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2021 Terms dates

Term 1 Tues 2 Feb – Fri 16 April
Term 2 Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July
Term 3 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct
Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - 15 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



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WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 01 – 5 February 2021

Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora

Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou

A very warm welcome back to school for 2021. A very special welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope you enjoy your time at Waimataitai School and we look forward to getting to know you.



We welcome **Mr Jonathan Young** as Principal of Waimataitai School this year. He is looking forward to making connections with you all over the next few weeks.

We also warmly welcome these teachers to our teaching team;

Mrs Jessica Coyne - Room 20
Mr Peter Burgess - Room 16

We are most fortunate to have these new staff members join our team. We are sure you will make them most welcome to our school.

Over the break we have had a lot of activity at our school with upgrading Rooms 20 and 21 classroom spaces. We are hopeful this will be completed by the start of March. In the meantime, these classes are working from room 4 and the library respectively – thank you for your patience while this work is being completed. Also, the Staff are thrilled with their newly renovated work space, staffroom and kitchen.

TERM 1 2021

Events and Communication



Attached to this newsletter is a plan of events known to date for the term. Any further events will be announced through school newsletters and class Facebook pages as they become known. You can also see the school events calendar by downloading the Parent Teacher Calendar App (Skool Loop NZ) to your phone. This also gets the newsletter which is emailed (if we have your email address). Make sure the school office and your child's teacher has it.

Facebook Class Groups



Each class has a closed Facebook group for parents of the children in the class to access. We do use this for class notices, reminders and to let you see what we are working on at school. If you have Facebook you can search and ask to join. Only parents or approved family members of the children in the class will be permitted. Each class will be setup in the following format;

Room _ Waimataitai School 2021

TEACHING STAFF

A full list of teaching staff is provided with this newsletter. We encourage you to make it a priority to pop in and meet your child's teacher and visit their room. Your child will really like this.

Stationery

Unfortunately the tubs for years 3-8 are currently out of stock until further notice. Teachers are making allowances for this, otherwise, please ensure students have all their required stationery by Tuesday, 9th February as this will allow students to be well set up for the year. If this poses a problem, please discuss this with Nikola Vincent.

Has something changed over the holidays?????

Please tell us about it, moved house? Changed phone number? Email address? Or something has changed with your child's health? Let the teacher and the office know.

office@waimataitai.school.nz

**REMINDER NO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY (next week)**

8th Feb

Waitangi Day

Parents, you can help your child by helping them to

- be on time for school
- get Home Learning done
- get to bed early so they recharge their bodies and brains
- be ready with the right equipment
- have a "can do attitude"
- get a good breakfast
- get some exercise on the way to school

Helping with this will allow them to be more ready, willing and able to learn. These key competencies about managing ourselves develop lifelong habits.

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

Attendance

Please ensure you notify the school if your child will not be attending school for the day. **WE REALLY NEED YOU TO DO THIS.** This is a safety issue and following up absences takes a lot of time and it is a safety issue.

You can do this by ringing the school and leaving a message, through the 'Skool Loop' app or by texting the school at 3559 or email office@waimataitai.school.nz.

School starts at 9.00am. We expect all children to be ready and in class by this time or they are recorded as late. Being late is embarrassing for children, they don't like it and it puts them on the back foot for the day as everyone has already started without them. Please help your child be on time and organised to avoid this.

Kea Crossings SAFETY



Adults please *always* use the crossings – *this is for safety.*

Remember adults, if you don't follow the rules and expectations then it is not likely that your children will.

Can't park in Trafalgar Street? Why not arrange to drop and meet further away and develop your child's independence.

By the time a child has been a few months at school they can walk from the gates to meet you.

Open EVENING Haere Mai ki te kai

Thursday 18th February 5.00pm on

Come along and have picnic tea at school, see your child's new class and meet some other parents and students.

DUATHLON – Year 1-4 Friday, 19 February

After the success of previous years, this year, we are repeating running a Wai-Duathlon for students in Years 1-4. This will be held on Friday, 19 February at Waimataitai School starting at 12.40pm.

The year 1 and 2 students will compete between 12.40pm-1.40pm, then the year 3 and 4 students will compete between 2-3pm after the afternoon break.

Please ensure your child brings the following named items:



- Scooter
- Helmet
- Appropriate running shoes
- House coloured top
- Water bottle



Races will be run in year groups so siblings can share equipment. We hope you can attend this fun event.

