# 27 October 2023

MMI Newsletter No. 31



#### COMING EVENTS

#### October 2023

30 Calendar Art due

#### November 2023

01 **Athletics Dav** 

02 **MMI Talent Quest** 

03 **Gumboot Friday** 

8-11 Battle of the Bays

13-16 Dolphin Explorer Excursion

17 **PSG - Juicie Sale** 

27 St Johns Training Begins

#### December 2023

Yr 8 End of Year Leaving 'Formal'

12 Prize Givina

14 Year 8's donate Uniforms

14 End of Term 4 - 12 noon finish

## Term 4 Week 3

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#### Calendar Art

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com

2/. In the Entrance Code field, type the unique code which is on the flyer sent home with your child

3/. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

Orders need to be in by Monday 30 October \*\*DON'T MISS OUT\*\*

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#### **MOUNT MAUNGANUI** INTERMEDIATE

MMI COASTAL VALUES













## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou katoa

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There have been many highlights for me this week:

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Melissa Nelson



#### Reading

The options are endless. Every one filled with different ideas, stories and plots.

When the pages flip, more and more gets unfolded and it's like the words turn into pictures that dance around the pages.

Some you may love, some you may hate.

The long journey is all consuming-once you start you get sucked into the whirtpool of words.

Adventures in other worlds, mysteries waiting to be solved and endless other plots from the depths of another's mind at the tip of your fingers.

Today, we were learning to use rich language to set the scene for our audience and the task was to write about a murder scene.

It's early days but these great writers have a good handle on tools like simile and personification to really paint a picture in the mind of the reader.

Earlier in the week, I took our Japanese visitors out to my hometown (Katikati) to let them experience a kiwi orchard and farm.

Our visitors patted a chicken and a fully grown pet sheep, visited some alpacas, petted the big dogs and got to ride a horse.

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They loved zooming around the farm on the gator and thought it was a huge novelty to be sitting in the tray on the back with no seats or seat belts!

We collected avocados from the orchard and made guacamole as a pre lunch snack.

Our visitors were surprised when we casually picked some lemons off a tree - they thought lemons just came from the shop.

It was lovely to see them enjoying the animals and climbing trees.

The things that kiwi kids take for granted have been awesome new experiences for our visitors.



After lunch today, we held an International "test" match of Rippa rugby on our field.

The MMI All Blacks vs the Ritsumiekan Cherry Blossoms.

We had the obligatory Haka, national anthems and a vocal and enthusiastic crowd.



Our visitors picked up the rules and skills required for Rippa remarkably quickly and did a sterling job against a much more experienced side.

Mr Weis did a theatrical and fair piece of refereeing - lets hope Wayne Barnes does equally a good job on Sunday.

Have a great weekend everyone. GO THE ABs!!

Whaea Melissa

## MMI COASTAL VALUES



MMI students are active learners



MMI students show aroha, respect and mana



PONO

MMI students act with integrity, pride and honesty



TUAKIRI

MMI students know their identity

### **COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2023 Term 4 – Week 3**

1	Taya Barnsdall	For consistently showing a robust and positive attitude towards learning. Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome!
2	Sienna Boyd	For showing great manaakitia during out beach clean up day, getting under trees and benches to find all the litter. Ka mau te wehi! Awesome, Sienna!
3	Kahli Samuelson	For making excellent progress in all areas, particularly in Reading. Keep up the great work!
4	Kupa-Dinnell Mio	For your improved engagement in group learning situations. Keep it up and you will get closer to your learning goals. Koia kei a koe! Good on you!
5	Mia Labone	For your excellent transition back to MMI. You have had a time, produced some fantastic results and have proved to be a valued member of the classroom.
6	Irene Kim	Bon Voyage Irene. You have brightened up the environment with your smiley friendly face. We will miss you. Kei reira katoa!
7	Ashlee Trappitt	For showing the Coastal Value, Manaaki, by always being kind and helpful to others in the class. You are a wonderful role model in whānau 7. Kei reira katoa!
8	Maia Symes	You are such an awesome person to have in the class - you are inclusive and supportive of others, while doing your best in every activity. Great attitude, keep it up!
9	Julio Ribeiro	For the consistent effort you put into all areas of your learning. You are quick to share and help others when you can. Ka pai tō mahi!
10	Paige Ramshaw	For consistently and actively displaying the Coastal Values in everything you do. Your work ethic has been amazing all year Paige.
11	Cameron Piermarini	For the ako that you have shown this term, especially in Maths. Te koi hoki o tō pinati a Cameron!
12	Zoe Whyte	For having a positive attitude towards her learning and supporting those around her. Ka Pai Zoe!
13	Daniel Kelliher	For showing a welcoming and reliable attitude looking after our Ritsumeikan/Japanese student. Thank you

