



# Te Mata School Newsletter

NEWSLETTER #9 - Week 11, TERM 1 2018

Kia ora te whanau,



Max painting with new Teacher Aide Charlene

I am amazed how quickly we have come to the end of Term One for 2018. Thank you to our amazing parents who have helped with Beach Day, transport to events, supporting student learning in classrooms, preparing and cooking burgers for wheels day and many more activities. Without your support we would not be able to provide these opportunities.

We have a number of opportunities to look forward to in Term 2, you can read more further in the newsletter.

As always I appreciate and value your feedback, please call in and see me.

Mrs Fiona Gott

## THIS WEEK'S TOP NEWS

**Principal Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea** Twice per term I would like to hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea to meet our lovely whanau members. Sometimes in the rush at the end of the day I miss the opportunity to have a catch up with you. I have booked **Monday 7th May at 9.30am as our first meeting**. If you are interested in attending could you RSVP to Celeste in the office. Looking forwards to meeting more of you.

**Curriculum Review** As a school we will be conducting a curriculum review over the course of the year. As a starting point we would like to know what you value here at Te Mata School? All those wonderful events or opportunities that our children are provided that you wish to see continue. At our student led conferences we will have an area set up with this question and we would like you to add things on post it notes or if you would like to share by email that would be great as well.

**Positive Learning For Behaviour** As a school we have been offered the opportunity to develop this Ministry of Education initiative in our school. PB4L supports a school wide approach to maintaining and supporting positive behaviours and deterring bullying. It is a long term initiative that takes 3-5 years to put in place, but once the planning is done, you'll see small changes in the way things work. A information sheet for parents and caregivers is available in the office to explain in more detail. We would love at least two parents to be on this team, contact Linda Holmes if you are interested.

**P.T.A.** As a school we have a wonderful, petite P.T.A who work tirelessly to fundraise to support lots of different activities and educational opportunities at Te Mata School. They would like to hold a catch up meeting at **Orca Restaurant, Sunday 15th April at 10am.** Come & join us for a coffee!

**Kapa Haka** We are still trying to locate a Kapa Haka Tutor, Mrs Trina Regnier is currently training the Kapa Haka group but we are searching for suggestions of people that maybe able to help/support us to continue developing this important part of our school.



**Baby News...It's a girl!** Mrs Moeke and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby girl into their whanau on Wednesday 5th April at 12.13am.

They have named her Reed Moeke.

Both mother and baby are doing well.

Congratulations!!



**Full time users of Raglan Taxi Bus** a letter is going out today to confirm bus stops for next term and information regarding the bus pass system. If you do not receive this information please let Celeste know.

**Casual use of Raglan Taxi Bus** From Term 2 there will be room for casual use of the Raglan Taxi Bus as we will be moving to Go Bus for this service. **This will be a cashless system which needs to be booked through the school office.** Cost of a trip from school to Raglan or Raglan to school will be \$5 per trip (one way) and billed to your school account. We know a lot of you have sports in Raglan in the afternoon and this service can be helpful. If you would like to book a seat please contact Celeste.

**Softball/Tee Ball** On Friday April 6, our teams represented Te Mata School at the annual Softball/Tee Ball Tournament. Both teams participated with enthusiasm & demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. The tee ball team had a couple of wins, but did not place. The Year 7 & 8 team won all their games except one and finished in **first equal** place with Raglan Area School.

A special thanks to Nick Higgins for managing the Tee Ball team and to Sam Christie & Brooke Salmon for being awesome helpers on the day too. We all trained really hard for this tournament and the results speak for themselves.....congratulations guys.....you made me feel really proud!

Kathy Briant

## Important Upcoming Dates

<b>Wednesday, 11th April</b>	<b>ANZAC Essay - Year 8 - starts 10.30am (Te Mata School)</b>
<b>Thursday 12th April</b>	<b>Wheels Day and Dress up Day!</b> <i>Hamburger orders \$5</i>
<b>Friday, 13th April</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>Sunday, 15th April</b>	<b>PTA Meeting - Orca Restaurant - 10am</b>
<b>Monday, 7th May</b>	<b>Whanau to join Fiona Gott for Morning Tea (9.30am) All welcome</b>
<b>Tuesday, 8th May</b>	<b>BOT Meeting 6.30pm</b>
<b>Friday, 11th May</b>	<b>Crazy Hair Day! For Ronald McDonald House</b>
<b>Monday 30th April</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
<b>Wednesday 30th May</b>	<b>Teachers Only Day (TOD) SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED</b>



**Reminder to please return your pool keys**