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6/05 - Ignite Sports Leadership day
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27/05 - Yr 8s Heretaunga College visit
30/05 - Yr 7 Immunisations
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10/06 - Yr 8s visit Upper Hutt College
20/06 - School Photos

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter.
We look forward to seeing you all back after the holiday break.

A word from our Principal

Dear whānau
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini - ***My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective.***

A more appropriate whakatauki at the end of term is hard to find. Of course we are proud of our successes this term. But we know they did not come easily. If ever there was a challenging term, this one would easily win the prize. It was long, it had surprises around each corner, and it definitely made us challenge our existing practices and how we do things. And the only reason we can reflect with pride back is because ***we were all in it together.***

And that is why I want to thank the community, our team, for the successes we have experienced over the term. Firstly, thank you to our ākonga. It is always great that as an adult we can learn from the young ones. And this term I have learnt about resilience. They have demonstrated resilience, courage, and a joy for learning which makes being a teacher one of the most rewarding professions possible.

Secondly, a huge thank you to our kaiako and support staff who have been challenged to work in new and innovative ways. It is crazy how much our work and workload has changed in a matter of months. Thank you to everybody who went out of their way to make learning happen at Maidstone. Our staff have covered classes at the last moment, offered hybrid learning programmes requiring them to teach in dual capacities, organised creative learning environments to help ensure our learners didn't miss out on opportunities due to Red Light constraints, personally delivered home learning packs, and much, much more. This is far more than what their contracts ask of them.

Also a huge thank you to our whānau. We know you had our backs when things were challenging. We know the challenges COVID presented when learning took place at home and sincerely appreciate your continued support.

At the end of term we are farewelling two staff members. Rachael Kneepkens, our Learning Support Coordinator, who has won a position as SENCO at Otaki College. We wish her all the best for the new endeavour. We also want to thank Zeenat Mahmoud who was in a long term relief position in Room 5. We are sure we will see more of Zeenat as she wants to carry on relieving at Maidstone.

With the COVID restrictions now slowly loosening up we are fortunate to have an "old' favourite back. Bex Beveridge was appointed at the end of last year but it was only in the last few weeks that she and her family were able to move from Australia back to NZ. Bex is an ex-Maidstoner and the fact that we tried our best to get her back, says it all. We welcome her back as the new Room 5 teacher.

Camp 2022
As you know our bi-annual camp has been postponed till Term 3 - Week 8. A huge thank you to all whanau who either paid in full or have put in place a regular AP. The camp will go ahead no matter what traffic light system we are in. The reason for this is because we were fortunate to book the campgrounds for the week for our school. This means that there will be no interactions with any other schools. With everything getting so expensive, I want to request that whanau plan for this expense. The camp costs of $125 can be paid either as a one-off or people can arrange with the office for putting in place an AP. Please contact Catherine Mason in the office at finance.manager@maidstone.school.nz. We appreciate any sponsorship (in full or partly) of students whose whanau cannot make this payment. We do not want any child to stay behind. Please let Catherine know if you are able to sponsor a student.

Behaviour at MIS
I do not want to end the term on a negative note but I feel I want to ask for your assistance with two things that are currently making life difficult at Te Kura ō Hinepohatu. Firstly, we have the behaviour on the buses, in particular on bus 529. Last week I met with the bus company and I asked them to give me two weeks to sort out this issue. My promise to each student is that they are safe on the bus. We have already contacted a few whanau and followed up with stand downs or final warnings regarding their being able to continue to use the bus. Please keep us informed about the behaviour on the buses.

And suddenly this week our friend, vaping, is back on the table. This is something we do not just want to ignore. We acknowledge it is a country-wide issue at the moment. But the health of our ākonga is too important to just leave and not address. Please help us with this by making sure your children understand the negative impact of vaping.

Fundraising
I am going to be naughty and thank you for helping us to raise $25 000 with our Fun Run in Term 2. This year we listened to the student voice about what they want the money to be used for. All 2022 funds will go towards:

- Shading around the school
- Hybrid football/rugby posts
- Netball hoops

More information regarding the Fun Run can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Three Way Conversations
The conversations have been postponed till 11 and 12 May. More information about how to make an appointment can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. From my side I would like to encourage each whanau to please make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher. It is through opportunities like this that we form a strong team to assist the young ones with their learning at Maidstone.

Enjoy the Easter holidays. Drive safely and hide the easter eggs. See you in Term 2- hopefully in an orange setting.

