



Notes from Mr Sands:

Thank you to everyone who came to the 'Whānau Day'. Those who attended the Kāhui meeting I hope you found it as inspiring as I did. Both Mrs Anderson and Miss Moratti have a real passion for Collaborative and Play Based Learning which is backed up with plenty of research that shows it supports accelerated learning.

Our Year 7 / 8 students showed us all that they all could be a fantastic leaders at Midhirst School. The leaders have many responsibilities in the school and both Miss Tett and I are mapping out activities to further develop their leadership skills outside the school. Using Mr Kevin Bennett with challenging activities to build their confidence within themselves is just one of many. Many thanks to all those that made it such a successful day. Especially Sara who created all the lanyards and organised the teams. It was great to see everyone joining in with the activities and having fun!

In the first week, we had 14 new enrolments and another 7 more that we know of before the end of term 1. Please notify Mrs Dalwyn Smart (in the office) if you know of anymore that will be starting soon.

We are currently going through the Midhirst Expectations with all children. We are reminding children about the importance of wearing a bus vest, Boundaries around the School, Emergency Procedures, Trampoline Safety, and so on. If you have any concerns please call in and ask me about them.

Congratulations to Ilya Frazier who won the Sports Gear Raffle. There is a lot of gear in there for you to enjoy.

Our next BOT meeting is Tuesday 20th February. This is going to be a big one as we will be confirming the School's Charter and Budget for the year. We are so lucky to have such a supportive BOT.

Ka Kite Ano
 Na Graham Sands



**"The purpose
 of education is to replace
 an empty mind with an
 open mind"**

WHAT'S ON

Friday 9th February	Stratford Swim
Friday 16th February	Stratford Swim
Friday 23rd February	Stratford Swim Paritutu Assembly
Friday 2nd March	Swimming Sports School
Monday 5th March	Rural Schools Swimming Sports
Friday 9th March	Kaitake Assembly
Monday 12th March	Taranaki Anniversary
Tuesday 20th March	Golf Whole School
Friday 23rd March	Panitahi Assembly
Friday 30th March	Good Friday Easter
Monday 2nd April	Easter
Tuesday 3rd April	Easter
Friday 6th April	Kahui Assembly
Monday 9th April	Athletics Day
Tuesday 10th April	Postponement Day for Athletics
Friday 13th	End of Term one



Lethe Hargreaves-Ward
 Aiden Roberts
 Georgie Vickers

The Great Midhirst School Fundraising Committee Grocery Raffle

Each week you have the chance to win a \$50 New World Stratford Grocery Voucher.

160 tickets sold. \$50 per ticket for 52 draws.

Please call Sonia 762 8690 or Adele 762 8695 if you are interested in buying a ticket. All previous ticket holders will be contacted in the next few weeks.

Next Meeting Friday 16th 1pm in the Library. All welcome.

MIDHIRST FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Grocery Raffle Winner
 Week 38 Ticket No 65
 John & Sheree Espin

CONGRATULATIONS

News from the Classrooms

Kāhui:

Kia Ora Midhirst Whānau! We hope you all have had a lovely Waitangi Day and enjoyed our Whānau day / yesterday. We have had a very busy week this week in Kāhui class. A big thank you to all of the parents and community who have come along to our Whānau day, in particular those who came along to our Kāhui Class discussion. Remember to come in to visit us in Kāhui class anytime. We have an open door policy! We are so lucky to have such wonderful parent support in Kāhui class. This week, Michelle has brought in the most incredible play kitchen for our Wendy house, which she has made herself! Thank you so much Michelle! Even the Kāhui teacher's want to play with it! We would also like to thank Jo for bringing in guttering for a wonderful PBL activity for next week. At the moment our students are interested in farming, insects, cars, chemistry (mixing water and substances together) and construction. If anyone has anything lying around at home that we could possibly use, that would be fantastic! Have a lovely week everyone! **Caitlyn and Julie**

Kaitake:

Because almost all of the students were in Kaitake Class last year we have been able to make a flying start to 2018 - classroom expectations, behaviour, rules and the way books are set up are already known by the children so the past week has involved testing and assessment. We are now ready to start our normal weekly programme. Yesterday (Wednesday) we had our whānau day. It was hugely successful with all students enjoying the variety of activities that Kevin from Icon Sports organised for us. Well done to all of the Paritutu Room students who did a brilliant job of overseeing their teams and helping them understand and participate in the games. And it was great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school come along and join in the day. **Wendy McGregor**

Panitahi:

Tena koutou katoa,

We hope you have had a great Waitangi day! In Panitahi we have been talking about the significance of Waitangi day, have a chat with your children about what they have learned to help consolidate their learning. We have made a great start in Panitahi this year with a focus on our first topic 'The Panitahi Project'. Our learning is surrounding important concepts such as establishing our classroom boundaries for behaviour and learning, developing our class culture and building positive relationships for learning.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be doing some assessments to discover our next learning steps and class learning goals and to set up our learning groups for reading writing and maths. We had an awesome day today at Whānau day, it was so great to meet so many of you and to have our families involved in our school activities! **Wendy McKenna**

Paritutu:

What an amazing first week, thank you students for your hard work and kindness to each other and the juniors in the school. Home Learning officially starts this week, although there are two days off due to Waitangi and Whānau day. Please encourage your child to complete Home Learning Monday to Thursday for up to 40 minutes a night, all work has been started in class and only takes a few minutes for most students to finish. Please come in and have a chat if you have any queries or would like me to explain how the weekly programme works. Congratulations seniors, you were outstanding role models, great leaders and were a tremendous help to all students on Whānau day. A huge thank you to Mr Sands and Kevin Bennett (Icon Sports) for organising such a fun day for everyone. Thank you to all parents and Whānau who came along and supported the day. **Colleen Tett**

Muse Hair and Beauty Girls Only Football

Venue: Traumata Park, Eltham

Date: 21st, 28th Feb / 7th, 14th and 21st March

Age: 6 to 11

Time: 5:30pm till 6:30pm

Cost: \$20.00 for all 5 sessions

Contact: Troy 027 89 47 452

ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



IF YOU USUALLY DRIVE TO SCHOOL,
PARK FURTHER AWAY AND WALK A
COUPLE OF BLOCKS WITH YOUR
CHILD.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE - SHOW THEM
HOW TO CROSS ROADS SAFELY AND
IF THERE ARE PEDESTRIAN
CROSSINGS OR SCHOOL PATROLS,
USE THEM.



ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



NEVER CALL OUT OR WAVE TO A
CHILD FROM ACROSS THE STREET

DRIVE SLOWLY NEAR THE SCHOOL.
CHILDREN CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE
SO BE PREPARED FOR THE
UNEXPECTED

