

**Notes from Mr Sands:**

Nau mai hoki mai ki te wāhanga e rua. Welcome back to term 2.

This week's Ki Waha: **Ka Mau Te Wehe** - expression meaning awesome! or fantastic!

This term we will be lighting the fires but as we have 5 classrooms, a library, and the Radnor Room (on Wednesdays) we will have to watch the amount of wood we burn.

Next week we will have the ERO team in for three days. Virginia Carey and Andrea Rodley will be reviewing Midhirst School. We will be having a whakatau (informal welcome) on Monday 7th May at 12.30p.m. It will be held inside the library or outside in front of the library depending on the weather. Please come and join in if you are free.

Over the holidays I have been able to collate and analyse our academic and behavioural data. Our Reading, Writing, and Math Data shows that we are on track to meet our 2018 targets. Our children are doing very well in Reading (84% Achieving) and MATH (72% Achieving) Our writing data needs to be monitored but we are receiving Professional Development in Digital Technologies to support progress in this area. Writing is one of the areas of concern for many of our local schools. Our behaviour data when compared with Term 1 last year has shown a drop in the number of incidences by 66%. Student wellbeing surveys show a huge decrease in the bullying statistics.

Our 2018 school targets are:

- * After 1 Year at School 80% of students will be achieving at level 12 in Reading.
- * 80% of our Year 5 students will be achieving 'At or Above' their Year Level in Writing.
- * 80% of Midhirst Students will be achieving at their Year Level in Math, Reading, and Writing.
- * All students will make at least 1 year's progress.
- * 80% of our Midhirst Māori Students (4/5) will be achieving 'At or Above' their Year Level.
- * 80% of our Pacifica Students (5/6) will be achieving 'At or Above' their Year Level.

This Friday we have the first of our MANA celebrations. Children who have had no incident forms in term 1 will go into a draw. 12 - 16 children will then spend Friday morning at Icon Sports doing fun activities. A letter has gone home as we need parental support.

Last term the School Councillors were selected via voting. Congratulations to: Victoria P, Bailee R, Charlotte F, Richard D, Regan B, Hayden K, and Tegan M. **'Ka Mau Te Wehe'**. We have had several meetings already and identified areas in which they can help improve our school, identify hazards and also how to gather student voice.

This week sees the beginning of the basketball season. We have practices on Monday at Stratford High School (3.30p.m.) and on Friday Lunchtimes (at school, weather permitting). This week's game is at the High School at 5.30p.m. We have duty after the game as well. Next weeks game (Friday 11th May at 3:30pm) will be at the War Memorial Hall. Please remember we have a code of conduct for everyone.

Thank you to the families who have made a koha/donation for the new school gates. We have Rawinia Henderson (BOT Member) who will be overseeing this process and looking for more funding to make this happen.

I have been in contact with our local artist Tai Mueli who has created several designs for the school logo. The feedback from the last survey was collated and I am sure all concerns have been taken into account. We will look at showing the community and making a decision in the upcoming weeks.

Finally we have been successful in winning a Curious Minds Grant to investigate "How can we create healthy soil to grow fruit trees" - with the intention of having a school orchid. This is a 3 year project. Our Year 5/6 students will be testing the soil and designing experiments to find out the best compost and conditions for fruit trees. The funding will allow Cherryle Prew (Soil Food Web) and Sue Rine (TRC) to work with our students to get a better understanding of science in our environment.

The Midhirst School BOT have been undertaking some professional development and we have identified succession planning as an area of concern. We want to let our community know what the role of the BOT is and help inform anyone who would like to be part of this wonderful team. We are looking at running a couple of information evenings as it is elections next year. The first evening is Tuesday 22 May 6.00p.m. Please book in the date and come along.

Hei konei ra
Na Graham Sands



"Children must be taught
how to think, not what
to think,"

Margaret Mead

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday 2nd May	Student Council
Friday 4th May	MANA Reward Day
Monday 7th May	Ero Review
Friday 11th May	School Council Outing at Icons
Sunday 13th May	MOTHERS DAY
Tuesday 15th May	Fish N Chips Rippa Rugby Training
Wednesday 16th May	Emerging Leaders
Saturday 26th May	Midhirst Quiz Night
Tuesday 29th May	Fish N Chips Rippa Rugby Training
Friday 1st June	Rippa Rugby Tournament
Monday 4th June	Queens Birthday
Tuesday 5th June	Rippa Rugby Tournament Postponement Date
Tuesday 12th June	Fish N Chips
Wednesday 13th June	Emerging Leaders
Tuesday 26th June	Fish N Chips Jones Cup Day
Wednesday 27th June	Rippa Rugby Training
Thursday 28th June	Jones Cup Day - Postponement Date
Friday 29th June	Jones Cup Day - Postponement Date
Monday 2 July	Jones Cup Day - Postponement Date Life Ed
Thursday 5th July	Debating
Friday 6th July	End of Term 2



**Ella Thomson-Gullery
Meadow Wellington**

News from the Classrooms

Kāhui:

Kia Ora everyone and welcome back! We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday's and a relaxing break. We are very excited for another fantastic term in Kāhui Class. A big welcome to Harper Vickers, Tyler Martin MacDonald and Jack Ramsey who join us this term. We are very lucky to have you a part of Kāhui.

