



# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

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Kirihimete hari me te koa hou tau  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

## 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

## 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



Final Assembly 1.30pm tomorrow      School ends 12pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

On behalf of the staff and children of Waimataitai School I would like to thank **parents and community members** for their support of our school over the year. We hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to have input into your children's education by the work you have done at home to prepare them for the school day and their learning.

Thank you to all those parents who have taken the time to personally thank staff for their child's year. Our staff are very dedicated and work extremely hard and it is great to see people acknowledge and appreciate it.

Over the summer break you can help your child at home by ensuring they read, write and see practical applications of maths in their everyday life. Also, to keep learning basic facts, makes a huge impact on maths achievement, hence our strong emphasis at school, so the occasional session would be very beneficial.

Enjoy your time together over the summer as a family and whanau, and with friends. This time makes memories. Please remember the best investment you can ever make or give to your child is time. Time without devices, with talking and playing and having fun together will always be a great benefit to your child.

## Changes in 2020

We welcome **Miss Tayla Harding** to teach Year 5 students in Room 17 for the year replacing **Aimee Hart** who has leave for the year. **Mr Ken Heaphy** will teach Year 8 in Room 13, as Jess Howard will extend her leadership and management responsibilities across the school. We are also pleased to announce **Mrs Tina Gibson** will now be in room 17 teaching with **Mrs Juanita Thompson**.

## 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**

## PTA THANK YOU

Today students received sausages in bread as a very kind gesture of thanks to you through your children. This is a wonderful example of their support for our students and our school. Our PTA is an incredibly kind and generous group of hardworking and committed people who want to support our students and school as much as they can. We are incredibly fortunate to have their enthusiasm and leadership. They provide opportunities, resources and outstanding support for our school.

## Magazine

Tomorrow each family will receive a copy of our 2019 Celebrating Waimataitai magazine. This celebration of our year is made possible by the support of our generous sponsors, staff and students of Waimataitai. We know you will enjoy this delightful record of our year. Please take note of our sponsors as you may well be in a position in the future to support them.

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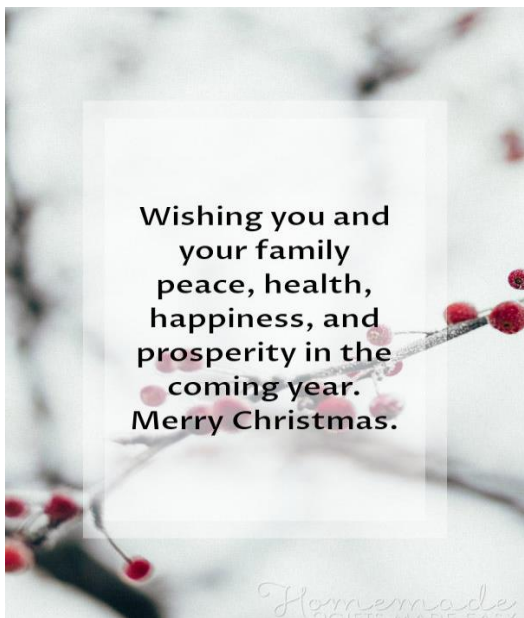
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and win cool prizes!



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Wishing you and  
your family  
peace, health,  
happiness, and  
prosperity in the  
coming year.  
Merry Christmas.

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**Merry Christmas  
to you  
&  
your family !**



## Heads up

Parents if you are considering a technology purchase for use at school for your child for Christmas this year, we highly encourage you to consider a chromebook. These are what we use at school from year 3-8. Students will be familiar with them and they are a much more affordable option than other alternatives.

## 'Food for thought' ...

Although we appreciate the kind thought, please do not bring in food treats for the end of the year.

It does not fit with the Waimataitai School healthy food policy and can cause issues for students with food allergies.

Many thanks

## Wai Learner Gold Slip Character Design Competition

We recently held a student competition for designing new Wai Learner attribute characters for our gold slips. The successful designs have now been passed onto a graphic designer to translate digitally. Below are some of the designers of the winning designs; *Whitney Murray, Maddie Edgeler, Neena Grant, Annie Sargent, Nevaeh Komene*. Other designs being used were provided by *Harry Sargent, Henri McMichael, Ivan Obillo, Frazer McLean and Coco Mitchell*.



## WAI SPORT

### SC Athletics

What a fantastic day! All the children did an amazing job in their event and although it got a bit windy by the end of the day, spirits were still high. Special mention to **Megan Pelser** for 2<sup>nd</sup> in 11+ High jump, **Dawson Reihana** for 3<sup>rd</sup> in 11+ Shot put, **Charlotte Fenn** for 2<sup>nd</sup> in U9 Baseball throw and our **U9 girls relay team** for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done everyone 😊

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have helped out over the year with coaching, manager or helping out at one of our many events. Without you, these things couldn't happen.

Any sports uniform now needs to be returned to school. Thank you.

## PTA MEETING SUMMARY - DECEMBER

Thank you for your support in making our artwork fundraiser successful. Leap Fair prep for 29 Feb is well underway, keep a look out on FB for updates, heaps of fun activities and stalls including international foods.

The PTA would like to sincerely thank our school community for all the support given this year.

**NEXT MEETING: 10 Feb 2020**

### NEXT YEAR'S DATES:

10 February  
9 March  
6 April  
4 May  
8 June  
July – no meeting  
3 August  
7 September  
12 October  
9 November – AGM  
7 December



## 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, ph: 021 2899 229

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

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