



Miramar Central School  
Te Kura O Whataitai  
Empowering Our Children

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*Be a leader not a follower.*

### Principal Update

**TERM 2 INQUIRY: INDEPENDENCE** Newsletter 7, 2018 - Thursday 17 May. MCS: 181 families and 242 students

**School Values: RESPECT (MANA), INDEPENDENCE (MANA MOTUHAKE) & COMMUNITY (WHANAUNGATANGA)**

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Tena koutou katoa,

#### Wk 3 Focus: Independence

The whakatauki above is a strength of growing in independence where we lead ourselves, others and learn how to lead through the Tuakana-Teina relationship. At MCS students, staff and parents engage in the Tuakana-Teina relationship and mahi tahi principles. The Tuakana-Teina relationship is an integral part of traditional Māori society, providing students as role models. This could be an older or more expert tuakana who helps and guides a younger or less expert teina.

In a learning environment that recognises the value of ako, the concept means both to teach and to learn. It recognises the knowledge that both teachers and learners bring to learning interactions, and it acknowledges the way that new knowledge and understandings can grow out of shared learning experiences.

This week we farewell our outgoing **Deputy Principal Karina McKiernan** on Friday 18 May at 2.10pm in the school hall (all are welcome to attend). Karina started as the Deputy Principal in Term 1, 2015 and later on in that year she was the Acting Principal for a term, while the Principal was on a Education Study Award. Karina has been exceptional as a leader through her professional conduct, key roles as: SENCO (Learning Support) and Kowhai assistant, Maths Lead, Tuakana Team Leader, administration (timetables, budgets, etc.), deliverer of professional development, and always engaging tamariki, staff and parents in positive and constructive ways - thank you. As a community we wish Karina, Glen and son Feidhlim safe travels and all the very best as they return to Ireland to live permanently. As one door closes, another opens. *The announcement of our new Deputy Principal will be emailed out to our whanau once this position is finalised.*

**MCS Cross Country:** the long term forecast is looking positive for the School Cross Country event on Monday 21 May 1.00pm - 2.45pm. We look forward to this great event with children in their house colours. All welcome to attend. The race details are on the school website.

**MCS Eastern Zone Netball 'MCS Magic':** played 4 games against other Year 5 / 6 girls teams at the ASB centre yesterday. Thanks to Greg Cook taking the team and the girls played well in their 6 a-side round robin matches.

**International Support Staff Day - Wednesday 16 May.** The support staff were treated to a great morning tea made by the teachers. The BOT gave each support staff member a wee gift as a sign of their appreciation and acknowledging what each member of staff does to help MCS's tamariki learn in a safe, positive and empowering way.

Teina, Kowhai & Tuakana Team: **'Mid-Year Conference'** about your child's formal Mid-Year school report **Wk 10: Wednesday 4 July 3.30pm - 8.00pm and Thursday 5 July 3.30pm - 8.00pm.** Details will follow in a letter during wk 6 for parents and caregivers to book their 15 minute conference time using the booking system: [SchoolInterviews.com](http://SchoolInterviews.com)

### **Dates to Remember:**

#### **Term 2 KiwiSport - Football with Capitol Football**

This 8 session programme commences today. Please make payment of the \$13 to cover costs for this activity, if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

#### **NZEI Paid Union Meeting School finishing early Wk 8: Tuesday 19 June 1.30pm.**

Parents please assist the school due to a teacher paid Union (NZEI) Meeting where school will finish early on **Tuesday 19 June at 1.30pm.** The end of lunch will be 1.15pm. The register will then be completed by your child's class teacher. **Parents please pick up your child between 1.20pm - 1.30pm from their classroom.** Your assistance is appreciated in this matter. The principal, teacher aides and admin staff will be still at school, if your child can't be picked up early at 1.20pm for supervision till 3.00pm. Thank you for your assistance.

### **NEWS - UPDATE**

**Welcome to new students:** Rex (Rm 12) starting school and Pau (Rm 1). Rex and Pau will receive their hoe at the School Assembly on **Tuesday 22 May** at 2.15pm in the hall.

**Predator Free Miramar** - the term continues to climb in numbers with results of 16 mice, 3/4 being males. As autumn merges into winter the vermin will no doubt seek out the yummy peanut butter treat in store for them! Two mice caught at Location 2: Compost this week. Great work team.

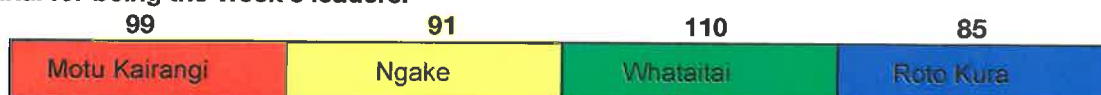
### **Principal's Awards**

The Principal Award certificates get presented in school assemblies held every even week on Mondays 2.15pm - 2.45pm in the School hall. Principal awards are given to tamariki for consistent improvement in learning, behaviour, culture or sport, a positive attitude towards their learning, contribution to school life and displaying empathy towards others.

