



# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 06 – 11 March 2020

*Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.*

*Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa  
We all benefit when we work together*

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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



## Ministry Proposed Enrolment Zone

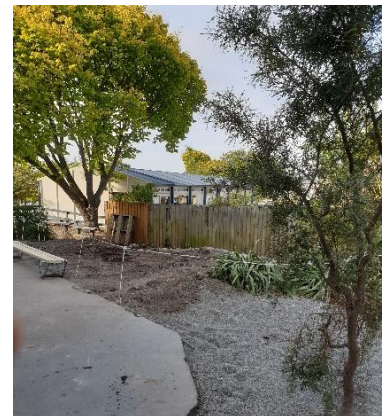
The ministry has determined we are at risk of overcrowding and have therefore met with the Board to suggest an enrolment zone be put in place.

We will begin planning for the consultation process, which will include an explanation of what this means. Rest assured current students and this year's student enrolments are secure at our school. Further details to follow.

## Student Learning Conferences

Thanks for joining us on Friday with your child to talk about their goals for 2020. It is important to us that you are part of this process. If by some chance you haven't managed to meet with your child and their teacher please make a time to do so.

## SPORT SHED PROGRESS REPORT



**Stage One** – the Sports Shed has gone thanks to a hard-working crew of people on Saturday. A huge THANK YOU to them, it was a sterling effort.



## Sandpit Toys



Do you have any sandpit toys that need a new home?

Roto Ihi and Nui tamariki are looking for some toys and would love to give them some new adventures at school.

Please drop the toys into Room 3.

Thank you

## 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**

## Attendance, Participation and Resilience

Did you know there is a link? Your child is more likely to be resilient when they feel part of a group with connections, shared experiences and common time together. This is what happens at school. Being at school everyday and on time is actually a life skill that is building their resilience.

When children arrive early they get to socialise, catch up, play before school starts. They build relationships, friendships and understandings about being a friend and getting along with other people and learn from them. This is a really important part of growing up and learning about other people. It is a parent's job to support their child to be at school every day and on time, simply doing this instils a sense of routine, expectation and consistency and all kids need this. Children who do not attend school simply miss out and the more they miss out the more they are disadvantaged for life.

The Ministry of Education is hugely concerned about the casualness of school attendance across the country and the significance it has had on progress and achievement and life outcomes. Whilst our school attendance is higher than the national average, there is room for improvement so we will be working with families to do this too.

*Connected, Willing, Able Kei o ringaringa te ao*

# SPORTS NEWS

## Netball - Years 1-8

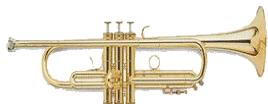
The 2020 season will start in term 2 and enrolments are now being taken. Emails have been sent to all those who have expressed an interest in playing this year, with a form attached to submit. If your child is interested in playing but you haven't received an email, please come and see Sarah at the office, and details can be given, thanks ☺

## Swimming Sports

The swimming sports took place on Tuesday and it was great to see the students giving the races a go, and trying their best. Well done. A huge thanks to the parents who came and helped time the event, your efforts are greatly appreciated and without your help, these events wouldn't take place. Those students who have made it through to the South Canterbury swimming sports will be notified shortly.

**South Canterbury Triathlon** - Good luck to all those competing in this event being held next Monday (16<sup>th</sup> March) ☺

## Waimataitai Brass Band



Did you know that learning a musical instrument will make your child smarter? It's true, and on the way they also gain a sense of achievement and improved confidence, patience, discipline, time management skills, social skills and creativity, as well as having a lot of fun 😊

Waimataitai School is quite unique in that it's got its own brass band (which is nearly 80 years old). Students learn as they play in the band after school on Wednesdays. We play a wide range of upbeat music to appeal to players and audiences. We're not exclusively brass, so if your child learns another instrument they're also welcome to join. Your child is welcome to come along and try an instrument to see if this is something they would like to do. Come along to the library at 3.15pm on Wednesday to sign up or try out an instrument. Email Margaret van Ginkel for further details at [mgtgink@gmail.com](mailto:mgtgink@gmail.com) or pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

## AGM

Band Members and their families are invited to the AGM in the Library.

**Wednesday, 18 March 2020**

**4.30pm** - bring your tea (eg. fish & chips) and meet other band families.

**5.30pm** - AGM meeting starts

The band can only function with the support of parents and whanau, so we look forward to seeing you there.



## MEETING SUMMARY - MARCH

Our fair was a great success and we raised \$6,800. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

Our next fundraiser coming up is our CHEESE ROLLS in May - further info will follow, but please pop 15/16 May into your diaries as we need your help!

We have also started planning another Quiz night with an Italian menu later in the year.

Thank you to those of you who helped pull down the old sports shed, the new one will be up in the next few weeks.



**NEXT MEETING: Monday 6 April**

New members always welcome and bring a friend ☺



## Lucky Book Club

Issue 2 Brochures are at the office if required.

**Orders close**

Friday, 20 March



**SKIDS  
WAIMATAITAI**

## Term One Programmes

**Before school care:** 7.30 - 8.30am all week

**After school care:** 3.00 - 6.00pm all week

Information packs and fees located front desk school office and at SKIDS.

To register google [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) or phone Kim MacDonald, manager ph: 021 2899 229  
MSD approved WINZ subsidy may apply.

## South Canterbury Mountainbike Club Kids Race Sunday, 29 March

Location: kids track in the Scenic Reserve, look for the MTB race signs.

**Time:** sign up from 11.15am, race starts at 12.00pm.

**Suitable for:** ages 2-12.

Details: kids ride as many laps as they want around the track in 30mins - \$2 entry fee and every child gets a chocolate fish at the end.