This term, the students will be leading our inquiry learning. They have indicated an interest and an urge in creativity through construction and building. One of Kāhui's goals is to learn off each other, and so we have a very big request. We would love to invite you into our room to share any skills you have in this area. Ideas could be:

- 1 Art and crafts
- 2 Building of any description
- 3 Metal work
- 4 Woodwork
- 5 Anything that involves making and creating

We will be spending the term creating a plan to design and create a boredom buster for winter. You will be able to see our "Boredom Busters" at Pet Day in Term 3! We will look forward to sharing them with you. If anyone has any old duplo or LEGO they are happy to sell, we would love to chat. Have a great term everyone. **Julie Anderson and Caitlyn Moratti**

Pānitahi:

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you all enjoyed the time off with your children. This Term in Pānitahi class our topic focus is Maunga Taranaki. We will be learning about the Maori Legend that bought Mt Taranaki to this coastline over the next couple of weeks and then we will start to explore our social studies theme, considering how places influence the people living there and in turn how people affect the places they live. We are planning a trip to Puke Ariki in week five to visit the new Maunga Taranaki exhibition and to explore the Taranaki life and Taranaki Naturally exhibitions. If you are interested in joining us for this trip please let me know. Our maths focus this week is shape and we are introducing some new elements into our reading program as well. Our class website should be available to view by next week so keep a lookout in next week newsletter for details! Have a great week. Nga mihi, **Wendy McKenna**

Kaitake:

Welcome back to school and the beginning of Term 2. I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday.

I was delighted with the effort and enthusiasm Kaitake Class students showed during Term 1 and I have been very impressed with they way they have returned to school and have continued on from where they were at last term, applying themselves to their tasks, working hard and independently. We have lots of fun activities to look forward to this term and especially the Science Project that has been planned. Kaitake Class is going to be testing the soil at Midhurst School prior to establishing an orchard - a huge exciting programme ahead of us. **Wendy McGregor**

Paritutu:

Congratulations seniors, Term 1 was fantastic! I can't wait to see what Term 2 will bring. I was so proud of your Plant Terrariums and all the projects you completed. Your class looks amazing filled with all your fantastic work, I look forward to seeing you improve and strive even harder this Term. Sadly we have had to cancel our trip to St. Mary's production to welcome ERO to our school. An advert regarding the production is included in this weeks newsletter for those students / families keen on viewing this performance. We look forward to our three Badminton lessons starting in week 2. For Technology this Term we are focussing on garden to plate, students will be asked to bring a few items from home (recipes, ideas, produce and even later in the Term a guest or two)! I look forward to the beginning of a fantastic Term. **Colleen. Tett.**

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03/05/2018 Midhirst School: Midhirst Y1-2 V Stratford Primary: SPS Cougars 15:45 TET: 1c

10/05/2018 Eltham Primary: Eltham McDonald Magic V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y1-2 15:45 TET: 1c

17/05/2018 Ngaere: Purple V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y1-2 16:45 TET: 1c

24/05/2018 Stratford Primary: SPS Lions V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y1-2 15:45 TET: 1a

STR Mother Earth futureFERNs (Years 3-4) Adele Wellington

03/05/2018 Pembroke: Pembroke Princesses V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y3-4 15:45 STR: 4

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17/05/2018 Ngaere: Red V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y3-4 15:45 STR: 2

24/05/2018 St Joseph's STR: St Joes Stars V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y3-4 16:30 STR: 4

STR Mother Earth futureFERNs (Years 5-6) Sonia Fale

05/05/2018 Midhirst School: Midhirst Y5-6 V Stratford Primary: SPS Wolverines 11:00 STR: 5

05/05/2018 Eastern Districts: ED Aces V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y5-6 13:00 STR: 2

12/05/2018 Stratford Primary: SPS Vipers V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y5-6 10:00 STR: 5

19/05/2018 St Joseph's STR: St Joes Fantails V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y5-6 09:00 STR: 5

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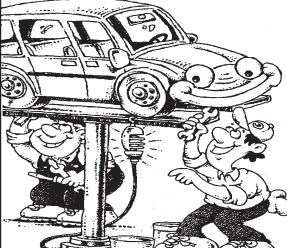
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