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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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 Member since 2017

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 02 – 17 February 2021

Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.

Ko te kai a te rangatira he korero
 The food of chiefs is dialogue

WAIMATAITAI BRASS BAND AGM MEETING - 3rd March

and it will be bring a fish and chip dinner about 5pm after band.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Week three in the new year and everyone is working hard. I have been in the playground and popping into classrooms.

There are lots of very engaged students happy to be back after the holidays.

MUSIC MATTERS!



I am very keen on getting children to play musical instruments. There are so many advantages for children who do this. Learning music is closely associated with maths learning. Playing with other people develops children's hearing and their ability to perform with others. It is a great confidence booster and a therapy for others.

I had a discussion recently with the school band supervisors. I understand that there is tuition in brass instruments available. There is also tuition in guitar and bass. We could extend this to Ukulele and saxophone as well. Music lessons require some help at home from Mums and Dads to keep the child engaged. Mostly the parents are able to assist even though they don't have musical skills themselves. If you are interested in having music lessons for your children through the school please contact the office to find out more.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE Meeting dates for 2021

22nd Feb
 29th March
 17th May
 21st June
 9th August
 13th September
 1st Nov
 8th Dec

Student Council

I will be leading the student council this year. We will be meeting most fortnights at 2 pm on a Friday afternoon. This is a great chance for students to step into a leadership role that is closely supervised and of benefit to the whole school.

Teachers are getting ready to nominate a student from each of their classes who will become a student council member. The house leaders will also be involved.

A large part of the process is listening to students' ideas and concerns about their school. Staff will make an effort to include student council ideas in planning for this year.

House points

We have a strong competition already for house points at Waimataitai school. It looks like Hutt is just in the lead but well within reach of all of the other houses (see over for graph).

I want to wish all students well with their efforts this year. It is going to be an exciting year!!

Jonathan Young, Principal

Coming Up

- Week 3 - Hawai Food Study
- 19 Feb – Duathlon - yr 1-4 (see message below)
- 22 February – Wai Tri (see message below)
We have students preparing for the Wai Tri and becoming excited about competing.
- 8-19 March - Camps
The senior classes are preparing for camps to Mt Cook and Gunn's Bush.

Haere Mai ki te kai
Open **EVENING (new date)**
Thursday 25th February 5.00pm
Come along and have picnic tea at school, see your child's new class and meet some other parents and students.

WAI TRI – Year 5-8 Monday, 22 February

PLEASE NOTE: Until the next Covid announcement, we are still hoping for this to take place as planned. To be confirmed via Facebook on Thursday.

WAI SPORT

YR 7-8 BASKETBALL

Teams have been finalized however, we *DESPERATELY* need coaches. **No coach, means no team.**

Please contact Sarah Garner slg016@waimataitai.school.nz if you, or you know someone who would be able to coach a team.

School Counsellor

At Waimataitai Primary School we have the option for the children to see a counsellor if they need support. Our school counsellor is Ginny, she has completed a Bachelor of Counselling and is a provisional member of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors.

Counselling can be helpful for children who are going through (or have previously been through) a tough time or who need advice to manage their emotions. Ginny is happy to meet with parents who would like their child to receive counselling.

DUATHLON – Year 1-4 Friday, 19 February

PLEASE NOTE: If we are still on Covid level 2 parents are unable to attend

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-1.20pm**, then the year 3 and 4 students will compete between **1.40-2.40pm** 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.

Year 7 & 8 student details for high schools

This is the time of year when high schools are providing information for year 7 & 8 students and their families about enrolment for next year. Traditionally primary schools in Timaru provide contact details and address for students in these year levels to the high schools. The purpose of this is to allow high schools to make contact with these families and invite them to attend open days. Given the speed with which the years go by, it is an appropriate time for families to begin to think about high school enrolment.

Please note:

If you are the parents/caregivers of year 7 & 8 students and would prefer us to withhold your address and details from the high schools, please contact the office ph: 684 5566. We can provide you with high school contacts to make your own enquiries.



Room 21 are enjoying working in the lovely library space while they wait for their classroom renovations to be completed. Here they are doing some silent reading

Term 1 Week

HOUSE POINTS