WAI SPORT

Coming up this term we have:

- **Junior Duathlon** (yrs 1 -4) Fri, 19 Feb
- **Wai-Tri** (yrs 5-8) Mon, 22 Feb
- **Swimming** (yrs 5-8) Mon, 29 Mar

Please keep an eye out for further information regarding these via your child's class Facebook page or through our weekly newsletter.

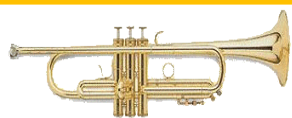
Year 7 & 8 Basketball will also be starting up soon and interest is being completed at the moment. We will keep you informed as to when notices will be going home.

Please return any outstanding sports uniform from last year to the office asap. Much appreciated!

WAI TRI – Year 5-8 Monday, 22 February

This can be entered as *individuals* OR *teams of 3* (swim, bike, run) and we love to see as many as possible entering this event as individuals.

Further, information will be posted on classroom facebook pages soon.



Waimataitai Brass Band



Waimataitai Brass is starting up again Wednesday, 10th February in the school library. Last year's musicians are to come at 3.20pm. We would also love new players, so if your child would like to learn a brass instrument, please come to the library at 3.02pm on Wednesday (year 4 up). Further details email : mgtgink@gmail.com.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT MONEY and PAYMENTS

The Board has continued to opt into receiving an additional \$150 per child payment from the Government so we are not forced to seek donations or fees from families. This means, as in 2020, things like trips, buses, skating, kayaking and yachting, skiing and camps will not be charged to parents,. In the case of camps, we will be suggesting a much smaller contribution could be paid to help with costs. This does not apply to the TTECH fee for Year 7/8 students, as this is for the cost of take-home or consumed items and therefore compulsory. We will not be seeking the cost of Reading Eggs, although people are welcome to contribute to this should they wish to.

We are aware that there will be families and community members who want to contribute to our school in some way and they will always be free to make a donation should they wish to, but we will not be actively seeking this.



2021 Teaching Staff

RotoTeam

Rotoiti

Team Leader—Mrs Kim Sugrue

Mrs Kim Sugrue, Mrs Toni Manson	Yr 0-1	Room 1
Mrs Zara Codyre	Yr 1	Room 2
Mrs Karen Wyatt	Yr 0-1	Room 3

Rotonui

Team Leader—Mrs Nikola Vincent

Mrs Kirsty McKerracher, Mrs Nicky Charteris	Yr 2	Room 5
Miss Rachel Cormack	Yr 2	Room 6
Mrs Jill Robinson, Mrs Vanessa Riley	Yr 1-2	Room 7
Mrs Sally Finlayson	Yr 2	Room 8
Mrs Kim Dynes	Yr 1-2	Room 9

Awa Team

Team Leader— Miss Vanessa Galbraith

Mrs Jessica Coyne	Yr 4	Room 20
Miss Vanessa Galbraith	Yr 4	Room 21
Ms Kate Perry	Yr 3	Room 22
Mrs Helen Stamps	Yr 3/4	Room 23
Mrs Chrissi Davidson	Yr 3	Room 24

Hawai Team

Team Leader –Mrs Lara Sargent

Mrs Lara Sargent, Juanita Thompson	Yr 6	Room 15
Mr Peter Burgess	Yr 5	Room 16
Miss Tayla Harding	Yr 5	Room 17
Mrs Nicky Severinsen	Yr 5/6	Room 18
Mr Cain Pullar	Yr 6	Room 19

Moana Team

Team Leader—Miss Jess Howard

Miss Hannah McGregor	Yr 7	Room 10
Mr John Willers	Yr 7	Room 11
Mr Tim Heke	Yr 8	Room 14
Mr Ken Heaphy	Yr 8	Room 13

Learning Support

Lara Sargent	Learning Support Co-ordinator
Nicky Charteris	Support Teacher
Joy Hall	Specific Learning Difficulties

Please note staffing changes occur from time to time as with any workplace and in a time of teacher shortage this can be a challenge. At all times we endeavour to minimise any disruption to student learning.



