



Notes from Mr Sands:

E hau ngā whā, tēnā koutou katoa, from the four winds greetings to everyone.

What a wild ride we all have had in the last 24 hours. I hope everyone is safe and thoughts go out to everyone who had property damaged from Ex-cyclone Gita. At school, we had some damage: swimming pool fence, branches of trees ripped off, some roofing dislodged, and debris scattered around the school. Last night four locals came over to the school as they found one of our small swimming pool mats flying around the neighbourhood and returned it. They also helped me move the tramps and tie them down. That took some time and rope. Thank you for looking after our school. This morning we did discuss the option of closing the school but as we had power and only minor damage there was no need to close. Thank you to those parents who helped clean up the school this morning. We do have an emergency phone list if we ever do need to close the school. Board members will ring certain parents and within about ten phone calls everyone will be notified. Also, our school face-book page is another place to keep up to date.

Please remember if you would like the newsletter e-mailed ring and let Dalwyn in the office know. Also, next week is the community Newsletter. It is the first one for the year and it will happen every 4th Tuesday of each month. We are very lucky as Sharon Instone kindly donates her time to deliver each newsletter to our community.

We are also looking at having a Working Bee at the end of March as a number of minor jobs need some attention. The BOT will be organising the day. Last night we were supposed to have our first BOT meeting for the year but due to the weather we postponed it until next Tuesday 7.00p.m.

No reira,
 Kiaora rā koutou,

Nā Graham Sands
 Principal



**Mistakes
 are proof that you are trying**

WHAT'S ON

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



Alyssa McNab

MIDHIRST FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Grocery Raffle Winners - CONGRATULATIONS

Week 47 Ticket No. 70
 Peter and Grethe Hansen

**PLEASE RETURN
 SWIMMING
 TROPHIES TO
 SCHOOL OFFICE
 ASAP
 THANK YOU**

NETBALL NOTICES

Please return Netball
 notices tomorrow
 Thank you

Littleless Lunch-boxes

There has been a move to decrease the amount of rubbish in schools. Food and food packaging make up two thirds of all the rubbish most schools send to landfill. A large number of schools have introduced "Litterless Lunchboxes" and Midhirst School has decided to participate in this programme. Any packaging/rubbish students bring to school will stay in their lunch boxes. There are some excellent websites explaining the concept and providing ideas for litter free lunch boxes.

www.thecreativelunchbox.co.nz
www.wastefreelunches.org

News from the Classrooms

Kāhui:

Kia ora Kāhui class whanau,

This week we welcome Brooklyn and Lilah to our class! We are so excited to have you in Kāhui!

Construction is really big in our room at the moment. If anyone has any boxes (any shapes and sizes) and tubes (although as fun as toilet rolls are, due to hygiene reasons we are unable to use these. Glad wrap tubes and tin foil tubes are fine) we would love to have them! We are really looking forward to Americana on Friday! We are hoping to be able to go down into Stratford after/before Stratford Swimming to have a look around. Please remember to let us know if you are able to help us with supervision on the day. This week we are learning the letter Aa and number bonds to 10 (and some of us are even going beyond 10!) Kāhui class is still very engaged in our insects topic. We have learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly and will be looking at what insects and animals need to survive. **Caitlyn and Julie**

Kaitake:

The talk this morning in the classroom has been all about Cyclone Gita and how it has affected the students. Everyone in the classroom has their power off, some of them had it off all night and still didn't have it on when they came to school this morning. Some children had property damage such as trees down, trampolines flying into cars, fences down and power lines down. Some children found it exciting while others found it scary. The Americana cars are proving to be a hit and everyone is looking forward to being able to see them on Friday. We have completed the first Topic Study of the year 'Kaitake Class and Me' and are now focusing on the Midhirst School rubbish and recycling programme.

Wendy McGregor

Panitahi:

Tena kotoa katoa!

We have been busy in Panitahi this week doing lots of reading, maths and spelling testing. We had lots of very interesting oral language today surrounding the cyclone, sounds like many families were strongly effected! We are still talking about the virtue of respect this week and doing some great discussion and writing about what is expected in our class. We are really starting to settle into some of our routines and bonding as a class. We are looking forward to checking out the Americana cars this Friday during our outing to the Stratford pools and there should be some interesting language activities related to that to follow. **Wendy McKenna**

Paritutu:

Wow, Week 3 was fantastic, thank you Paritutu Students, you had a great week and managed to complete all PAT tests in one week! Thank you parents for returning all forms promptly, this week we will start our camp fundraisers with our Friday Sausage sizzles, our class raffle book will be sent home for our Easter raffle \$5 per ticket - 50 tickets per hamper, and shortly chocolates will be here and sent out. Are there any amazing parents that can help us on Friday please? We wish to view the Americana cars in Stratford after swimming 11.30 - 12.30pm and need help so we can help Taranaki and Panitahi, please let me know if you can help, thank you.

Students please remember you need to bring your Tech items to School Thursday.

I look forward to another fantastic week. **Colleen Tett**

MIDHIRST SCHOOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking for donations to make up Easter baskets to raffle in the next few weeks. This was so well supported last year and we are hoping we can make up several baskets again this year. Can you please drop the Easter goodies into the Office.

Thank you so much for your support.

MusiqHub Lessons During School Hours

Small group tuition. Fun, friendly atmosphere.

Still some spaces for keyboard lessons.

Visit www.musiqhub.co.nz or contact Jennifer on 027 227 4885 or jennifer@musiqhub.co.nz for details.

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.

Cadbury Chocolates Students are selling a variety of flavours ranging in price from \$1 to \$2.50, please support this great fundraiser and enjoy a delicious treat.

FONTERRA MILK & RICHIE MCCAW

The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion, Richie McCaw is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky schools, by helicopter.

Anyone can enter the competition by nominating a school at richiemilkrun.co.nz – entries are open until 19 March 2018*. So get the word out and get your wider school community to start nominating. It's really easy to enter – all you have to do is tell us why your school deserves a visit from Richie. You can also upload a photo or video to support your entry. The winners will be chosen by our judges based on entries.

To help with this we've created some resources you can share with your school community. Scroll down to check out our **printable posters, newsletter snippet and video.**

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