

CCC STARS – JACKET WINNER, TERM 3



Danielle Pearce

Congratulations Danielle, keep up the good work!

HEALTH WARNING - We have received the following update from the Ministry of Health:

So far this year, NZ has had 387 measles cases, which is the highest total since 1997. Most of these have been from the Auckland region (307 cases) and most of the Auckland cases have occurred since the start of the current outbreak on 30 May (278 cases).

Most cases have occurred in unimmunised people, and immunisation remains the best way to prevent infection and spread within the community. Measles affects both children and adults, and is highly contagious.

MEASLES SYMPTOMS

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops around 3 days after the other symptoms start. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia and more rarely, encephalitis (or brain inflammation). So far this year more than 70 people with measles have needed hospital treatment (around 1 in 5 cases this year).

The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all NZ children. It is also free for adults who need it (this is if you are born from 1 January 1969 and have not been fully immunised). Prior to 1969, NZ did not have a national measles immunisation programme and as measles is so infectious, it is very likely that most people born before 1969 were exposed to the virus and developed immunity.

For further information on measles and measles immunisation, please visit the Ministry of Health website – <http://www.moh.govt.nz/measles>

ATTENDANCE TERM 3

Our attendance rate for term 3 was 92.6% and our goal was 94%. There is a direct link between attendance and your child's achievement. Room 10 again had the highest attendance in term 3 with 95.2% attendance with R6 & R8 a close second with 94.2%.

CURRICULUM

Financial Literacy is the theme for this term's learning. Students are looking at living costs that need to be met before wanted extra items are purchased. They are exploring different banking options and developing and understanding that relationships are affected by money. Mrs McLennan has

planned a career expo on 25th November for our students as part of this term's theme.

READING LOGS

Congratulations to Rooms 1,3,4,8,9,10,12,13,14 who all had 100% read at least 4 chapter books last term. Only 5 students in our school didn't achieve this goal and they were only 6 books short between them. We are working for 100% across the school at the end of term 4!



SOCCER TOURNAMENT – TAUPO

On 5/6th November, a group of students represented our school at a Taupo Soccer tournament with teams from as far as Nelson and Auckland competing. They played extremely well winning 3 games and losing 2 games, including a very close final game, 3-2. They managed to finish 2nd overall in their section which is a fantastic result. The boys were very well behaved and represented our school with pride. A big thanks to all the parents who helped with transport and supervision and also to Margaret and Lloyd Watkins and Rene Thomson for the use of their baches to stay overnight.



SOFTBALL

On Tuesday our boys and girls softball teams travelled to Hamilton to compete in the Inter-Intermediate competition. Our boys reached the semi-finals beating three teams along the way including tournament favourites Peachgrove 3 - 1. We lost our semi 6 - 3 to the eventual winners Maeroa but played some great softball and had a good day. Our girls team won 3 of their 6 games at one stage being 18 - 3 ahead of Fairfield before losing on a countback to even innings. Fairfield went on to win the girls tournament so our girls can feel very proud of themselves. C.J. Tuhakaraina may well have played her way in to the Waikato Under 15 Girls team so we may have a future NZ softball player on our hands. Good luck CJ.

ATHLETICS INTERSCHOOL – FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER

A great day for all involved. A special thank you to our staff and helpers who all had duties to perform for the day, helping it go without a hitch. Thanks also to Mrs Stiles who looked after the students not participating.

Results as follows:

- Senior Boys' Champion: Ward Dinsdale
- Senior Girls' Champion: Jessica Smitstra
- Junior Boys' Champion: Jamon Marino
- Junior Girls' Champion: Madison Tims

We also had a long standing record broken on the day with Renee Settle beating the Senior Girls' 200M by .51sec. Renee's sister Nicole broke the Junor Girls' 100M record when she was a pupil here – also a very longstanding record - wonder what the Settles' have for breakfast?????

Congratulations not only to our champions, but to all pupils who participated! It's so good to see children outside doing what children should be doing!

Thanks Mrs McLennan for the delicious lunch too!

ATHLETICS – INTER-INTERMEDIATE – PORRITT STADIUM

On **Tuesday November 29th** our athletic team travels to Porritt Stadium. **There are still some permission slips to come in** but we are getting lots of offers of transport so thank you to all those parents and care givers. Athletes will need correct PE gear, a hat,

sunblock and lots of water. The track is a synthetic material so they may wish to compete in shoes. We will be leaving at 7.45 and hope to return before buses but this will depend on the programme so pupils may wish to make other arrangements if they travel by bus.

