



# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

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*Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora*

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Ahoka he iti he pounamu

*No matter how small, it is still a treasure*



## Board of Trustees

The December meeting of the Waimataitai Board of Trustees will be held this evening, **Wednesday, 4 December at 5.45pm** in the Conference Room.

### 2020 School Terms

3 February to 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.waimataitai.school.nz)

It looks much better in colour



## Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will be held for each learning team on Thursday 5th December in the hall. We invite all family and whanau to join us in celebrating all the hard work the tamariki have done throughout the year.

**Hawai & Moana - 9am**  
**Rotoiti, Rotonui & Awa - 11am**

## Teachers' Registration

Miss Rachel Cormack, Mrs Kim Dynes and Miss Kirsty Grady will have their newly acquired full teacher registration recognised this week. This occurs after completing teacher training, achieving teaching qualifications and then undertaking two years of teaching under the supervision and mentoring of experienced mentor teachers. This is therefore a significant achievement. Congratulations to these hard working and diligent teachers.

## 2019 House Competition Winners

### Congratulations Fox House



Your reward is 'Wild Water'

**When:** Friday 5 December, from 2 - 3pm.

**Where:** On the big field.

**Who:** Fox students and Fox teachers.

**What:** Water fight with water pistols and sponges, sprinklers and water slide on the bank.

**You will need:** your sunhat, a change of clothes (t-shirt and shorts), towel, water pistol or plastic bottle (if possible).



**2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**  
**TUESDAY**  
2.50pm – 3.15 pm &  
**THURSDAY**  
8.40am – 9.00am  
In Health Centre (by office)  
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**NEW UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP OPEN**  
**EACH MORNING**  
8.30 – 9am  
**IN TEACHER AIDE ROOM**

**PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM**

## REPORTS

End of year reports were emailed home on Monday, 2 December (if you did not receive one, please check your spam mail). Students also received a notice informing them of their room for next year and a stationery list.



Sign up for free at  
[reading-challenge.org.nz](http://reading-challenge.org.nz)

**WIN!**

Book vouchers,  
signed cricket  
gear, tickets  
+ books

## Join the Super Smash Reading Challenge this summer

Help your cricket team top the leaderboard by reading, and win cool prizes!



## Kiwi kids can read their local cricket team to victory this summer

The Super Smash Reading Challenge brings together two favourite Kiwi summer pastimes: cricket and reading.

Read NZ Te Pou Muramura (formerly NZ Book Council) has joined forces with New Zealand Cricket's T20 summer tournament to get kids reading more books over the holidays.

The Super Smash Reading Challenge is a new interactive website. Primary and intermediate-aged children are invited to register for free and choose their local cricket team to 'play' for.

Players log the books they read over the summer, along with a star rating and short review. A leader board keeps track of the Super Smash teams as they move up and down the rankings accordingly. Launching in late October, the Super Smash Reading Challenge will run until the final T20 cricket game on 19 January.

Paper Plus gift cards are up for grabs every day of the T20 tournament. There are lots of other spot prizes on offer, including books and signed sports gear from NZC, along with double passes to games. "Recent research shows primary aged students can lose more than six months' worth of academic progress over the summer break, but reading is a great way to keep young minds active," she says

"Cricket, perhaps more than any other sport, owes its history to a rich vein of writing and reading and it's important today's generation of kids are encouraged along similar lines."

Sign up for the Super Smash Reading Challenge by registering at [reading-challenge.org.nz](http://reading-challenge.org.nz).

## Classes and Staffing for 2020

Classes for 2020 went home on Monday – there may need to be some minor changes to these in late January due to movement in and out of the school.

Please note staffing changes occur from time to time as with any workplace, due to a change in circumstances for a staff member and in a time of teacher shortage this can be a challenge. At all times we endeavour it minimise any disruption to student learning.

## PTA Raffles

### Have you bought your ticket yet?

To buy a ticket, see your teacher or send the money to school with your child.

**\$2/ticket**

## End of Term Events

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| Friday, 6 Dec     | - Fox Reward 2-3pm                              |
| Monday, 9 Dec     | - Moana Fun Day                                 |
|                   | - Rotonui House Challenge                       |
|                   | - Year 8 Dinner – all year 8 students to attend |
| Tuesday, 10 Dec   | - Awa & Hawai Fun Day                           |
| Wednesday, 11 Dec | - PTA Sausage Sizzle for students 12pm          |
| Thursday, 12 Dec  | - Final Assembly, 1.30pm                        |
| Friday, 13 Dec    | - Final day of school – school ends 12pm        |

## BORROWED UNIFORM

We are *desperately short of spare uniform*. Please return any uniform that has been borrowed from the school asap. Much appreciated.



**WAIMATAITAI SKIDS**

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

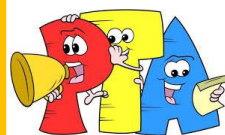
Open on Friday, 13 December from **12pm (when school finishes for the year)**.

Session times 12pm to 3pm  
Also 12pm to 6pm

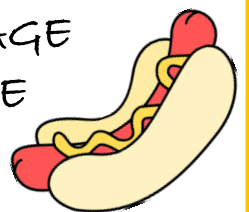
Bookable at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) on aimy or contact Kim MacDonald, manager ph: 021 2899 229

Come along and join in the fun - school is over!!

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from SKIDS ☺**



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**



The PTA are hosting a Sausage Sizzle for the kids on

**Wednesday, 11 December at 12pm**

to celebrate another great year and to thank you all for your wonderful support throughout the year.



## Amnesty



Please bring back any reading books, library books, borrowed uniforms or anything else that belongs to Waimataitai School.

Bring it back, no questions asked.

Thank you