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9th Friday Special Persons Day 1.35—2.45
16th Friday Last Day of Term 1

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3rd Monday First Day
17th Monday Cyber Safety Parent Evening



I want to encourage every family connected to the school to book the evening of Monday 17th May into your diaries to come and hear Cyber Safety expert John Parsons speak. As a principal I have had to support many families when things go wrong online, and so often parents tell me they just hadn't realised the issues that could come up. John is brilliant at helping you realise the things that can go wrong, and how to support your kids to navigate this area well. Use this link to register <https://forms.gle/322oDPfat7fjxby8A>, which is easiest if you use the online version of this newsletter, available on the school website, Facebook and School Loop apps. I'm looking for 100+ attending this event, so get booked ASAP. Thanks All - Dean

7yr	Ellen Mann	3rd
	Lewis Polaschek	1st
8yr	Tommy Sherwood	1st
9yr	Blake McLennan	2nd
10yr	Willow Watkins	3rd

Breaststroke

7yr	Mabel McGurk	1st
	Grace Smith	2nd
	Ainsley McLennan	3rd
8yr	Tommy Sherwood	1st
9yr	Elizabeth Furness	3rd
	Roman Watkins	3rd

Backstroke

7yr	Ellen Mann	1st
8yr	Tommy Sherwood	2nd
	Archie Barron	3rd
9yr	Blake McLennan	2nd
10yr	Willow Watkins	2nd
	Jacob Kerr	3rd

Special Persons Day

This special opportunity for grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends or neighbours to come in to school and see what our students are learning will be held from 1.35 – 2.45pm on Friday 9th April. Classes will all be open for visitors to head in to see a range of learning, including being shown writing, reading, Mathematics and art on the walls. Students may even take them on a tour if they are unfamiliar with the school site. Visitors are free to move between classes, as some are likely to have more than one student to visit. (Please remember to sanitize your hands as you move around the school). Mr Mac and Ms Silva will be welcoming visitors around the school and helping any needing directions to find the classes they are looking for. A wonderful way to encourage and share the great learning our kids are doing. We look forward to seeing you!



Skool Loop App

Many of our school families have already downloaded the Skool Loop App onto their phones. This is a handy way to keep up to date with any important information from the school or a means by which you can let the school know if your child is going to be absent on any particular day.



DOWNLOADING THE APP A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the instructions below to select your school.

1. Open the Skool Loop App—you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the right hand side.
4. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
5. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.

School Holidays

This will be our last school newsletter before the end of Term 1. We are all looking forward to a couple of weeks break and a chance to spend more time with family and friends. There are quite a few community based activities out there to keep our young people busy so keep an eye on the local papers or social media groups for

information on these. We hope you all stay happy and safe and are thoroughly refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning when you come back.

Easter Raffle



Congratulations to our 4 lucky winners...

1st Prize...

Katrina Marshall

Bonus Prizes ...

Waring Family

Gouk Family

Aspinall Family

Thanks Everyone

SAUSAGE ROSTER

The following people have volunteered to do the sausage sizzle for the next 2 weeks. Many thanks.

9 April

Kristy Jeynes & Debby Cullen

16 April

Natalie deJong & Marlene Sherwood



STUDENT WORK

Tanekaha R8 have been creating some great pieces of writing by starting with one word, building to ten words, then finishing with one again. Here are a few examples for you to enjoy...

Flax By Olive Barron

Silky
Moving softly
Insects flutter by
Glossy leaves drift slowly
Spikey ends threaten small insects
Children play on the playground nearby
Bouncy little highways of flax for insects
Hopeful bees looking for nectar inside the flax
Butterflies finding their way through challenging obstacles of flax
Beetles looking for food in the tough roots of steel
Flax

Ants By Arley de Jong

Tiny
Very fast
Using constant teamwork
Comes in many colours
Working hard for their queen
Always hungry for more scrumptious food
Working everyday going through their obstacle courses
Finding their way through long grass hiding safely
Unstoppable little beasts finding refuge in the cold dirt
The savage ants are marching in their lines as usual
Ants

Community Notices ...

The Bay's biggest Art Expo
all under one roof
ORIGINAL
ART EXPO
Thursday 22nd - Sunday 25th April 2021
Tauranga Boys' College Gymnasium
Entrance: corner of 14th Avenue & Devonport Rd
• Painting and Drawing demonstrations each day • Tiny Art Category

MATAMATA LIBRARY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- **Name the Library Bear Competition**
Suggest names for Bear, online or at any library, before April 19th and be in to win!
- **Come and Play Board Games with Us**
Matamata Library Weds 21st April 2-4pm
- **Build the Next Lego Masterpiece**
Matamata Library Weds 28th April all day
- **Boredom Busters Available Both Weeks**
Come and grab a book pack with cool activities and get creative
- **Story Walks are in Your Area**
Head to Centennial Drive for a unique reading experience. Explore, interact, and practise your Te Reo Maori