



WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

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CALENDAR ART

Order forms need to be at the office **THIS FRIDAY** with payment made by cash, cheque or online to the PTA account 03-0887-0296438-00 (**not the school account**).

Order forms are available at the office if required.

Toitu te whenua,
whatungarongaro he tangata
The land remains when people
have disappeared



MINI FAIR DONATIONS PLEASE

Donations of small toys (like McDonalds toys) and items to sell at our White Elephant stall can be dropped off to either the office or Room 13 & 14. Thank you 😊



2020 School Terms

3 February to 9th April
28 April to 3 July
20 July to 25 September
12 October to 16 December

2019 School Terms

14 October – Friday 13 Dec

Coming up

See the Term Calendar, Skool Loop and Class Facebook Pages

Waimataitai School has a Facebook Page. Join and you can keep up with the latest news.

View the newsletter on our Website at www.waimataitai.school.nz

It looks much better in colour



Cultural Evening
A celebration of cultures within Waimataitai School
Where: Waimataitai School Hall
When: Term 4, week 2, Thursday 24 October
Time: Pasifika, kapa haka and learning team performances start at 5:30pm

Mini Fair 2019

<u>Date and Time</u>	Bring Your
Friday	Own Money
1pm-1.30pm.	From Home
25 October.	\$\$\$\$\$\$\$



You can buy lots of food and play fun games such as pop the balloon. Buy sherbert, lollies and spiders.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TUESDAY 2.50pm – 3.15 pm & THURSDAY 8.40am – 9.00am In Health Centre (by office) *****

NEW UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP OPEN EACH MORNING 8.30 – 9am IN TEACHER AIDE ROOM

PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM

Home Learning Survey

The Home Learning Survey undertaken last term had 150 responses which indicated it was a topic that had captured strong interest as this is a significant response rate. The findings of the survey demonstrated a diverse range of views from those who felt it was too much pressure on families to those who felt there was a need for a lot more. Some parents struggled to get their children to bring it home, let alone do it and others had difficulty getting some children to remember to hand it in.

Clearly the pressures on home and family life are a factor on the completion of home learning with time and availability being an issue. This can also be coupled with students developing some creative ways to avoid having to undertake it as well as the value placed on it by parents all impact.

Taking the wide ranging feedback into consideration and knowing we will never satisfy everyone with regards to this issue we have determined that we will continue with home learning next year and will endeavour to improve how we communicate what is expected more often and recognise also that children do have increasingly busy lives as they progress through their time at school.

DONATIONS SCHEME

Boards of Trustees are able to choose whether to receive \$150 per student next year instead of seeking donations from parents in 2020. Currently donations (\$60 per child) are voluntary and our school has received \$9,435 from families this year, including 'student asked for payments' for activities over the year eg skating.

After careful consideration the Board has therefore opted into the Donations Scheme as it is able to alleviate pressure on families, but also ensure students are able to continue to have access to a broad curriculum, including activities which we have previously sought payment of costs for. This will commence next year 2020.

We do however really appreciate and need any efforts made by families to provide donations this year and who honor this year's payments.

Please Note:

Technology fees for years 7 and 8 **will still be compulsory** to be paid, as they pay for the materials and take-home component the students receive as a result of their programme.



TERM 4 SESSIONS

Before school care 7am to 8.30 am all week

After school care session times:

- 3pm to 4pm (early pick up)
- 3pm to 6pm .

Information Flyers can be found at the school office or contact Kim MacDonald, manager ph: 0276011247 or email waimataitai@skids.co.nz.



WAIMATAITAI RUGBY WORLD CUP HOUSE EVENT

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2-3PM ON THE BIG FIELD

BRING A HOUSE COLOURED SHIRT TO WEAR OR YOU CAN WEAR A RUGBY JERSEY FROM A PARTICIPATING COUNTRY THAT YOU SUPPORT.

FIND OUT WHICH HOUSE IS BEST AT BEING TEAM PLAYERS TO PASS AND SCORE A TRY!



PTA MEETING SUMMARY - OCTOBER

We have started planning next year's school fair, we will keep you updated once we lock in a date.

We are still looking into a big project to undertake, redeveloping the hill above the big field and also looking at a new shed for sports equipment, skate ramps etc and are currently getting quotes.

We have a Christmas raffle coming soon with awesome prizes - keep a look out on class pages/newsletter.

Have some ideas for our school? Come along to a meeting.

Next meeting AGM, 18 Nov, upstairs at Speights Ale House

Help Kids Manage Screen time



There are three ways to approach kids' digital screen time. One way is to throw your hands in the air and put the management of their digital device use in the too-hard basket, then let them do as they please. Do this and you risk raising a self-centred child (because they spend all their time glued to a device), as well as placing them in a dangerous position to be exploited by strangers, leaving them defenceless against cyberbullies and letting them learn for themselves the pitfalls of posting pics and selfies online. That's without considering the impact that continuous mobile phone use may have on your child's mood and wellbeing.

Another way to approach digital screen time is to place a full or partial ban on technology use at home. Not only would this put you at war with your child, but it gives you little or no influence over how they can safely and smartly use digital technology.

The third, and preferred option, is to take an active part in helping children make the best and safest possible use of digital technology. That means sitting down with your kids and working through some basic ground rules. Start with what Martine Oglethorpe, aka The Modern Parent, calls 'no brainer' rules. Martine notes that although rules often change when it comes to technology as kids get older, parents should still make some universal rules for the whole family. 'It may be that there are not phones in the bedroom at night. It may be that there is no technology after a certain time of the day. It should certainly be that devices never ever come to the table at dinner time.' Reference: *Grouse, M., Richardson, J., Anxious Kids. How Children Can Turn Their Anxiety into Resilience, 2019 Penguin*

Individual & Class Photos

Unfortunately, we have not received the proofs yet. Please keep checking the newsletter for weekly updates regarding this.