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14	Oliver Williams	For much improved Maths involvement, resulting in positive recent Snapshot and asTTle scores. Well done, as you are capable.
16	Sam Hawkins	For your maturity and positivity during social dance practice. Well done Sam, keep it up!
17	Levi Fleming	For exhibiting care and effort in his reading so far this term. You have shown dedication to your mahi and it is clear that you are motivated to improve.
18	Sasha Scheckle	You enhance our class in a wonderful way. Your optimism, empathy, and willingness to assist others contributes significantly to fostering a supportive classroom atmosphere.
19	Marcus Zhong	For demonstrating Ako. You have been making good choices about where you sit and taking ownership of your learning. Keep it up!
20	Onesema Talia'uli	For showing our school value of Ako. You focus on your mahi and work hard to produce a good standard of work, and in return you are showing major improvements in your learning.
21	Kingsley Zhou	For consistently demonstrating responsibility and initiative in your role as ICT monitor. You are a great help in our class Kingsley.
23	Tahlia Murray	He kōtiro ū ki ngā mātāpono o te akomanga. Kei whea mai e hine!
24	Marika Te Whata	For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude in all aspects of our kura. Your energy is infectious on others, Marika! Ka mau te wehi!
25	Max Dohanos	For your energy and creative personality that you bring to any task or challenge. Your humour and unique perspective is valued in Whānau 25.
Digi Tech	Oliver Giurezatto Scott Room 3	For making valuable contributions in Digital Technology. You are an active participant and have worked well independently and with others. Tino pai tō mahi!
Dance & Drama	Zoe Jones Whānau 15	Your positive attitude and willingness to give everything a good go is inspiring! You lead with ako and tuakiri in our class and you are a great team member who positively contributes to the environment and mana of each team your are apart. Ka rawe Zoe!
Foods	Will Haywood Whānau 2	For being attentive and resilient to distractions, serving as an exemplary role model.
Music	Lachlan Forsyth Whānau 14	Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened For your constant focus and engagement, ensuring you get the most you can out of your learning experiences in music
Visual Arts	Finn Veysey Room 8	For excellent effort and creativity within your monochromatic cubist painting, a great result!!
Kiwi Can	Miles O'Neill Whānau 19	For always being enthusiastic and giving it your all in Kiwi Can! We appreciate your efforts Miles. Ka mau te wehi! Keep it up!

### **BAYMATHS 2023**

## Baymaths 2023

Last week, on the evening of Wednesday 18 October, 174 students from across the Bay of Plenty, Hamilton and Taupo took part in the Baymaths competition at Otumoetai College.

Usually a yearly event, this competition has been on hold over the recent covid years, so it was super exciting to have the event take place again.

Mount Maunganui Intermediate sent two year seven and two year eight teams to the competition. The two year seven teams' members were Rufus Farrar, Theo Ingham, Dominic McQueen (Team 7A), Nika Pozdniakova, Cruze Sidney and Josie Carlburg (Team 7B). The two year eight teams' members were Belle Ririnui, Niko Sowter, Sam Shivnan (Team 8A), Sam Cameron, Sam Ewing and Matt Ferris (Team 8B).

The competition was made up of three rounds - one individual round where students were to answer ten questions in ten minutes, one team challenge round where teams had to answer 20 questions in 20 minutes and one timed round where teams received points based on how quickly they answered the question.