Ngā mihi nui
Wikus Swanepoel
Principal/Tumuaki

Don't forget to check out the school's Facebook Page which has the latest updates about what is going on at school.

Mangoroa Syndicates Easter Raffle

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ngā mihi nui to all those who have supported Mangaroa's Easter Raffle. The purpose of the raffle is to fundraise for hybrid rugby and soccer posts, shading around the kura as well as the cost of buses when we have events. Tickets should have been returned to Rm19 by today.

Miss Hudson will draw the raffle on Thursday the 14th April. You will be contacted by phone before 2pm if you are the lucky winner! It would be greatly appreciated if you could pick the raffle up from the school office at 3pm should you be the lucky winner! Otherwise alternative arrangements can be made with Miss Hudson.
If you should need any questions answered please contact sophie.hudson@maidstone.school.nz
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Sophie Hudson
Mangaroa Syndicate Leader

A big thank you

A big thank you to Hellers for supplying 960 sausages to support fundraising to cover transport costs for sports and activity for our Kura. Thank you,
Kia ora!

2022 FUN RUN Fundraising Event

This year Maidstone Intermediate School is holding a Fun Run fundraising event on

Wednesday 25 May 2022

This is the major school-wide fundraiser for the year and all proceeds will go towards improving the Maidstone outdoor environment. We are aiming to have shading and new hybrid rugby / football goals, plus whatever our fundraising allows!

The more we raise, the better we can improve our kura. We are opening a Givealittle page from the 14th April called Maidstone Intermediate Fun Run 2022. We ask for sponsorships / donations to please be made through this.

What will it look like?

12pm - Students and community members will be encouraged to buy food and drinks from the fabulous food stalls we will have arranged.
1.45pm - The Fun Run begins

What will we do with money raised?

This year **we are setting each student the goal of raising $40**.
Last year we raised $20,000. We aim to reach $25,000 this year. This will allow us to begin the process of improving our environment - guaranteeing our goal posts!

Are there prizes?

Student who raises the most money: Brand new Xbox Series X/S (*TBC which version as stocks are limited)*
Class that raises the most money - Pizza lunch

The major prize draw

The major prize is a brand new pair of Nike Jordan shoes, of the winner's choice, up to the value of $500.
Students will receive an entry for the major prize draw for every $40 they raise:
$40 = 1 entry, $80 = 2 entries
A range of prizes will be also be drawn; from vouchers to chocolate to sports equipment - many donated by our sponsors.

Please feel free to join us on the day, run some laps and buy some food

Leadership Day with Ignite Sports

On the 1st of April the SRC, Rangitahi Maia and the Sports Leaders went to the Walter Nash stadium in Taita for the Ignite Sports Leadership day.

We learnt about the value of money, all the kids' names, the kids' favourite sports, friends, family, things they can do every day and their goals in life. We learnt about leadership characteristics like respect, family, confidence, listening, hard work etc.

Then we played a really fun game of speedball in the stadium. The stadium was really huge inside and the basketball hoops were able to lift up so they didn't get in the way of other sports when they were being played. We all had a great day.

By Cody M, Room 12

3-Way Learning Conversations

You are invited to attend a 3-Way Learning Conversation with your child and his/her teacher. These conversations will be face to face with Covid protocols in place. Learning Conversations are extremely important for your child's learning, and we appreciate your support with this.

If you are unable to attend face to face conversations please book a time on Thursday, then email your child's classroom teacher (including the booking time) so that they can arrange an on-line meeting.

- **Wednesday 11 May** - between 1:15 & 7pm ***(NOTE school finishes early on this day)***
- **Thursday 12 May** - between 3:15 & 6pm

To book your session, go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz**

Enter the event code **t7qnr** and click GO

1	• Your email address • Your child's name and phone number • Enter your name • Click 'Go'
2	• Click on subject • Choose room number • Choose from the list of teachers • Click 'Go'
3	• You will see a timetable showing teachers availability • Click on a time that suits you • Click 'Go' • Your interview will be emailed to you

Need to change your time? Return to the site and make the change.
If you don't have internet access, please call the school office (04 528 3094) to book a session.

