



## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 6 2018

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Tena koutou nga matua nga whaea me nga whanau katoa

Welcome to our new students: , Jaziah Whittaker-Beckham and Hamish, Lloyd and Sheendra Tawhai-Ngakuru

Thank you to Tony and Judith for offering their van to transport students to Umawera school. Unfortunately we had to postpone this trip as we did not have enough transport to transport all of our students.

MARAE NOHO- A notice was sent home last Friday with details. Please ensure that your child returns their permission slip as soon as possible so that we know how many will be staying.

Technology classes for Year 7 and 8 - This Thursday 8th March, 15th March 29th March.

Swimming sports Tuesday 13th March 12.45pm

Career Pathways meeting - Wednesday 14th March 5.00pm. Thank you to those parents who have returned the notice indicating attendance for catering purposes. This is much appreciated. There will be a lucky prize draw of \$50 petrol voucher.

BOT meeting Wednesday 28th 1.30pm

### **Sports News:**

Monday 19th March will have the Year 3-4 & 5-6 combined Football Festival (Soccer) in Kaikohe. We will need help with transport and also parent support, if you are able to help please ring the school.

We have had a couple of inquiries regarding the upcoming Weetbix Tryathlon, this is on the 8th of April in Paihia. Uncle Kepa has offered to come into the school to train students so they are ready for the challenging course.

I have registered the school and have been given a discount code for students that are interested in participating from Matua Joel. If your child is keen to take part in this awesome event, please let me know and I will register them under the school and their tryathlete kit will be sent to the school prior to the day.

### **Room 3 News**

Welcome to week 6. In Room 3 this week we are planning our Exploring Space Inquiry. The students are busy deciding what topic they are wanting to research. I am looking forward to seeing their end product.

Could you please make sure that your child comes to school with headphones for their chromebooks as it gets awfully loud when we do not use them. Also, if you could give your child/ren a gentle reminder of respecting their chromebooks as we are noticing missing keys and misuse. Warranties are only valid if the device is entire, devices with 'other' damage may not be fixed under warranty if not intact.

Remember Technology again this week. The students are enjoying working on their new topic 'Taonga Tuku Iho' with Whaea Ursula. They are in the process of designing their Taonga. I am looking forward to seeing their finished masterpieces.

Have a good week.

**Jenny Colebrook**  
Principal



**Waima boy claims North Island title** P8

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Maihi Wilcox (centre) won gold at the North Island Colgate Games in the 11-year-old boys discus.

# Hokianga youngster wins major discus title

**BAYLEY MOOR**

Multi-talented Hokianga youngster Maihi Wilcox has claimed the North Island discus title and is now eyeing up a spot on the Northland Roller Mills rugby team.

The 11-year-old from Waima won his age group title with a 31m throw at the Colgate Games held at Mt Smart Stadium in Auckland in January.

Maihi has another month of athletics training and competing including the Auckland and Northland champs before he starts his rugby season with South Hokianga.

"It felt awesome [to win]," Maihi says. "I train three days a week and it takes a lot of technique and thinking."

The win was his first gold medal and he hopes to one day compete at the Olympics.

Maihi also placed fifth in the

11-year-old boy's shotput event.

As well as discus and shotput events, Maihi competes in the 100m sprint, long jump and relays.

Maihi says he can't choose his favourite sport between athletics and rugby, where he plays number eight.

Maihi was named player of the year in 2017 for his South Hokianga team as well as leading the boys as captain.

His father Kepa did athletics when he was younger and supports Maihi with training.

Kepa says sport is a good way to keep Maihi active.

"We train a bit at home and run together. We've had a few people ask what we are doing when we are training," Kepa says.

"It's good because the kids come over and we show them how to throw them, and everyone has a go.

Maihi says his Dad is good at helping him keep his confidence up and help him improve.

The pair have their own equipment including a 750g discus and 3kg shotput.

The family travel from Waima for two hours to the nearest athletics club in Whangarei two days a week, while also completing fitness work and trainings at Te Kura o Waima.

Maihi has been involved in athletics since he was seven, starting out at the Hokianga Athletics Club then the Bay of Islands Club, before training in Whangarei.

He has competed in several Colgate North Island Games.

"He's got used to the competition feel now," Kepa says.

"He's gone to a few big ones in the last few years, he's not overwhelmed with it all any more."