



# Maidstone Intermediate Newsletter

5 July 2018 – Term 2, Issue 5



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/7 Last day of Term 1 – normal finishing time.
- 23/7 9.00 am Powhiri to welcome new staff and students.
- 26/7 Year 7 Vision Testing
- 27/7 Japanese Language students visit
- 31/7 ICAS English Exam 9.00 am
- 31/7 Parent Interviews No.1
- 2/8 Parent Interviews No.2
- 13/8 BOT Meeting 6.00 pm

**Powhiri 9.00 am Monday 23 July to welcome new staff and new students**

**Parent Interviews 31 July and 2 August (see booking instructions below)**

Dear parents, caregivers, students and friends of the school  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

The end of Term 2 has arrived very quickly it seems, and there is much to celebrate. Students were awarded merits for Academic Achievement and Effort at Tuesday's Assembly and they can be very proud that their efforts and achievements have been recognised. I'm in the process of reading each child's report and they also are a reflection of the commitment and great attitude of our learners.

The Mid-year Reports will go out on Friday. In the envelope you will receive a general report showing the levels of achievement in each curriculum area with a comment describing your child as a learner and member of the class and school community. The Tech/Arts reports take the form of rubrics showing the level of achievement of the learners in each of the two areas they have completed so far this year. A notice regarding Parent Interviews will be included. Please book a time for you and your child to meet with the teacher to discuss progress and next steps in more detail. You are also invited to meet with your child's tech/arts teachers.

I am very pleased to announce that an appointment has been made for Room 7 starting Term 3 following Mrs Nicky Hurle's resignation. Two teachers have been appointed to a job-share position: Mrs Rachel Van Der Gulik and Ms Gemma McIlroy. Both Mrs Van Der Gulik and Ms McIlroy are local and have young families. Rachel has had 7 years experience teaching at Fergusson Intermediate, and Gemma began her teaching career here at Maidstone in 2015 prior to the arrival of her first child. Mrs Dee will take on the role of Acting Syndicate Leader for Green Syndicate.

A powhiri is planned for 9am on the first Monday back to welcome the new teachers. This will include Mrs Lucy Twigg (Food Technology) and Mrs Shannon Dean (Performing Arts) both of whom started at Maidstone since the beginning of the year. All students who have started after February will be included as well. Families are warmly invited to join us. Morning tea will be provided after the ceremony.

You will be aware from the news media that teachers are planning strike action on the afternoon of **Wednesday August 15**. This will be treated the same as the previous two Stop Work Meetings. We will endeavour to get the buses to change their times this time! There is considerable frustration within education at the lack of resources for learning and behaviour needs and the current offer made to the Collective does not address this. A significant number of teachers are leaving the profession either because of the difficulties in the work or to retire. The profession is currently unable to attract enough young teachers to fill the necessary positions and this is a problem. Teachers are wanting an agreement that goes some way to address these issues for the benefit of our students.

The Basic Fact-athon is now complete. Well done to students (and their families) who put an effort into this. Prize winners will be announced on Friday.

Nga mihi nui

Mary O'Regan  
Principal/Tumuaki

**Please ensure all Basic Fact-athon forms and money are returned to the school NOW.**

# Maidstone Intermediate

## Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews



You are invited to attend an Interview with your child and his/her teacher on either **Tuesday 31 July between 3.20 pm and 6.50 pm or Thursday 2 August between 3.20pm and 5.50 pm**

To book an interview go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and input the event code for **Maidstone Intermediate** which is **d3qtm** then click on **GO**.

**Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:**



Enter your details

First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address. Click "GO".



Choose teachers

The next page is where you pick the teachers you want to meet. Click on subject then choose Room No., then choose from the list of teachers. Click "GO". (If you wish you can also book a time with a Technology or Arts Teacher).



Choose times

Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teacher/teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you. Click "GO".

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

If you do not have access to a computer or have any problems arranging your interview times on-line please, contact the office and they can help arrange it for you.

**SO THAT YOU FULLY PARTICIPATE IN YOUR INTERVIEW WE ARE PROVIDING CHILD MINDING FOR SIBLINGS IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.**

Classroom teachers look forward to meeting with you and your child.

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**Just one week to go, so get in the know**

July 2018

### Routes – 935; 929 and 915

If your students use Metlink buses, trains and harbour ferries to get to and from school, changes are coming VERY soon. School Timetables are not changing only the method of payment.

From **Sunday 15 July 2018**, fares and the ticket types will change, and Snapper will be the better way to pay on all Metlink buses across the region. We're also making changes to Metlink train, school and public bus services across the region, including big changes to bus routes and timetables in Wellington city.

