser Quest



Team Toastie in Action!



Community Notices

Maidstone Intermediate – Family Information Evening 7pm in the School Hall-Thursday 29th August

Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 students are invited to come along and see what Maidstone Intermediate has to offer their children. After a welcome by the Principal and Student Leaders they will go on a tour of the school and see students at work in all the Technology and Arts areas and other students will share their options programmes. The school bands will also be practising and performing. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Ngā mihi nui,
John Channer
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