Niko Sowter was awarded a third place medal for his score in the individual questions round.

Out of 23 year seven teams, Team 7A placed 13th and Team 7B placed 10th overall.

Out of 35 year eight teams, Team 8A placed 8th and Team 8B placed 11th overall.

A huge congratulations to all of the participants for their amazing problem solving skills during intense competition pressure!















## **KIWI CAN**

Hello everyone,

This week in Kiwi Can we have been continuing to cover this terms topic of respect. More specifically we have been going over the importance of respecting other cultures.

In the lesson we played ship came into the harbour carrying greetings in different languages. In groups the kids took turns saying a greeting in a language that hadn't been said by a previous group. We kept going around until all the groups were out of greetings.

The idea behind this activity was to acknowledge that there are many different ways to do the same thing i.e saying hello. And though we might not understand the traditions that some other cultures have, it is important to treat all cultures with respect.

## **FITNATION 24 HOUR FITNESS FUNDRAISER**

Fitnation are running a 24 hour Fitness Fundraiser on Sat 28th October in association with the Graeme Dingle Foundation to raise funds for local youth mental health. The idea is that the funds raised will filter back to our local community through schools, mentoring, counselling.

This event promises to be an unforgettable experience, filled with various activities and opportunities to support a cause close to our hearts.

There will be a Halloween Dance party on Saturday night with great DJ's banging out hits to keep you partying through the early hours.

Contact us if you would like more information or to register - <a href="mailto:info@fitnationgym.co.nz">info@fitnationgym.co.nz</a>.

There is only space for 25 teams so don't delay! Sounds like a fun event!



## **MMI SPORTS**

#### **2023 MMI Sports Awards**

These google forms have been sent to all families for nominations.

Deliberation is presently taking place over the MMI Sporting Awards 2023.

There are two types of awards available, each has a separate google form to complete for nominations.

**1. Outstanding Achievement in Sport** – this is awarded to the students who have performed highly in sport and made outstanding contributions to school sport (ie: only at MMI e.g. not Surf Life Saving).

**There are four awards**, over the whole school, decided by a designated committee.

Year 8 Boy, Year 8 Girl, Year 7 Boy, Year 7 Girl.

**2. Farrell Family Award** - awarded to a student who has successfully performed to a very high standard, at a National or International level, in a single sport.

This award does not need to be a school sport.

**There is one award**, over the whole school, decided by a designated committee.

#### TCC Safety Upgrade - Parton/Tara Road

Please ensure you allow extra time to get to your games from next week! This will affect travel to Gordon Spratt Reserve.

We'd like to draw your attention to a Tauranga City Council safety upgrade, scheduled to start next week at the Parton/Tara Road roundabout. With club members / community members who travel through the area or use the area for activities, we'd like to let you know what's planned and provide you with some information.

Safety Improvements at Tara/Parton Road roundabout.

As many locals confirm, there are existing issues around speeding traffic and school pupils crossing the road at Tara Road roundabout. We also know that residents of the Papamoa Beach Village can struggle to cross the road safely, an experience shared by the early learning centres in the area. These issues will get worse with further residential development in the area as well as a growing commercial/retail offering. This means we need to take action before a serious accident occurs

To boost safety for people walking or cycling and school children in the area, Tauranga City Council will be constructing new crossings for pedestrians and cyclists at all four roads entering the roundabout. An image of the design for the crossings is below for reference.

Construction is set to start 25 October and conclude prior to Christmas 2023. During this time, traffic will be reduced to one lane and pedestrian access may be diverted (and signposted).

## **SCHOOL NOTICES**

## **RA WHAKANGAHAU**







\*\* PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM DONATED IS CLEAN AND IN NO NEED OF REPAIR \*\*



Please remove "Blues" from the sleeves of fleeces before these are donated

CALLING ALL YEAR 8'S AND ANY YEAR 7'S WHO ARE NOT RETURNING NEXT YEAR

#### DONATE YOUR MMI UNIFORM AND RECEIVE A FREE JUICIE

If you would like to donate your uniform, please bring it to the canteen, before school begins, on the last day.

