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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



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 04 – 17 March 2021

Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.

Mā te ngākau aroha koe e ārahi

Let a loving heart guide your decisions

Lucky Book Club

Issue No. 2

Orders close Friday, 19th March



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Camp at Mt Cook

Last week I joined Miss McGregor's very successful year 7 & 8 camp at Mt. Cook. Students were busy engaging in outdoor education in one of the best learning environments in New Zealand.

When students are on camp, they provide many insights into their personality that are not seen in the classroom. In the two days I visited I have developed an understanding for what drives many of the room 10 students.

Every student was involved in the major adventures, with some choice provided for those who wanted to follow their interests in less structured activities.

For some of these students it was the first time at Mt Cook, the first time on a boat and for all of them the first time on a glacial lake learning about how glaciers are formed and develop over time.

All classes will be involved in some form of outdoor education this year.

Thank you and well done to all the teachers who put in many extra hours preparing for these adventures and running them. Thanks to the wonderful support provided by parents who accompany the groups, provide the care and prepare the food that keeps everyone fueled up.

House Points

Well done COOK on your successful win with the house points this week.

Well deserved.



Student Learning Conferences

I would like to congratulate everyone involved with the student led conferences. Reports I have from teachers and students are that it was very successful for them. In my experience the pride and self-confidence generated through sharing learning with a parent is one of the most successful motivators of future learning.

Leading a conference with parents is a big step in a student's learning journey. The first step in preparing for this is to understand their own learning. What have I learned this year and where am I heading on my next learning step, are questions that we encourage students to understand before the conference.

The most successful conferences require parents to engage appropriately in a partnership. The parent asks searching, sensitive questions about what is being learned and what evidence the student has to verify the learning. Parents are positive about the progress being made and questioning if there is not sufficient effort apparent from the student.

The teacher's role is to know the student well enough to be able to prompt when the student stalls. Conferences are not a place to question the teacher extensively about student performance. These conversations should be being had regularly through the year when there is a need for them.

One of our goals for this year is to build on student agency which is all about students having a degree of control over their learning. Student led conferences put ownership of the learning back in the student's hands.

Thank you for taking the time to be involved in your child's learning.

Jonathan Young, Principal

Coming Up

- HAWAI CAMPS – Gunns Bush
- 22-24 March – Rooms 15, 16 & 19
- 24-26 March – Rooms 17 & 18
- 29 March – Swimming Sports: CBay
- 1 April – Teacher Only day: **NO SCHOOL**

Help please

Toys that you want to get rid of

We would love donations of **sandpit toys, lego or duplo**. Great recycling opportunity and giving pleasure to others. Donations to the school office please.



Thank you for bringing in all those paper bags for re-use. We now have plenty 😊 Much appreciated.

TEACHER ONLY DAY Thursday, 1st April 2021 **NO SCHOOL THIS DAY**

On April 1st teachers will gather at school to prepare their programmes for next term. This day is a very important time for them to be able to work together to plan and map out progress for their students for next term. **Students will not be at school on this day.**

WAI SPORT

South Canterbury Triathlon

This was held last Friday and was 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.



Ayla Pow came 5th overall for the year 5/6 girls, **Annie Sargent** was 6th overall for the year 7/8 girls, and the **girl's year 5/6 team (Danni Foster, Ayla Pow & Chloe Garner)** came in 3rd place. Amazing effort everyone.

Netball - Years 5 - 8

Thank you to those that have completed the form for your child to play this year, the **registrations close on Monday 22nd March**. Please contact Sarah via email on slg016@waimataitai.school.nz if your child wishes to play and you haven't yet registered or received the google form. Alternatively forms are available at the school office. 😊

Year 5-8 Swimming sports

This is happening on Monday 29th March. A google has been posted onto your child's class Facebook page, please **complete this by this Friday, (19th March)**. Thanks.



PTA FUNDRAISER

We are bringing back our famous CHEESE ROLLS this year! Keep an 'eye out' for the order forms coming home next week.

**Please put these dates in your diary
14/15 May - we can't do this without your help!**

Initiative and politeness = results!!

Sierra and Yuna have noticed how popular 4 square has become and how faded the grid outside room 17 had become. They wrote a very nice letter to Mr Cowan, our caretaker, and today there are TWO freshly painted grids outside Room 17 and 18!

HOUSE POINTS – Term 1, Week 5/6