2021

Waimataitai School

Term 1



Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1	2	3	4	5
2	8 Waitangi Day Celebrated No School	9 Mihi Whakatau 10am Whole School Welcome to Mr Young	10 Staff Meeting PB4L	11	12
3	15 PTA Meeting Hawai Food for Thought (Mon-Thurs)	16	17 Staff Meeting Hero/EnviroSchools	18 Picnic Tea Whole School 5pm	19 Duathlon
4	22 Wai-Tri BOT Meeting	23	24 Staff meeting PB4L	25	26
5	1	2	3 Staff Meeting Hero	4	5 Student Led Conferences
6	8 Moana Camps (ALL WEEK)	9	10	11	12 SC Triathalon
7	15 PTA meeting	16	17	18	19
Moana Camps					
8	22 Hawai Camps (ALL WEEK)	23	24	25	26
9	29 Swimming Sports	30	31` SC Swimming Sports	1 TOD/ Planning for term 2	2 Good Friday
10	5 Easter Monday	6 Easter Tuesday	7 Staff Meeting	8	9
11	12 PTA meeting	13	14 Staff Meeting/ Hero PB4L monitoring	15	16

Home Learning at Waimataitai

Home Learning is provided at Waimataitai as we need students to practise their reading, spelling and basic facts to remove challenges and delays in their learning. We also wish to see students develop personal responsibility and initiative with the power to act to improve their learning.



We encourage parents to positively support and encourage any responsibility they see their child demonstrating in this area.

We realise home and family life can be busy and as children get older it is likely they have other commitments after school. If student is unable to complete home learning due to family / sport or hobby commitments simply record this and try and make some extra time later in the week.

Team	Home Learning provided
Roto	<p>Each week students will have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a reading book each night Monday -Thursday, poetry book to share Friday. Please complete the Home Reading Diary. <p>Students may, (depending on what is appropriate to them)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have a notebook to read sentences or sounds/ blends from - or may have some spelling words to learn. Students may have some sight words to learn. - have an alphabet card to practise letter sounds. - have basic facts to learn once they have reached Stage 4
Awa	<p>Home learning sheet goes home once a fortnight (please complete with child)</p> <p>Each fortnight students will have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reading (own choice or browsing box book) record on sheet - basic facts sheets (only up to end of Stage 6) - spelling - essential lists go home and students choose words or possibly a vocab activity - an extra task that is connected to either PB4L or topic - those who have finished Essential Lists in spelling - grammar activity
Hawai	<p>Home learning sheet goes home once a week (please complete with child)</p> <p>Each week students will (self choice book unless provided by teacher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read 20 mins per night - have spelling words if still on essential list or vocab extension - have basic facts up to stage student is working at - try optional: of student's choice (negotiated with teacher) or current events.
Moana	<p>Each week students will; (kept in student diary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - read 20 mins per night - have spelling words (if necessary) or a vocab activity - receive a basic facts sheet (if they are still completing them) up to stage student is working at <p>Occasionally students will have an extra task that needs to be completed</p> <p>As an optional extra students can complete a science or maths badge.</p>
PLEASE NOTE	<p>Reading -In the absence of a reading book, let your child read something else, or you read to them. Reading to children even at the pre-teen level is very beneficial for fostering a love and passion for reading.</p> <p>Spelling words will only be given when it is appropriate to the age and staff of the student's development. Strong spellers do not need spelling words but possible vocab extension.</p> <p>Basic Facts levels are aligned with the stage the child is working at, therefore children should not be learning basic facts beyond their knowledge base as they do not understand the maths involved and this can be harmful.</p>

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS

SUBWAY

AVAILABLE WEDNESDAYS

(Complete order on printed paper bag at Lunch Order Table)

6-inch sandwich, apple and cookie **\$5.00**

12-inch sandwich, apple and cookie **\$9.00**

Choice of white or wheatmeal
up to 4 salad ingredients
up to 2 dressings
beef, turkey or ham



SPUDS SUPREME

AVAILABLE THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS

(Complete order on printed white paper bag at Lunch Order table)

Baked spuds served with butter and topped with 2 fillings of your choice

(No butter if preferred) **PRICE \$5.00**

Extra Fillings **\$1.00** each

Fillings:

Savoury mince

Onions

Cheese

Pineapple

Spaghetti

Baked beans

Savoury Tomato

Coleslaw

Sour Cream

Mushrooms

Bacon

Creamed Corn

Chilli Beans



NACHOS - \$5.00

(remember to write 'nachos' on the order bag)

Nachos with cheese, sour cream and sweet chilli sauce or
your choice of two fillings.