

**Notes from Mr Sands:**

Tēnā rā koutou. Kua tae mai te ua. Hello to everyone, the rain has arrived.

Last week we had the ERO team spend three days with us reviewing Midhirst School. They identified many wonderful things that we are doing well and identified three things for us to focus on in the next three years. The official report will be out in the coming eight weeks. I would like to thank the BOT, staff, children, and Whānau for your continued support.

Next week we begin our Science Project (Curious Minds). The big question is "How can we create a healthy soil for fruit trees". This is to be done with the Kaitake Class. Cherrylle Prew (Soil Food Web) and Sue Rine will be working with us to educate children about the makeup of healthy soil, looking at the microbes in the soil and their effects, the relationship of trees and their surrounding, and designing experiments and testing and measuring the impacts of those tests. At some stage we would like to take samples of the soil in the proposed Orchard Site before and after the setting up of the experiments. We may take samples from surrounding farms and compare as well. Please let us know if you are happy for us to use samples from your farm. Also both scientists will be doing a presentation in Kaitake class next Tuesday at 12.15 - 12.50p.m. You are more than welcome to come along and have a listen to the introduction. In the afternoon we will be organising the test plots, taking samples and grouping the children.

Playball Taranaki are working with Panitahi and Kāhui classes to up skill staff and children in Physical Education (P.E). They will also be supporting Midhirst School in the Health and PE review this year. Our Senior Classes (Kaitake and Paritutu) are currently doing badminton skills on Fridays and using both their classrooms and the Midhirst Hall.

**REMINDER:**

Next Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 6.15p.m. we have a community meeting about the role of being a BOT Member. We will have snacks and Paula Cull (NZSTA) presenting. She is very entertaining so please if you have ever wondered about the role of a BOT member come and have a listen as you may want to become a BOT member of Midhirst School. The elections are next year.

So far this term we have had two trips to Icon Sports for reward days. Week one of this term was for behaviour and last week was for our school councillors. Mr Bennett gave out two awards to the councillors 1) Most skilled catcher - Tegan McNab, and 2) Most points for the day - Charlotte Frazier. Congratulations!

Thank you  
Aku mihi rā ...  
Nā Mr Sands



Wednesday 16th May	Emerging Leaders
Monday 21st May	Safe Friends Luncheon
Tuesday 22nd May	BOT Community Meeting
Saturday 26th May	Midhirst Quiz Night
Tuesday 29th May	Fish N Chips Rippa Rugby Training
Friday 1st June	Rippa Rugby Tournament Paritutu Trip Paritutu Assembly
Monday 4th June	Queens Birthday
Tuesday 5th June	Rippa Rugby Tournament Postponement Date
Friday 8th June	Kaitake Assembly
Tuesday 12th June	Fish N Chips
Wednesday 13th June	Emerging Leaders
Friday 22nd June	Panitahi Assembly
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 Kāhui Assembly
Monday 2 July	Jones Cup Day - Postponement Date Life Ed
Thursday 5th July	Debating
Friday 6th July	End of Term 2

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# News from the Classrooms

## Kāhui:

Kia ora everyone! This week Kāhui Class students will have come home with a permission form regarding our class trip to Puke Ariki and the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery on Tuesday 22nd May. Please let us know if you are available to help on this day. We are really looking forward to developing our creativity for our inquiry topic this term where we will become boredom busters! This week, Kāhui Class have been reading the book "Where the Wild things are." We have been exploring this text through our learning through play where the students have been creating plays, masks, costumes, traps, games and artwork. As the weather is becoming very wet, cold and muddy could we please ask that all students bring a rain jacket and a spare change of clothes in their bags everyday. Thank you and have a lovely week!

**Julie Anderson and Caitlyn Moratti**

## Panitahi:

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Panitahi are really enjoying the work we are doing on the legend of Mount Taranaki. We are currently starting some narrative writing, retelling the legend in our own words. Ask your children to tell you the legend, this will help them with their writing. We have started our skills for life program with coach Mike this week and we all really enjoyed the teamwork activities we did in our classroom. Notices will be going home this week for our class trip to Puke Ariki and The Govett Brewster Art Gallery in week five. Please look out for this notice and send back the permission slip by Friday 25th May. We will also need a few parents to help support this trip so If you can help, please let us know by filling out your details in the form. We had a few issues with the class website but it should be up and running now so please check out your child's information report: <https://sites.google.com/midhurst.school.nz/team-panitahi/home>

Many Thanks, **Wendy McKenna**

## Kaitake:

Kaitake students enjoyed their first badminton lesson on Friday although, due to the wet weather, we had to have it in a classroom rather than walking down to the hall. Hopefully for the next two Fridays we will manage to get to the hall. For the next two weeks students will be learning about place and total value of decimal numbers and how to order them. Students have completed their Information Reports and have a good understanding of the structure, process and criteria for report writing. We are beginning Recount writing with the students currently developing Success Criteria so that they are able to evaluate their own writing to determine if they meet the criteria. If not, they are able to continue writing until all criteria are met. Everyone is working really hard and I am very pleased with the progress all of the students are making.