PROSE RESULTS

Congratulations to our winners as listed below:

Year 7

- 1st - Awhina Pearce – 'Matilda'
- 2nd - Talia Parker – 'Notes from the Midnight Driver'
- 3rd - Emma Stitchbury – 'Matilda'

Year 8

- First = Tayla-Jay Dearlove – The Secret Garden
- Anna Mair – 'Anne of Green Gables'
- 2nd - Jacob Lawrence – Tin, Tin, the Crab of the Golden Claws'
- 3rd - Milla Clothier – Vicki Angel'

It was an extremely tight competition and all finalists delivered their chosen piece of text with a high level of skill.

A huge thanks to Mrs Drysdale-Dunn for giving up her time for us, to judge such a high calibre of performances.

SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL

As of Monday, 21st November, students who bring scooters to school will need to leave them at a bike rack positioned near the sports shed. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the scooter is securely locked and cannot be removed without a key. The school cannot take responsibility for scooters brought to school and students who choose to bring them do so at their own risk. Classrooms and cloak bays are 'scooter free zones.'

UNIFORM SALES

If you are wishing to sell your student's school uniform at the 2nd-hand PTA sale we're having in January, it would be very helpful if you could hand them in washed and ready for sale as soon as possible.

2011 CAREERS PROGRAMME

As part of our careers programme this term Sergeant Nic Jones, an Air Force recruitment officer, on Tuesday spoke to the whole school about careers in the Airforce, Army and Navy. He gave an interesting presentation on what the services offer and what are the minimum qualifications to gain entry. He also showed a dynamic action packed DVD which stimulated a huge number of questions from the students.

Next week, on **Friday 25th Nov**, we are having a **careers expo day**. We have invited local business professionals to come and speak to the children for about 30 mins. All students have the chance to choose the speakers they would like to hear. Our visitors will include a vet, Doctor, nurse, St John's Ambulance, hairdresser, horticulturalist, farmer, supermarket employee, photographer/journalist, police, fitness instructor, florist, and a jeweller. These were some of the more popular careers that the children marked on the survey done earlier.

2011 SCHOOL DIARY

The Matamata Intermediate School Diary is almost finished! The diary is like a record of all of the school events which have happened this past year.

Examples of the events are: Calf Club, Swimming Sports and Athletics. All of the pages in the diary have photos and a short blurb about the topic of the page. The 2011 diary is available to order from the student office for **\$10.00 each**. **Delivery of the diary to will be in early December.**

Be quick to order! This is a great record for your child to keep as a record of their 2011 year!

JUMP JAM

On Saturday 12th November the Year 8 Jump Jam team went to Auckland to compete in the **National Jump Jam Challenge for 2011**. It was the best the girls had performed their routine and they came away with 5th in the North Island Novice Category. Well done to all the girls for a great performance. A big thank you to Tammy from Aspire Arts, the parents who not only helped with hair and make up, but also supported the team on the day.

Thankyou also to Darri Neilson for her support and coaching throughout this event!



MAKUHARI EXCHANGE VISIT

From 15th – 27th March 2011, we are hosting students from Makuhari Jnr High School in Japan. This is an annual exchange which our school has been involved in for the last 15 years. This exchange offers an opportunity for 6-7 of our students to visit Makuhari Sept of next year.

We are looking for support in billeting 26 students with local families and wonder if you would like to take part. If you are able to host a student, could you please complete the form below and return to the school office by Friday 9th December. We are dependent on our community for ongoing success in this great exchange opportunity. Thankyou for considering the idea!

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Name of Student: _____

I would be interested in billeting _____ Japanese students between 15-27 March 2011.

I am interested in my child participating in the return visit to Mahukari September 2011.

Signed: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 22 Nov – Orientation Day – Y6 contributing schools, 9.30-11.30
- 22 Nov-BoT Meeting, 7.30pm, Board room, all welcome
- 13 Dec-Yr 8 Graduation Dance
- 14 Dec-School certificate awards-11am
- 15 Dec-school Prizegiving
- 16th Dec-last day of term/reports given out to students
- HELP REQUIRED – PTA are looking for helpers to serve food/drinks at our Graduation Dance, 13 Dec. Please phone Heather Reid, 888 8720, or leave your name & number at school office, 888 7221.**

Marion Henriksen, PRINCIPAL