



## Notes from Mr Sands:

Ngā mini mahana ki a koutou katoa, Warm greetings to you all.

Next Tuesday night is our first BOT meeting for the year. Generally this meeting is a big one as we will be ratifying the School's Charter and Budget for 2018. The Charter has had a major review - I gather information / Community Voice through the many surveys last year. Part of the Charter is the Strategic Plan this is similar to a flight plan of where we (Midhirst School) intend to go and how we are going to get there. Once the BOT have accepted this document it will go on our website with all other documentation and Policies/procedures. This is a legal requirement for the BOT. We will also display the Charter in all classes and the office area.

Welcome to Brooklyn McNab, Lilah Karauria, and Kera Olliver who are having transition visits. We know you are going to love Midhirst School.

We are currently updating all our records so if you have any Legal documents (Court, Custody, Parenting, Restraining Orders) can you please bring it in so we can take a copy and update our records.

Beginning next week we will have workers installing scaffolding around the Administration area. This is so we can paint the roof of the admin area. All workers will be police vetted.

Fish and Chips will begin on Tuesday 20th February. Order forms will come home this Friday. The prices are the same as last year (\$5.00).

2 Fish Bites, 2 Nuggets and a scope of chips  
 1 Mini Hot Dog, 3 Nuggets and a scope of chips  
 1 Meat Burger, and a scope of chips

Also, next week Americana is coming to Stratford. On Friday, the cars are due to be on display on Broadway in Stratford. We are intending to go and have a look, each class will be sending home details about the day.

Over the next 2 weeks teachers will be testing the children to find out where they are in literacy and numeracy. This will help each teacher to identify the next steps in your child's learning journey. With National Standards being removed it is our intention to report to parents about student progress against the year levels. Your child may be a Year 4 but working at a Year 5 level. We already do this in the school reports.

Enjoy the rain while we can.  
 No reira,  
 Kimora rā koutou

Na Graham Sands  
 Principal



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

**Education  
 comes from within; you get  
 it by struggle and effort and  
 thought.**

**WHAT'S ON**

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



**Erica Bright  
 Cody Johnson**

## MIDHIRST FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

### Grocery Raffle Winners - CONGRATULATIONS

Week 39 Ticket No. 26 - Outdoor Power and Hire  
 Week 40 Ticket No. 71 - Justin & Adrianna Schumacher  
 Week 41 Ticket No. 92 - Janine Hamlin Beauty Therapy  
 Week 42 Ticket No. 9 - Peter McDonald  
 Week 43 Ticket No. 124 - K9 Cuts  
 Week 44 Ticket No. 37 - Michelle Frazier  
 Week 45 Ticket No. 11 - Graham Sands  
 Week 46 Ticket No. 13 - Flyers Swim School

### 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**

# News from the Classrooms

## Kāhui:

Hello everyone!

This week we have started our Home Learning routine. Our caterpillar sight words and spelling words are proving to be a bit of a hit with the room. Thank you for your wonderful support with this and to Katherine Roberts who is coming in every Friday to help us with hearing the children practise their caterpillar words. If anyone has a little spare time to listen to children read, we would love to hear from you. We can fit in to a time that suits you and would appreciate any time you could give. Let one of us know if you are interested.

We are really into bugs and insect hunting at the moment. If anyone has any interest in this area and would be happy to come and share their knowledge with us, we would love it! We are very keen to involve the community in Kāhui's learning and learn from people we share our environment with. If you have anything you would be happy to come and talk to us about - not just about insects, it may start a new passion or interest for the children. A very big thank you to Claire Wickstead who came in and talked to us about Bees and the importance of them in our environment. The fear of bees has now gone as we understand the important job they are doing! Thanks Claire - especially for bringing in the bees and their portable hive! Have a great week everyone. **Caitlyn and Julie**

## Kaitake:

Kia Ora. This week we have completed our P.A.T. and Star tests. We have been swimming most days in the school pool although the temperatures aren't quite as high as they were when we first returned to school. We went to the Stratford Pools last Friday for our first session of swimming coaching. It was good to see that a number of students have advanced to the big pool. Students generally do this when they have mastered breathing techniques.

**Wendy McGregor**

## Panitahi:

Kia ora koutou katoa,

In Panitahi we have been doing some assessment this week and have begun our reading, spelling and homework programs. This will take a couple of weeks or so to get into full swing and some information about our home learning has gone home with homework books this week. We are continuing to work on our 'Panitahi project' and the virtue we are focusing on this week is respect - respect for ourselves, respect for each other and respect for our property and environment. I am pleased to be teaching and learning in Panitahi class with such a great bunch of tamariki who are really supportive and caring of each other. Nag mihi, **Wendy McKenna**

## Paritutu:

What a fantastic second week, well done Paritutu students. Notices regarding our first trip, camp and immunisations went home last week, please fill in all forms and return to school asap. Mr Sands and I are team teaching Technology every second Thursday this year, students have been split into two groups and will be learning about coding, emails, airdrop, computer safety, biotechnology, sustainability and the environment. At times students will need to bring items from home to help with their tasks, students are given two weeks to find the items (all of them recycled - not new items), if you have any trouble please ask other students or let me know a few days before the next Technology day. I look forward to another fantastic week.

**Student of the week: Nathan Du Plooy** for taking on extra responsibilities in the school daily.

**Colleen Tett**

## House Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who took up the opportunity and have been voted as House Leaders and Deputies for 2018

	Leader	Leader	Deputy
<b>Rimu</b>	Erica	Hayden	Richard
<b>Kauri</b>	Bailee	Victoria	Meela
<b>Totara</b>	Regan	Tegan	Katrina
<b>Kahikatea</b>	Charlotte	Pania	Logan

## 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.**

## INVOICES

School invoices will be sent home next week.

Could you please check them and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me (Dalwyn) in the office.

**Thank you**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders for Issue 1 Term 1 close on Wednesday 24th February. Please make cheques payable to Midhirst School.

**Thank You**