**Wendy McGregor**

## Paritutu:

Congratulations seniors, Week 2 was fantastic, you all did a superb job welcoming ERO into our school, I was very proud of your efforts! Our first Badminton lesson was fantastic, even though it had to be slightly adapted to fit into our classroom as the Hall was booked, we can't wait for our second lesson this Friday. This Friday students have their Spelling Bee competition, please help them practice, all sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by Thursday 24 May please. This week we start our new Theme unit on Ancient History. We are running low on plastic bags and clean ice-cream containers, if anyone has any spare we would greatly appreciate them. Have a fantastic week.

**Colleen Tett.**

## MIDHIRST FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Grocery Raffle  
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16 May -Ticket No. 157

**Belinda Thompson**



## BLACK PANTS

Midhurst School is looking for donations of black pants from sizes 6 to 12.

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## 40 Hour Famine

This year the 40 Hour Famine will be taking place on 8-10 June 2018. Choose from 20 to 40 hour challenges and be as creative as you like. If the no-food challenge isn't for you, try giving up technology, talking or furniture! This year is about a generation of young New Zealanders

standing united with the children of South Sudan. Thousands of young Kiwis across the country will be banding together and fundraising for the thousands of South Sudanese children who have fled for their lives across the border to Uganda. The money raised will be used to fund World Vision's work to bring essentials like food and clean water, as well as shelter, education and hope for a better future.

If you are interesting please see Miss Tett for a permission slip, once this has been signed by a parent / caregiver and returned you will be given a sponsorship booklet so you can begin raising funds for this fantastic cause.

## Netball

- please check Netball Taranaki for any changes - [www.netballtaranaki.org.nz](http://www.netballtaranaki.org.nz)

STR Mother Earth futureFERNs (Years 1-2) Kristen Smith

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

31/05/2018 St Joseph's STR: St Joes Sparkles V Midhirst School: Midhirst Y1-2 16:15 TET: 1a

07/06/2018 Midhirst School: Midhirst Y1-2 V Eastern Districts: ED Tigers 16:15 TET: 1b

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

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

31/05/2018 Midhirst School: Midhirst Y3-4 V Eltham Primary: Eltham McDonald Stars 15:45 STR: 2

07/06/2018 Midhirst School: Midhirst Y3-4 V St Joseph's STR: Unicorns 16:30 STR: 2

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

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

26/05/2018 Midhirst School: Midhirst Y5-6 V Kaponga: Kaponga 10:00 STR: 5

09/06/2018 Midhirst School: Midhirst Y5-6 V Stratford Primary: SPS Wolverines 11:00 STR: 5

### MISSING JERSEY

Please can you check your child's uniform as we have another lost Midhirst School Jersey.

This one is Size 12 with the name Neecco on the tag.

Last week's lost Jersey has been returned to its owner. Thank you to the family who returned it.

### MIDHIRST FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

A.G.M.

Midhirst School  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 1:30pm

Everyone is welcome

Please bring a plate

### THE MIDHIRST COMBINED SPORTS CLUB INC

Will be holding their AGM on Sunday  
27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00pm at the  
Midhirst Domain.

All welcome.

### Paritutu Room Fundraising

Please save all Aluminium Cans send them along to school, we will even save you the trouble of squashing them. If you show Miss Tett the cans before putting them in the CAN CAGE you go in the draw to win a can of your own!

Sausage Sizzle Friday Students have the chance to buy a delicious treat, sausages in bread \$2, Juicies \$1, chippies \$0.50. Please take money and written orders to the office before 9am on Friday.



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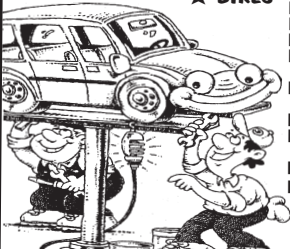
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