(Thursday 14th December)

Students leaving MMI and who are donating their uniform can wear mufti. All other students need to be in correct uniform.

The PSG run the second hand uniform sale from these donations and the funds go back into helping other MMI families in need. This is NOT compulsory but can be very helpful to others.

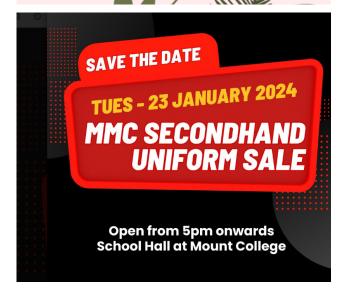
## **SCHOOL NOTICES**



We are trialing a loyalty programme designed specifically to support our local schools this Christmas.

Between 1st September and 26th November 2023, simply let us know what school you are from when shopping with us, and your school will earn 5% of your purchase back in Loyalty Dollars.

During the last week of November, we will tally up these Loyalty Doubles, and will send out Pohutukawa Gallery Gift Vouchers to your school to spend as they choose.



## Do you have any -

- old large shirts/t-shirts that we could use as art shirts?
- newspapers?
- small plastic containers?
- small and large yoghurt pots?

The Art room would love these items!!

## Unchonline

Please note our dates for Term 4 and Term 1 next year.

Last day for orders this year - Friday 8 December 2023.

First day for orders next year - Wednesday 7 February 2024.

Thanks everyone.

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### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**





20th & 21st January 2024 Open 10-4.30 daily

Tauranga Boys College, Gymnasium Parking & Public Entrance off **Devonport Road.** 

(Opposite 14th Avenue)

Entrance Fees: Adults: \$7 Children:(12 & Under) \$3 KIWISKATE - Term 4 - Mount Stadium & Greerton Hall

Tauranga roller skating club is super excited to announce that kiwiskate classes are back on for term 4! 🛼 This class is a super fun introduction to skating. Following New Zealand's kiwiskate program to learn fundamental skating skills. Each skater will be able to learn new tricks to pass levels in their own kiwiskate check book! Classes will be running 2-3pm every Sunday from 22nd October - 17th December, at either Mount Sports and Greerton Hall due to hall availability.

Contact taurangarollerskating@gmail.com for more details and to register. \* We also have Beginner and Adult learn to skate classes in Te Puke, get in touch to learn

Price: \$135 for 9 week term. Location: Mount Sports Stadium and Greerton Community Hall.

Kiwiskate video: https://www.nzartisticrollersports.co.nz/homepage/

Video: https://youtu.be/weZliDBur3g

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100058972426275





1 hour and 30 minute session 8

#### What we do:

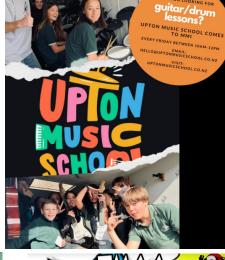
- Practice team-building excercises
- Rips and current forecasting



## Sign up now!

To get started, visit our website or give us a call!

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## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **TERM DATES**

Term 1 – 31 January to 6 April Term 2 – 24 April to 30 June Term 3 – 17 July to 22 September Term 4 – 9 October to 14 December

#### **MEDICATION**

If your child has a severe medical condition or needs to take medication at school please contact the office at: office@mtint.school.nz

#### SCHOOL DROP OFF

These are NOT drop off zones:

- Lodge Avenue Staff Carpark
- Lodge Avenue Turn Around The Bus Bay on Links Avenue
- This is for the safety of your children, when dropping off or picking them up. Please refrain from entering and parking in these areas.

#### **CHANGE OF DETAILS**

It would greatly assist us if you could please advise the office if you have any changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact details. In the event of an emergency, sickness or injury we need to be able to contact someone who can collect your child.

Please email the office at office@mtint.school.nz

#### **KEY LINKS**

- **ABSENTEES**
- **BELL TIMES**
- **BUS INFORMATION**
- ONLINE PAYMENTS
- **ORDERING LUNCHES**
- PARENT PORTAL
- **SCHOOL UNIFORM**



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