



St Matthew's Primary School, Hastings

Chatterings July 4, 2019



Holidays

These start at the end of tomorrow and certainly the children are tired! They will enjoy the break. School starts back again on Monday July 22nd.

End of Term Prize Giving

Our normal prize giving is happening tomorrow in the church at 2pm. Please join us if you can, remember that the children sit at the front...so leave some space.

Car Parking

We are getting more and more parents and family becoming impatient when picking up their children at the end of the day. This car park is a very busy place at the end of the school day. Some things will help:

- 1) do not park in the middle of the driveway and wait. Go around again if there is no space for you to park.

- 2) do not walk your children through the carpark to get to the far side of the church or onto the street, please use our King Street gate and walk around on the footpath.

Some of our parents walk through the carpark to Waiapu Kids with their school children, then back through the carpark with their pre-schoolers as well. This makes it very hard for our other users.

- 3) if you are waiting in your car to back out, please be patient.

Pay Negotiations for Teachers and Principals.

Thank you for your support and patience during the industrial action for teachers and principals.

Primary principals across the country have just voted to reject the government's offer for settlement of our negotiations. The government failed to make an offer that addresses our key issues.

We are concerned that little is being done to ensure that being a primary principal is seen as an attractive career option.

While I'm really happy that our teachers won back parity with their secondary colleagues, the same wasn't offered to primary principals. We think that if parity with secondary is fair for teachers, then surely it's fair for principals.

The offer also would have seen some principals in smaller schools paid less than some teachers in larger schools. It's important that all communities are able to attract teachers into becoming principals, and that won't happen if they can earn more as a teacher.

As a sign of our concern we have voted to withdraw the goodwill we extend to the Ministry of Education work that is additional to our day to day role running schools. I will not be participating in any form of work programme, taskforce, meeting with or reporting to the Ministry between July 8 and August 16. I will continue my professional leadership of the school during this time. There should be very little impact on the running of the school, it will mainly be with the work I do with and for the Ministry of Education. Principals continue to hope that the government will hear us and address our issues. We are committed to continuing our campaign until they do. Personally I am grateful for the support that our parent community has shown throughout the campaign. I hope you will continue to show your support next term if it is necessary.

Tim Anderson, Principal

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SCIENCE BUZZ



We have 5 exciting workshops for kids age 7-11 years.

When: 15 – 19 July 2019

Duration: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Frimley School Hall, Hastings

Cost: \$50/child Per day and \$225/child per week.

Siblings discount 10% per child apply.



15 July 2019 - Slime (New recipes) / PH Scale
16 July 2019 - Kitchen Chemistry / Dendrology
17 July 2019 - Sandy Horizons / Weather Science
18 July 2019 - Aerodynamics / Amazing Caseins
19 July 2019 - Astronomy / Human Body

For holiday registration information please visit our website

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Messy Church @ St Matthew's Hastings



Saturday 13 July 2019
4 pm - 6 pm

Family fun for all ages! Come and join us!

WHAT? Fun with crafts,
games, Bible stories,
a celebration time
and a meal together.



WHO? Everyone is welcome. Children under the
age of 14 need to be accompanied by an adult.

WHERE? In the church hall

WHEN? 2nd Saturday each month



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