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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

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 07 – 18 March 2020

Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.

Food for Thought
“When I’m sitting there on my couch, reading a book, and my kids are doing their own thing, I like to think, ‘I’m parenting right now – they can see me reading this book.’”
Maria Russo

NEXT WEEK’S HAWAI CAMP IS POSTPONED

(We’re hoping this can be rescheduled for later in the year).

CORONAVIRUS & COMMUNICATION

The school is getting regular/daily updates and instruction from the Ministry of Education regarding what action we should be taking with the present situation with coronavirus.

We will inform parents if and when there are any changes we are required to make regarding our students and school. This will be done by facebook, email, texts and if necessary in more specific circumstances, phone.

Symptoms

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to a range of other illnesses such as influenza. Having any of these symptoms does not necessarily mean that you have COVID-19.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Coughing
- Difficulty breathing

Preventing the risk:

You can take some simple steps to help stop the spread of diseases like COVID-19:

- Avoid close contact with people with cold or flu-like illnesses.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing.

Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with water and soap and dry them thoroughly:

- before eating or handling food
- after using the toilet
- after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose or wiping children’s noses
- after caring for sick people.

Go to the Ministry of Health website for more information about preventing the risk.

ATTENDANCE

While we are seeing large-scale school shutdowns elsewhere in the world, in New Zealand we still have no community transmission. Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.

We know that some parents have concerns about their children attending school at the moment. There’s a simple rule here – if students are unwell (whether or not their illness relates to COVID-19) they should stay at home. Students who are not unwell should continue to attend school.

THE RIGHT MESSAGE

Remember, when children and young adults do not receive consequences, they do receive something else – messages. Depending on the statement or action, students can think:

- What I’ve said or done is acceptable.
- What I’ve done is unacceptable, but I got away with it.
- The expectation I have violated isn’t important.
- The responsible adult involved doesn’t care enough to address or challenge me.

Receiving such messages and allowing them to take root during formative years increases the likelihood that troubling behaviours and beliefs will continue.

Karen Smith in “Truth or Consequences: A Road Map to Success” in *Principal Leadership*, May 2017



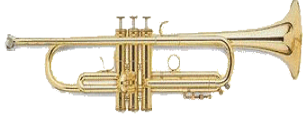
SPORTS NEWS

South Canterbury Triathlon - This was held on Monday, and a great success. The students who attended did a great job in completing the course and they all did the school proud. Well done all 😊

Netball - Thank you to those that have completed the form for your child to play this year, teams will be announced shortly. Please contact Sarah via email on slg016@waimataitai.school.nz if your child wishes to play and they haven't yet registered, there may still be a possibility to join. 😊

South Canterbury Swimming sports has been *postponed until later in the year*. Those who have made it through will be contacted closer to the date, thanks.

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 or pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

Forms, Permission Slips and Surveys

We have started using email and Facebook to send home forms, surveys and permission slips this year. This was used for Hawaii camps, recently for the South Canterbury Triathlon and last week for students who expressed interest in playing netball. This avoids all that paper and things being lost and not getting home. It comes to you directly. Please be aware of this, and keep your eye out. We strongly advise, like any piece of paper or form – deal with it once and get to it while you remember. We have found it is far more efficient than paper.

LEGO CLUB



Lego Club happens every lunch time in room 1. Look at these Lego Lovers 😊



STORY TIME

Today we did a science experiment. We got a bowl and put pepper inside and we pretended that the pepper was germs. Then we dipped one of our fingers inside the bowl with pepper inside, then we put hand sanitizer on and dipped our other finger inside and not that many germs came on my finger. That showed us to wash our hands every day. We also watched a video that showed us to wash our hands every day. There were germs in the video and two kids.

by Elias Metekingi, yr 2

Secondary School Enrolments

Secondary schools are now requesting details of our year 8 students in preparation of their enrolment promotions for 2021. They require the student's full name, parents email address, and mailing address. If you have any objection of this information being provided to them please let the office know by 26th March. Jane Culhane



**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 or phone Kim MacDonald, manager ph: 021 2899 229 MSD approved WINZ subsidy may apply.



Lucky Book Club

Issue 2 Brochures are at the office if required.

Orders close
Friday, 20 March