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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



**Happy School**  
Member since 2017

**The 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP, NEW UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP Will reopen next week. Having seen how effective the orders by phone and email have gone, we really encourage you to use this option as it definitely means less waiting and disruption for busy people. Orders filled and given to students upon arrangement for payment. Thank you for your understanding with this.**

# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 11 – 10 June 2020

*Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.*

*Mā te ngākau aroha koe e ārahi*  
Let a loving heart guide your decisions



All parent help and supports are welcomed to return next week. We look forward to seeing you, we've missed you!!

## ALERT LEVEL 1

For the most part, Alert Level 1 is very much business as usual for us with good hygiene practices and people who are unwell staying away remain a priority.

We are no longer required to keep a contact tracing register, but will continue with our normal visitor and attendance registers.

Physical distancing is encouraged when you are around people you don't know.

There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings or on physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events, so we can get on with planning for events and activities to support our learning.

### WHAT IS IMPORTANT

- If children are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
- Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days.

We welcome you all back on site, however, we have learned many things as a result of some of the changes we have had to make during this time that make things work better at school, so we do ask you to think about these;

Use the uniform order form on the website for uniform purchasing, email or ring the school, we'll sort it here for you - it saves you a lot of time.

## SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP

We have found, as have other schools, that over the last three weeks, our Wai Learners have developed great independence and self-management skills through our changed drop off and pick up procedures. Surprisingly, reduced anxiety has been evident with parents not dropping learners directly at the classroom.

### FURTHER BENEFITS THAT WE HAVE OBSERVED:

- Student independence has grown
- Students have been calmer and more settled
- Students are ready to and set up for the day when the bell goes
- Student organisation and self management have improved
- There is virtually no separation anxiety
- Relationships with teacher and student have strengthened
- Less traffic congestion around the gates as parents are dropping children further away to walk a little. We are thrilled with so many students walking from Wai-iti Road and Selwyn Street freeing up parents to get on to work.

Therefore at Level 1, we would like to continue these practices to maintain the positive growth we have seen. This is an indicator of growth in resilience, which we wish to harness.

### BEFORE SCHOOL

Entry to school grounds will remain at 8.45am for students only (except for new New Entrants.) Students will continue to not play before school outside over the winter.

### AFTER SCHOOL

Parents and caregivers are now welcome to wait outside the classroom blocks, preferably at a distance that will not distract our younger learners. Children are welcome to play until the clearing bell at 3.20pm.

## 'Keep it real online' campaign

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification is about to launch a 'Keep it real online' campaign. The campaign will support parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming.

Parents and caregivers can find information including tips on how to have conversations with their kids at [www.keepitreallonline.govt.nz](http://www.keepitreallonline.govt.nz).

## WELCOME ....

to **Bailey Smith** who joins room 7 as part of her graduate teacher training. This is the first of her two placements in our school.



### STORY TIME .....

*'I am nervous because when you run a lot you don't get oxygen, because that happened to me last cross country, but it will be still cool.*

*Some people will win and some people won't win, but they will say "well done" if somebody wins ! I could be respectful for someone who wins !'*

by Noah Raymond, yr 2



## PTA MEETING SUMMARY - JUNE

We are thrilled to be able to hold a quiz evening **on Friday, 14th August** with an *Italian* theme - keep a lookout for further info.

During lockdown we donated \$500 to Gumboot Friday as we all felt mental health was a very important issue, especially for our children, as we went into lockdown.

We are looking at some other events for our school community later in the year and we will keep you posted!

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, 3rd August**

Come along and share your ideas, everyone is welcome



### Lucky Book Club

Catalogues can be collected from the school office, if required.

**Orders close**  
Friday, 12 June

## Bread Tags For Wheelchairs



Please save your bread tags. They will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa !!

It's easy ..... just save your bread tags and drop them off in the container at the office foyer.

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs have been recycling bread tags in South Africa since 2006. They currently collect about 500kg/month, which funds 2-3 wheelchairs. Now we are collecting in NZ too ! 😊

**SQUASH**  
HAVE A GO!  
All ages welcome

Starting Monday  
8th June 2020

FREE TO PLAY

3:30pm-5:00pm  
Timaru Squash Club  
22 Brunswick Street, Timaru



Programme will run Mondays, 8th, 15th & 22nd June

Contact: **TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.**

## Childrens Choir

Wednesdays  
5.30-6.30pm  
17 Beswick St

A great starting ground for younger singers, being surrounded by young adults to help them build confidence through their singing journey. The older members learn to be good role models, lead some of the songs and have solo opportunities.

**Gold coin per session  
for rest of term 2**

Contact Megan 0273037247 or [singwithmeg@gmail.com](mailto:singwithmeg@gmail.com)  
Visit [www.facebook.com/singwithmeg](http://www.facebook.com/singwithmeg) for more services



## SKIDS WAIMATAITAI

Waimataitai SKIDS offer:

**Before school care session times:** 7am to 8.30am daily  
**After school care session times:** 3pm to 4pm (early pick up .)  
**Also:** 3pm to 6pm daily during the week

Please go to [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) to make a booking or contact Kim MacDonald manager ph: 027 6011 247. Winz subsidy may also apply, MSD approved.