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## 2020 Terms dates

**Term 1** Mon 3 Feb - Thurs 9 April  
**Term 2** Mon 15 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



**The 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP, NEW UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP**  
Are currently closed, but orders by phone and email will be filled and given to students upon arrangement for payment. Thank you for your understanding with this,

**PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM**

# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 08 – 20 May 2020

*Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Welcome back, we are pleased to welcome all our tamariki back to school, it's been a long time.*

*Aoraki Matataū  
Stand strong and hold on to what defines us*

## GOOD JOB EVERYONE!!!

We are back and it is great. Thank you so much for how well you prepared your children for returning to school. It was wonderful to see them so settled and pleased to be back at school and keen to make things work. They are doing incredibly well with the changes we have made and are certainly aware of the need for hygiene and space. You may enjoy this little song;

[Moist breath zone](#)

### WELCOME

We warmly welcome **Sally Finlayson** to our school to teach New Entrants in Room 9. Sally joins us from Vietnam but is well known to the teaching fraternity in South Canterbury.

Ka whakairia te tapu	Restrictions are moved aside
Kia watea ai te ara	So the pathway is clear
Kia tūruki whakataha ai	To return to everyday activities
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Haumie! Hui ē! Tāiki ē!	Enriched, unified and blessed!

## Attendance

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 they should stay at home. Students who are not unwell should continue to attend school. We are required to report all those students who are not at school and who are not excused for medical reasons as truant.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The May Meeting of Board of Trustees **Thursday, 21 May** Staffroom at school, **5.45pm**. The March meeting was cancelled due to the Lockdown.

## CORONAVIRUS

<https://covid19.govt.nz/> has the most up to date information

### 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.

## COVID 19 PLAYING IT SAFE

As a school we will keep following the Ministry of Education and public health advice we are being given and at all times student and staff welfare are our priority. We all need to play it safe and look out for each other. Please be patient with people, show care and ask how they are doing as many people are under considerable pressure. Simply being kind and helpful will help keep things calm and less stressed. Everyone will be doing their best and we don't know what people may well be coping with. We will all have had different and varied experiences during this most unusual and extremely concerning time for the country. Modelling being calm, kind and helpful will help your child. Keep things as routine and as normal as possible and respond factually to their questions without causing distress. Share fun, humour and lots of talking positively. Ask them about mindfulness, get them to tell you what it is and maybe show you how they can do this.

# COVID-19 - LEVEL 3 BUBBLE TIME ...

