



WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

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Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.

Mauri tu, mauri ora
An active soul is a healthy soul

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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
It looks much better in colour



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

Strategic Goal – Wellbeing

Resilient students able to make healthy choices and decisions.

Research is clear, by building resilience in a developmentally appropriate way we have the potential to improve later life outcomes for all. To do this we need to all be on the same page working in the same direction.

“Adolescents in New Zealand relative to those in other developed countries have a high rate of social morbidity. While most adolescents are resilient to the complexities of the social milieu in which they live, at least 20% of young New Zealanders will exhibit behaviours and emotions or have experiences that lead to long-term consequences affecting the rest of their lives. Professor Sir Peter Gluckman. Regarding youth suicide in New Zealand he goes on to say....

... “that youth suicide is more than simply a mental health issue and that, with what we know at present, the focus must also include an emphasis on primary prevention starting from very early in life. This means promoting resilience to the inevitable exposure to emotional stresses and building self-control skills in early childhood and primary years”.

Resilience is the strongest antidote we know for self-harm, depression and drug abuse and it's built on our sense of belonging. – Andrew Fuller

Building resilience is now a school priority and we aim to be working with our students, our parents and whanau to develop this. From time to time there will be tips and supports provided to assist parents and whanau with this. We want connected, willing and able students who belong and learn together.

Leap Fair

We can't wait until the leap fair – hope we see you all there and that you offered to help in some way to support our PTA. The PTA provide lots and lots of extras for our school that we would normally never manage to get.

See you Saturday!!! 😊

Student Learning Conferences

Friday, 6 March

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Student Led Learning Conferences are an opportunity for your child and their teacher to meet with you and share about your child's learning and to look at a way we can work together to achieve shared goals for your child's learning. Children are expected to attend and to take leadership (of course the level of this is dependent on the child's age and development).

These conferences are about learning. If you have concerns about behavior or wish to talk with the teacher privately about a matter affecting your child you are always encouraged to contact them as soon as possible rather than leaving it. This allows us to work together on supporting your child and “nipping any concerns in the bud”. Contact your child's teacher by email or ringing school for a time to meet with them.

To make a time

STEP 1 Google www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code

STEP 2 Enter in the code '9zjxe'

STEP 3 Type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you), your name, then your child's name (if you have more than one child at school click on 'add another student' and Student's Name' lines appear. Press GO

STEP 4 Choose your child's teacher from the drop down list. Press GO

STEP 5 Choose the times you would like to see each teacher then press GO. The time you have booked for each student will appear. Once you have finished press “Finished” then an email will be sent to confirm your parent interview booking.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE:
THURSDAY, 5 MARCH**

Feel like wrecking or demolishing something ?

We have to pull down our old sports shed, in preparation for our new sports and play gear garage which will be larger and more user friendly. We think this is do able with some strong arms and team work from our parent community.

Materials are free to a good home as long as taken away on the day. It is largely constructed of wood with an iron roof, the concrete slab is to be broken up and removed. It is likely someone needs so fill somewhere.....and this could be taken away.

Anyone with access to digger and/or small truck would be most welcome!!



Saturday 7th March – 8 am on... bring anything you think may be useful, and let the school office know if you have specific skills or equipment that may be helpful..... it's a team effort!!

Bible in Schools

Parents of our Year 3/4 students are being asked if they wish their children to take part in Bible in Schools on Thursday morning from 9.00-9.30am - form emailed out and on Facebook. If we know and you don't have use of either of these, you will receive a form on paper.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The Board of Trustees met on 24 February and were joined by representatives from the Education Ministry who briefed us on their objective for the school to adopt an enrolment zone for the next school year.

Excitingly, we also started discussing and planning how we want to spend the \$339,000 given to us by the government to improve the school property – this money will make a huge impact to the school environment. We were pleased to be able to ratify both the 3 year strategic plan and annual plan for the school which now have to be submitted to the Ministry. Every meeting we review the performance of the school and of particular note, we were delighted to see an overall school attendance figure of 93% which is significantly above the national average. We recently consulted with parents of year 1 – 4 students on religious instruction within the school and of those who responded 66% were in favour of continuing the programme providing it was optional. Therefore the Board has decided to support this majority view and consequently the programme will continue and parents will need to OPT-IN if they want their children to attend.

SPORTS NEWS

WAI TRI

The yr 5-8 Wai-Tri was held yesterday, and it was great to see the students giving the triathlon a go and the support for those racing was wonderful to see. The results are as follows

YR 5 GIRLS	YR 5 BOYS	YR 6 GIRLS	YR 6 BOYS
1 ST Danni Foster	Zac Kelliher	Annie Sargent	Koby Jackson
2 ND Ayla Pow	Zac Marr	Bella McDonald	Archie Fenn
3 RD Saphia Scarlett	Oscar Den Oudsten	Nieve Bowen	Cameron Donovan
YR 7 GIRLS	YR 7 BOYS	YR 8 GIRLS	YR 8 BOYS
1 ST Asha Winter	Wesley Pelsler	Margaret Peters	Thomas Peters
2 ND Laylani Sloan	Kian Mehlhopt	Marla Pratt	Finn Gollins
3 RD Mackenzie Donaldson	Noah Marr	Briar Allan	Adam Jones

All those who have made it through to South Canterbury Triathlon will be notified shortly 😊



YR 5-8 SWIMMING SPORTS

Notices went home on Monday. Please look out for these and ensure that your child is able to swim the required distance in the deep pool at CBay, if they are entered in any races. Thank you



Student Learning Conference Day

Waimataitai skids will be open

6 March

Session times:

8.00am to 6.00pm

8.00am to 1.00pm

1.00pm to 6.00pm

8.00am to 3.00pm

Bookable now at www.skids.co.nz or contact Kim MacDonald, manager
 ph: 0276011247



Lucky Book Club

Brochures are at the office if required.

Orders close

Friday, 28 February