Please share this information with your students, parents and school community.

## GREEN SYNDICATE'S DISSECTING EXPERIENCE

**Warning:** Some content may offend

On the 13th June the Green Syndicate Body Systems Inquiry Group had the opportunity to go to Otago University (their Wellington Campus) and experience dissecting body parts (sheep).

When we arrived we went into a lab. We put on some gloves and lab coats to keep the germs away from us.

We learnt a lot of new things, we learnt about the lungs; how they can float in water because there is holes in them that carry the air around. We cut a sheep's heart in half, and many more gross and cool things!

When we were done with the sheep's heart and lungs we went into a Pathology Museum where we saw real human body parts. Before we went in, as it is a sacred place, we sang a Karakia to show our respect. We saw a lot of human body part such as kidneys, bones, and a huge bundle of hair (which had to be removed from someone's stomach), lungs, brains and kidneys.

We had never dissected an animal before, and it was really interesting being able to feel real body parts (lung are really smooth and soft). We would like to thank the Doctors at the University for giving us that fantastic experience, our parent helpers, for coming on the trip, and Ms Dee for organising it. By Libby T and Veiongo F, Room 4



## RED SYNDICATE ORONGOMAI MARAE TRIP

On the morning of the 29 June 2018, Red Syndicate walked to the Orongomai Marae for a day full of learning based around the Māori culture.

When we arrived at the marae, we already knew what process we were about to go through - a powhiri. The Kaikaranga (woman who calls you onto a marae) called us in, and we were welcomed by the tangata whenua (people of the marae) into the marae. We filed in and sat down on the right side while the tangata whenua sat on the other. After the tangata whenua's kaikorero (male who speaks) finished speaking, all the tangata whenua stood up and sang a waiata (song), and us, the manuhiri, then stood up and sang *Te Aroha*.

We then split into groups. My group started off at the short sticks, rakau poto. With the rakau, we learnt beats and moves from Lashae and Josh. It was quite confusing, but in the end, we managed to do one part of it in time! We then moved on to putiputi, weaving flax. MacKensie and Krystal showed us how to weave a rose. Everybody who successfully made one was really proud of themselves, but according to tikanga (maori procedure) you have to give your first one away. Then it was outside to the rakau roa, long stick. We were told by William and Kingsley to treat the stick like a person, like with the flax, because we had to respect it. Kingsley and William taught us some games, then we went out of the waharoa (marae gate) to do an exercise using the rakau roa.

Then it was lunch time! Te Awanui said our karakia for us before we ate the hangi, which was delicious. Our next rotation was waiata. Callan and Trinity did some breathing exercises with us and we tried to learn a new song. It was quite hard, as everyone was really shy, in the end we did beat/rhythm exercises instead. To end waiata, we sang the maori alphabet song, which we were more confident in. The last rotation of the day was games with Payton and Pakira. We played Pukana, a te reo version of paper, scissors, rock, and did a very hard tongue twister. It was a nice way to end the day at Orongomai Marae. By Shasha O, Room 13



## REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday 25 June, after two cancellations, the Interschool Cross Country was held at Newlands Intermediate. The track was really awesome, it was uphill and downhill, and also a little muddy! Lucky for us, it was a nice sunny day!

Maidstone had around 20 kids racing. First, we had Year 7 Girls, and Year 7 Boys racing; then Year 8 Girls and Year 8 Boys. At the start of the race, we were all bunched up, and then at around half way we spread out.

Although Maidstone did not get in the top 10, we all raced really well. It was a great morning! Seth K, Room 2



## SHOE CLINIC – School Rewards Scheme

For every pair of school shoes sold, the Shoe Clinic will give a \$10 donation to our school, helping give your child more opportunities... **Simply nominate Maidstone in store.**

**School Holiday Creative Clay. Create a pottery person for fun.  
7 - 13 years. \$20 includes materials and firing.**

Tuesday 10 July - 10.30am - 12pm. Upper Hutt Art Society, Ward St.  
Contact Rebecca to book. 027 7287236

**Wheel of Fortune Prize Draw**

The spin of wheel, at assembly this week, saw a being won by Caleb from Room 14. Congratulations Caleb.

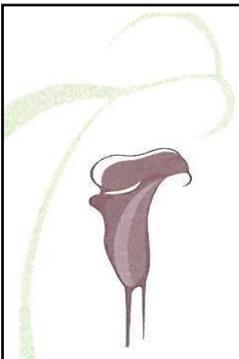
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**Saturday**  
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**Sunday**  
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