Sevens

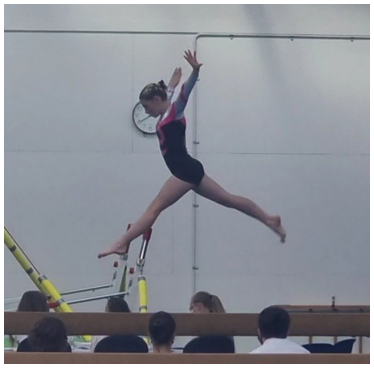
On April 6th, three Maidstone Sevens teams jumped on a bus and headed over the hill to play Masterton Intermediate. Over the course of the day each team had two games each. The boys under 60kg team had a tough fought draw with some long range tries in the first game, and a close loss in the second. The Boys Open Weight played some awesome sevens with lots of ball movement and just came up short in both of their games.

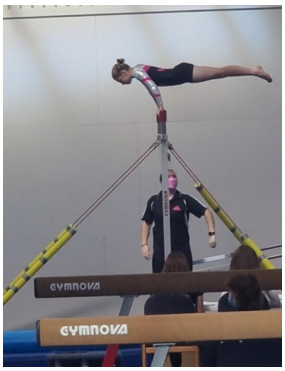
Despite their nerves, the girls did very well and comfortably won both of their games. A big thank you to Masterton Intermediate for being great hosts and supplying an awesome spread of kai.

Congratulations to all of our players and a special mention to our players of the day: Dreyten C (Boys Under 60kg), Salaki K (Boys Open) and Praise F (Girls).

Te angitu o nga akonga (Student success)

Congratulations to Ava J, Room 7. Ava was placed 3rd on the floor at the Manawatu Junior Open for Gymnastics.





Please email wikus.swanepoel@maidstone.school.nz if you want to make us aware of the successes of our tamariki.

Mangaroa showing the Value of Mana

These Mangaroa students were recognised for showing Mana last week. The certificates they were awarded were designed by our tamariki.

From left to right: Jacob, Jaegen, Quinlin, Senele, Bailey, Luke, Cooper, Lily and Keylee

Over the latter half of Term 1, Mangaroa has been creating passion projects! Our passion projects were based upon the Aotearoa Land Wars. In particular, we looked at Ruapekapeka, Waitara and Tainui, then moved local and looked at Upper Hutt. If you haven't watched the RNZ Land Wars documentaries we highly recommend you do; you will learn lots!

Our passion projects range from Toki, Patu, Pā, Muskets to Poi, Whare, Taiaha and Cannons! Ngā mihi nui to Mr Reid for teaching us how to use tools such as sanders and rasps; Mrs Mitchell for all her patience and support as well as creativity and flair in the Materials Tech room; Mr Addley for picking up the pallets of wood, and teaching us the life skills of cleaning up after yourself!

And lastly, to our Tech staff for sharing their spaces and skill set with us. Mo taku he Matua Pat for the noise! We are looking forward to next term and the projects!

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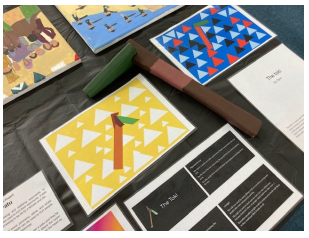
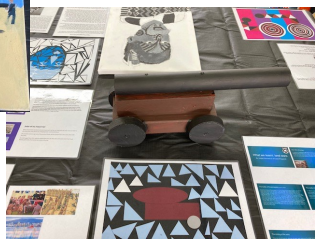
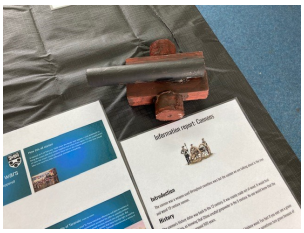
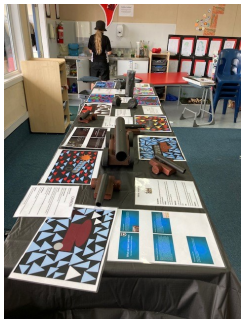
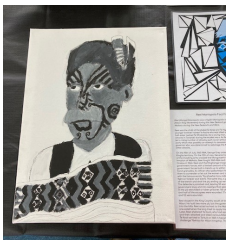
Mangaroa Syndicate

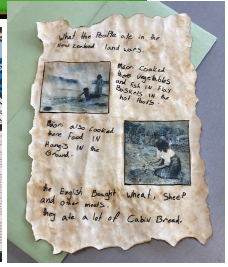


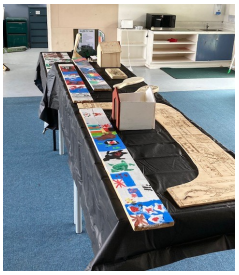












Remutaka Syndicate Trip and Fun day

Remutaka were allowed to go on a fun day because they showed exceptional values and therefore needed to be rewarded. After walking for a while, we got to Maidstone Max, and we listened to the rules and began playing on the playground, skate park, and field.