**Well done Term 2: Wk 2 & 3's Recipients:** **Rm 1:** Jerry, Class award, Sam, Trey x 2, Mangaia & Oliver; **Rm 2:** Sacha, Nikita, Molita, Clare, Anna, Siiloto, Ngarimu, Billie & Levi; **Rm 3:** Olivia & Hannah; **Rm 4:** Rama; **Rm 9:** Neo, Alena & India; **Rm 11:** Class award; and **Rm 14:** Eli. The above awardees will receive their certificate on Tuesday 22 May at 2.20pm in the school hall.

### **C Cards**

Our term 2 target is **1,500 C-Cards** for a school-wide award. Currently we have **385** school-wide! **Well done Whataitai for being the Week 3 leaders.**

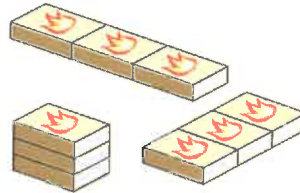




## School Notices

**Mathematics enrichment** - The answers to 2018 Otago Set 1 are: Q1. **88**; Q2. **9**, Q3. **3.49** or **11 minutes to 4**. Try these questions which are more difficult and part of Set 1.

4. Three identical matchboxes can be made into a rectangular block in three different ways as shown here.



In how many ways can six matchboxes be made into a rectangular block? (All the matchboxes should be the same way up as shown.)

5. Last year Maia's swimming coach measured how far she could swim in 14 minutes. This year, after much training, she can swim 8% further than before and finish in 12 minutes.  
By what percentage has her speed increased?

### FaCE Fundraisers in Term 2: Entertainment Book, Pizza on Fridays and more

**2018 Entertainment Book (\$60)**. Thanks to one of our parents, Rebecca Smith, these great dining and entertainment books are for sale at the school office. Each book sold will be **putting \$12 towards the 2019 Year 6 school camp**. What a great initiative. So please come and purchase one from the school office. Tino pai.

**Support Miramar Central School - Order your NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment™ Membership now! Your purchase of an Entertainment Membership contributes to our School. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your Friends and Family. Thanks for your support!**  
<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10430v1>



## Sports News

### Term 2:

**Wk 4: Monday 21 May 1.00pm - 2.45pm School Cross Country.** See the school website for more details.

**Wk 5: EZ Cross country** - Wednesday 30 May (pp Wednesday 6 June) - organised by Scots Prep and Hataitai. Venue: Hataitai Park.

**Wk 8: Primary Sport Wellington Interzone Cross Country - Karori Park 9.45am - 2.30pm Tuesday 19 June pp Thursday 21 June**

**Wk 10: Regional Cross Country** Upper Hutt (Harcourt Park) - 3 July and pp 4 July - organised by Primary Sport Wellington

## Dates for your Diary

**Term 2 (10 weeks): Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July.**

**School Closed: Monday 4 June (Queen's Birthday- Public Holiday) & Tuesday 19 June 1.30pm NZEI Union Meeting**

**SCHOOL EVENTS: Wk 1-10**

**Wk 3: Independence (14 - 18 May) Friday 18 May - Farewell to Mrs Karina McKiernan, School Hall 2.10pm - 2.55pm**  
Newsletter 7 emailed out Thursday

**Wk 4: Respect (21 - 25 May) Rooms 12 & 4 Hosting Assembly (Tuesday 22 May)**

**Wk 5: Respect (28 May - 1 June) Newsletter 8 emailed out Thursday**

**Wk 6: Respect (4 - 8 June) Monday 4 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY School Closed**

**Tuesday 5 June: Rooms 11, 3 & 10 Hosting Assembly**

**School Disco Friday 8 June: Teina: 5.45pm - 7.00pm & Tuakana 7.15pm - 8.30pm**

**Wk 7: Community (11-15 June) Newsletter 9 emailed out Thursday. EBIS School Open day 11.00am.**

**Wk 8: Community (18 - 22 June) Rooms 14 & 8 Hosting Assembly**

**School finishes early Tuesday 19 June 1.30pm (NZEI Paid Union Meeting for Teachers)**

**Wk 9: Community (25 - 29 June) Science Fair and Book Fair afternoon-evening: Thursday 28 June 3.30pm-6.30pm**

**Wednesday 27 June EBIS Yr 6 Orientation Day: 0900-1400. Newsletter 10 emailed out Thursday.**

**Wk 10: Respect (2 - 6 July) Rooms 15 & 2 Hosting Assembly**

**Mid-Year Reports: Teina, Kowhai and Tuakana Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 July 3.30pm-8.00pm.**

Bookings for conference times are at [SchoolInterviews.com](http://SchoolInterviews.com). A separate letter will come out to parents with the interview code to book a 15 minute interview.

**Term 2 Holidays: 7 July - 22 July. Term 3 (10 weeks) starts Monday 23 July and finishes Friday 28 September**

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Ngā mihi nui,



**Ed Trotter**  
Tumuaki