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## 2020 Terms dates

**Term 1** Mon 3 Feb - Thurs 9 April  
**Term 2** Tues 28 April - Fri 3 July  
**Term 3** Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep  
**Term 4** Mon 12 Oct - Wed 16 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



## 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**

# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 02 – 12 February 2020

*Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.*

***Kei o ringaringa te ao***  
***The world is in our hands***

We enjoyed a great start to our school year with very happy and enthusiastic children keen to get stuck into their new classes. The children are clearly pleased to be back at school with their friends and back into a routine. We are thrilled with the presentation of students wearing the school uniform with pride and respect. Thank you for all the support provided here. It is much appreciated and invaluable for your child.

## Waimataitai School Strategic Plan 2020-2022

At the end of 2019 the Board of Trustees approved a new strategic plan for our school for the next three years. Along with this was a new vision for our school, we want our students, school and community to be;

**Connected, Willing, Able** as we move to prepare our students for a more and more unknown future. Contributing to achieve this vision for our students we have set 3 strong areas of strategic focus;

- **Student Led Curriculum**
- **Connected Community and**
- **Resilient Students**

We have also adopted a new school whakatauki as seen above;

***Kei o ringaringa te ao***  
***The world is in our hands***

Future newsletters will inform you in more detail of what this means for your child and our school.

## Haere Mai ki te kai

**Open EVENING TOMORROW**  
**Thursday**  
**13 February, 5.00 pm**

**Come along and have picnic tea at school, see your child's new class and meet some other parents and students.**

## Assemblies in 2020

This year we have made some changes to whole school assemblies. These will now only be held at the end of each term, on the last day of term, to celebrate our 4 Wai-learners and other end of term milestones. Learning teams will hold their own fortnightly hui's. We hope this will be more relevant and engaging to all of our tamariki.



## DUATHLON

Years 1-4 Friday 14th February



After the success of previous years, this year, we are repeating running a Wai-Duathlon for students in Years 1-4. This will be held on Friday 14th February, starting at 12:40pm.

The year 1 and 2 students will compete between 12:40 and 1:40pm, then the year 3 and 4 students will compete between 2-3pm after Fruit ad Vege break.

**Please ensure your child brings the following items:**

- Scooter
- Helmet
- Appropriate running shoes
- House coloured top
- Water bottle

Races will be run in year groups so siblings can share equipment. We hope you can attend this fun event!



## AWA LEAP FAIR STALL CAKE WALK AND BAKING



As part of the Leap Fair on Saturday 29 February, Awa will be running a Cake Walk and a Baking Stall.

In order to make our stall successful, we are asking for each child's family to donate either a cake to be raffled in our cake walk, or some baking for our stall. Ideas for baking could be: shortbread, lolly cake, fudge, cupcakes.

All baking donations need to be wrapped and brought to school on Friday 28 February between 8:30am and 3:30pm so they can be labelled and priced. These can be left in the resource room between Rooms 22 and 23.

We will also be asking for parents to help run the cake walk and sell baking. If you would like to help, please see your class teacher or comment on the Facebook post. Thank you for your support.

**WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL**

# LEAP FAIR

**SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2020**  
**11-2PM** | AT WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL  
 25 TRAFALGAR STREET

LOADS OF ETHNIC FOOD STALLS, FAIR ACTIVITIES, BOUNCY CASTLES, GAMES..... AND MORE!

Check out our Facebook event page for more info

## SPORTS NEWS

### TOUCH

A reminder that touch starts again this week on Thursday, draws for this all went out at the beginning of the season last year.

### YEARS 7 & 8 BASKETBALL

Letters went home last week to all those who had shown an interest in playing this year. These need to be back at school by this Thursday (13<sup>th</sup>), spare copies are available at the office.

### NETBALL

Nine Year 8 girls who had played netball for the school last year, had an amazing opportunity to spend an hour with three Tactix players learning some new skills, along with other schools in the area. Here is Jane Watson from the Tactix, with three of the lucky girls. I look forward to seeing them when the new season starts. 😊



## Reading Together

Reading Together is a programme designed to encourage us and to teach us the skills to get the most from reading with our children.



When: Tuesday 18th February 3:05pm-4pm  
Where: In the Staffroom  
Who: Whanau of Waimataitai School

There will be a creche available and it will be run by the Roto Iti teachers in the downstairs shared space. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to attend.

## SO WHAT IS THIS STORY ABOUT MONEY and PAYMENTS this year?

We will not be asking for donations or fees this year. The Board has opted into receiving an additional \$150 per child payment so we are not forced to seek these to cover costs. What this also means is the full costs of things like trips, buses, skating, kayaking and yachting, skiing and camps will not be charged to parents. However, in the case of camps we will be seeking a reasonable contribution to be paid towards the total cost, as outlined below.

### Contributions to camp costs

For our Year 7/8 camp to Living Springs this contribution is \$80 and needs to be paid to the school office as soon as possible. The actual cost of this is \$250, so you will agree that is a very reasonable request and allows us to have some additional components to the camp. For our Year 5/6 camp to Lindisfarne we are seeking a contribution of \$30. This needs to be paid two weeks before the camp. The actual cost of this is \$75.

### Reading Eggs

We will not be seeking the cost of Reading Eggs. This cost of \$25 per year per child is being met by this new scheme, however we do know many parents want to contribute towards this because they see the value of its use at home. In this case we welcome your assistance with this.

### TTECH Technology Fees are different

Whilst we are not seeking any fees or donations from our school families, this does not apply to the TTECH fee for Year 7/8 students. This fee of \$70 is for the cost of take home or consumed items made at TTECH and the school has to pay this fee to TTECH therefore we do require it to be paid.

### What if you want to make a donation??

You are absolutely welcome to and we would really appreciate your kindness and willingness to do so. Please do not get the impression we are flush with funds ..... we are most definitely not, every dollar spent is scrutinised ask the staff!!). We are simply complying with the legal requirements on donations in recognition of the receipt of additional government support. This support has come about recognising the inequities around the ability to ask parents and communities for additional funds and support. The additional funding has provided us with \$79,000, whereas last year we received \$9,000 in family donations. It was not a difficult decision for the Board obviously.



Just to clarify for all parents/caregivers, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. We have children who are not comfortable

around dogs and some are unaware of how to behave around them and this can, and has caused issues for dogs and owners in the past. This is a reasonable expectation for a school environment and we seek your support with this. Should there be a particular reason to bring a dog in, such as a new puppy or working dog to provide a demonstration prior arrangement would need to be made with the classroom teacher so children are prepared and supported.

## Bible in Schools Survey

The following link is a survey for parents/caregivers of students in years 1-4 complete. Much appreciated 😊

[Bible in Schools - Survey.html](https://www.waimataitai.school.nz/parents/caregivers/survey)