Some of the students were rewarded for helping and playing with some small children that were members of the public; again, exceptional values were shown. For lunch we had a big sausage sizzle! Most of the students had a juicie as well; and had some of their own lunch. Delicious!

After lunch everybody was happy and ready to go back to playing. Some kids were hanging around the skate park and some were ready to face the walk back to school. Overall, it was a fun day and many of the kids were satisfied, having what they deserved.

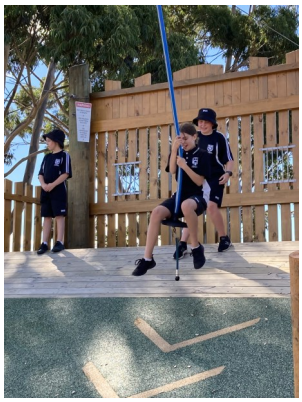
By Cameron and Kaylee, Room 11

We started out in the morning walking to Maidstone Max, and said 'Hi' to Upper Hutt School students as we walked past them. We all got to play on the playground as soon as we got to the park. People went on the flying fox, which was super fun, and others brought scooters, skateboards and roller skates to use at the playground!
When it was lunchtime, we had a sausage sizzle, and some ice blocks and chocolate fish too! The ice blocks were really nice since it was a very hot and sunny day.

It was good to see some students from Room 11 who played soccer with a toddler, which was very kind of them.

Shortly after having lunch, we had some time to go on the playground a little bit more. After that, we headed back to school! We were all very tired after the walk, and luckily it was the end of the day so we were able to go home shortly after. Going to Maidstone Max was pretty nice, and the whole syndicate had tons of fun.

By Danielle G, Room 8



A word from our Learning Support Coordinator

Members of a Timebank exchange skills, time and knowledge. We use time instead of money as a currency. Everyone has talents and abilities to share: time banking is a great way for people to benefit and learn from one another.
Time banking is simple. One hour of work earns one time credit. It doesn't matter what skills are exchanged. Everyone's time is valued equally. Your timebank account keeps track of your time credits that you can exchange for services offered by other members.
Time banking benefits us all. For example, members have helped each other get to the supermarket, fix bikes, learn languages and get job advice. Others have shared their sewing, music, cooking and photography skills. The possibilities are endless. You can choose what you'd like to offer.
Anyone can join the Wellington Timebank. Our current members range from primary school children to rest home residents, and every age in-between. Everyone has something to offer.
We want to share our skills and talents and put them to good use. Timebanking is a great way to meet people and value what we have to offer. Follow this link to find out more: http://www.wellingtontimebank.org.nz/

And a last word from Maidstone

Rachael, thank you for your great advice and your contribution to Maidstone.

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APRIL HOLIDAYS 2022

	TUESDAY 19 April	WEDNESDAY 20 April	THURSDAY 21 April	FRIDAY 22 April
WEEK ONE	**HUB HANG DAY** Let's hang out for the first day of the holidays! Come and play board games or challenge our staff in a game of pool or table tennis. Bring mates along with you and let's have fun!	**HUB MASTER CHEF** Could you be our Hub master chef? Come along and put your cooking skills to the test. Home made pizza is the meal to cook, will it be gourmet or traditional? Let's put your skills to the test.	**NAENAE BOXING SESSION** Join us for an in house boxing session. Learn a few new skills or just come and give this a go if you have not done this before. Bring your friends and let's get a sweat on!	**BEACH DAY** Come and end the week with us at Days Bay beach. Bring your sunnies, towel and togs and let's have a chill fun day in the water!
	TUESDAY 26 April	**WEDNESDAY 27 April**	**THURSDAY 28 April**	**FRIDAY 29 April**
WEEK TWO	**HUB HANG DAY** Come and play board games or challenge our staff in a game of pool or table tennis. Bring mates along with you and let's have some fun.	**WAINUIOMATA LOOKOUT WALK** Come and join us for a hike to the top of Wainuiomata Hill and to its lookout. Let's get out and about in the fresh air and check out some spectacular views!	**HUB MASTER CHEF** Round 2 this week! We will be making burgers. Can you bring home the title of Hub Master Chef?	**MOVIE DAY IN** For the last day of the holidays, come relax and have a movie day in with the team. Bring your mates some snacks and let's watch some movies.

Time: 9am - 3pm
Location: Youthtown Upper Hutt Youth Hub
2/24 Lane Street, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt

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