



Notes from Mr Sands:

Kiaora rā ki te whānau o te Kura o Midhirst. Greetings to the wider community of Midhirst School.

A big thank you to Joe Parkes (blacksmith) who has been giving up his time to help Midhirst School design the gates (wrought iron) as the wooden ANZAC gates are falling apart. The new gates will have the ANZAC logo on one side and an image of children on the other side with the school logo. The design will encompass native birds as well. Once it is drafted we will put it out to the school community for feedback. We are asking for donations to make this possible. If you are able to make a donation, please give it to the office.

Last week we had Murray Martin spend the day with us teaching our children the game of modified golf.

Yesterday we had Paula Cull from NZSTA working with the Midhirst BOT identifying/reviewing areas for development. Thank you Paula as we found the meeting very useful and we have a plan for the Professional Development for the next 12 months.

On a sadder note, over the weekend we had a lot of our school equipment moved around. The sandpit toys were taken out of the sandpit and spread out over the school. The trampolines were damaged (the arms were broken) and we have disassembled and put them away. We also had people swimming in the pool. Damage was done to the pump shed door. The pool is now closed (it closed a week ago due to the temperature so the pool is not treated). We are asking for all keys to be returned.

In the last two weeks teachers and principals have met to discuss our collective agreements. The meetings are to discuss solutions vital to addressing the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. There has been a 40% drop in the number of people going into teacher training in just the past six years. With teachers and principals throughout the country, NZEI members at our school will be discussing a number of initiatives to ensure quality teaching for every child and how to make teaching attractive and sustainable as a career. These include:

- Funding for a special needs coordinator in every school to meet the needs of every child and free up classroom teachers to teach.
- Reduced class sizes in years 4-8.
- A significant pay jolt to encourage new people to enter the profession and stay in it. Along with reduced numbers entering teacher training, a large number of teachers leave the profession within five years of graduating. Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it, it's just a matter of priorities. We value your support for this important issue.

Working Bee. Please remember on Saturday 7th April we will be having a working bee as with all the building that has gone on the grounds need a clean up.

Health please be aware that we are noticing an increase in the number of children with nits and/or school sores. To stop the infestation please treat the head lice and see your GP for the school sores. We do not diagnose but ask you you get the school sores seen by a doctor so we can confirm if they are school sores or not.

Aku mihi rā ...
 Nā Mr Sands



**"A teacher takes
 a hand, opens a mind
 and touches a heart"**

WHAT'S ON

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



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News from the Classrooms

Kāhui:

Hello Everyone,

Well we have had a busy few weeks in Kāhui, welcoming our new five year olds to our learning environment. A big welcome to Rebecca and Zuri-Rose who joined our room last week. We are very excited to have you in our Kāhui whanau. Kāhui Class is very thirsty for knowledge about animals at the moment - especially wild animals and how they live a different life to domesticated animals. This has come about from our writing, where we take a fairy tale and look at the characters and plot of what is happening in the story. This week the children decided as a group they wanted to learn about 'The Gingerbread Man' and compare foxes to wolves as a class inquiry. We are learning about how animals can be classified into different families - and are making connections to New Zealand animals.

If anyone has an interesting animal at home - we would love to learn all about it! A big congratulations to Ilya, Maia and Lucas for receiving a class award in Panitahi Class assembly. What wonderful progress across literacy and maths Kahui! Keep up the wonderful work!

Caitlyn Moratti and Julie Anderson

Panitahi:

Tena Koutou Katoa,

I hope you all enjoyed Panitahi's class assembly last week, we really enjoyed sharing our learning with you and hosting the school assembly. Congratulations to Brianna Roberts for receiving a certificate for her commitment and diligence in completing and staying up to date with her school work, and for always being of service to her classmates and teacher. Also well done Cody Johnson, Cody received an award for being up to date with all of his work and staying on task last week. Our animal classification project is going great and we are really enjoying our related literacy work; writing information reports on specific animals. Learners have been highly engaged and motivated to do this work, choosing to stay in at lunch times to carry on with this work of researching, reading and writing their information reports.

We hope to do some visual arts this week incorporating our science topic of animal classification. In this art activity we will be practicing our observation skills and developing our skills in giving and receiving constructive feedback. We look forward to sharing this learning with you.

Happy Easter, we wish you all a wonderful long weekend with your families!

Wendy McKenna

Kaitake:

We have started our next math unit focusing on addition and subtraction. Students will be working out the best strategies to solve problems.

The students enjoyed listening to the speeches presented by the senior students regarding becoming a part of the Student Council and having the opportunity to vote for them. We congratulate all of the students who took part and those who achieved a position on the council.

We carried out an observational drawing of the mountain yesterday from our back field from which the students will complete a painting. They have been really enjoying the process of mixing paints to get the colours they want and trying different tools to paint with (e.g. sponges,) and different techniques - dapping, twisting splashing. I have been really impressed with the wide variety of results the students have come up with and how good they all look.

Students of the Week: Jade Bright and Laurelle Taua for achieving 100% in the Number Knowledge test the did at the end of our maths unit. **Wendy McGregor**

Paritutu:

Congratulations seniors, week eight was fantastic. Our technology plant terrariums have sadly hit a snag, we will be seeking a bit of 'expert' advice to help us achieve our goals. They have required the students to 'think outside the box' and a lot of work has already gone into the planning and prototypes. Hopefully we will be back on track soon. I hope you have an enjoyable Easter break, see you all on Wednesday. We look forward to another fantastic, albeit short week.

Student of the Week: Logan Perrett for improvement in his work, listening and taking on advice well! **Colleen Tett.**

Athletics Day

On Monday 9 April (postponement 10 April) all students will travel to Toko School by bus to take part in Athletics Day with our Rural Cluster Schools. Events start at 9.30am with a briefing meeting at 9.15am, events finish at 2.20pm. Students will be in mixed school teams, participating in a range of athletics events-Year 0-4 and Year 5-8. Parents / whānau are welcome to come and support all students throughout the day. If you wish to take your child/ren home at the end of the day please let their class teacher know. Students are able to purchase food items at lunchtime. Hope to see you there!

Netball

This year Midhirst School has three netball teams. Year 1-2 playing 4vs4, thank you Kristen Smith for coaching/managing this team. Games will start Term 2 Thursday afternoons, draws will be online (www.netballtaranaki.org.nz) and in the school newsletter. Year 3-4 playing 5vs5, thank you Adele Wellington for coaching/managing this team. Games will start Term 2 Thursday afternoons draws will be online (www.netballtaranaki.org.nz) and in the school newsletter. Year 5-6 playing 6vs6, thank you Sonia Fale for coaching/managing this team. Games start Saturday 28 April (the Saturday before Term 2 starts). Saturday draws will be online (www.netballtaranaki.org.nz) and in the school newsletter, thank you Ruth Heine for refereeing for us. Sadly we do not have a Year 7 & 8 team this year due to lack of numbers. We wish all teams well.



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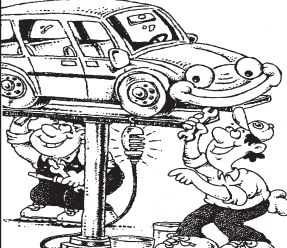
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