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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](http://www.waimataitai.school.nz)

It looks much better in colour



## 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TUESDAY

2.50pm – 3.15 pm & THURSDAY

8.40am – 9.00am

In Health Centre (by office)

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## NEW UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP OPEN

EACH MORNING 8.30 – 9am

IN TEACHER AIDE ROOM

**PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM**

# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 06 – 14 April 2021

*Kia Ora, nga mihi mahana kia koutou.*

*Waihoi te toipoto, kua I te toiroa*  
Let us be close together, not far apart

POPIES available at the office  
- Gold Coin Donation



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### End of term

As we reach the end of term one I would like to thank everyone in the Waimataitai school community who have helped me to begin to settle into my new role as Principal. I am grateful for your assistance and I am looking forward to continuing to work with you all. I have no doubt that term two will be as busy as this term has been. We will have some exciting opportunities and experiences for all our students and I hope as many of the Waimataitai whanau as possible can join with us to make term two as successful as this term has been.

### Building renovations will be complete for the start of term two.

Thankfully the work on renovations for our middle school Classes is progressing well. We expect students who have been impacted will be back in their appropriate rooms and library facilities will be available for classes to visit and borrow books from again. Teachers will be able to access these classrooms from the last days of this term.

The next round of building renovations will occur later this year at the earliest. We still have three classrooms that require upgrading to get them to an acceptable standard. The Board are currently considering other projects that we can get underway from the latter part of this year also. A list of these projects will be available for our community to view in the next two months.



The PTA have recently sponsored a new basketball hoop for the senior

students. This will live in the hall when not in use but will be moved to the playground every day. The PTA also provided funding for the Rotonui syndicate to purchase tough trays and stand for students to use during discovery time. Teachers and students from Moana and Rotonui teams would like to thank the PTA for their generosity.

### 'HERO' - New Student Management System

Waimataitai school is introducing a new Student management system at the end of this term. This is called HERO and will go live online on the first day of term two. There will be opportunities for parents to come into school and learn how to access their children's achievement and progress information as well as learning how to use the many improved facilities we will have access to. (See over for more information).

### Jump Jam in Term Two

The very exciting Jump Jam season is upon us again. I have been watching students audition for places in the four teams Waimataitai will put into the competitions next term. I will thank the teachers and parents who get involved in this aspect of Waimataitai school life in advance. From experience I know how much work goes into these preparations to get a group of students ready to perform in front of a large audience.

### Recent Illness at Waimataitai

Over the last three weeks some Waimataitai students have been unfortunate to have had a very unpleasant bug. This has resulted in symptoms of vomiting and diarrhoea. My sympathies go out to anyone who has had this condition and I know it will have been unpleasant. It looks like we have turned the corner with fewer students absent in the last week or so. I am sure that a good break over the end of the term will see the bug off the premises.

### House Points

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

*Enjoy time with your whanau during the holidays.*

Jonathan Young, Principal

# Hero the New Student Management System



The programme comes with an APP that can be downloaded.  
HERO is a one stop shop for school communications. The school can:

1. Receive information about attendance from parents
2. Teachers are able to prepare reports about their child's achievement and share these with parents
3. In class goal setting and reviewing progress for these
4. School notices will come home via HERO
5. We may ask you to take part in a survey using HERO
6. The school Calendar will be visible on HERO
7. The answers to all your questions about school events will be there also.

We will be rolling out the first of these activities early in term two. Others will follow soon afterward, and our intention is that we will be utilising the programme to its potential within a couple of years. I anticipate that there will be several opportunities for parents to have some training about HERO.

## HOT LUNCH TUESDAY

We need help from you to make this happen!!!  
If we don't get help it will NOT happen.

Tuesday mornings 9am-12pm during terms 2 & 3. Requires 1-2 people.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, if you can help please let your teacher or the office know.

## St Johns Appeal Fundraising by the School Council

Thank you very much to all our students and their whanau who contributed to the St John's appeal last week. Students wore their choice of clothes for a gold coin donation last Friday and they managed to raise for this very good cause, a whopping

**\$701.70**

At the end of term two the School Council will hold another fundraising non uniform day. This time to help the new playground development in the Bay. Before the end of the year they will also support an international and a local event as part of their service.

## CHEESE ROLLS - ORDERS CLOSE THIS FRIDAY (16<sup>TH</sup>) (there will be no late orders after 3.00pm)

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May cheese rolls will be being made in the school hall. Please come along and support this very worth-while fund raising event. Your children will benefit from funds raised and there will be **regular prize draws** for the people who are helping throughout the day.

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May : 2-6 pm.

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May : 9am. til when we are finished

Bring your own aprons please

Also, please use the **hand sanitiser and QR codes** that will be in the entrances.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR



## WAI SPORT



### South Canterbury Swimming

This was held just before Easter and all the children did great against some tough competition. The students that attended did the school proud, well done all. Special mention to **Brooke Thompson**, who had placings in 6 of her races, well done.

**Netball - Years 5 - 8** - Teams have all been decided and emails have gone out to all registered players. Please check your inboxes, any questions please contact Sarah via email [slg016@waimataitai.school.nz](mailto:slg016@waimataitai.school.nz) 😊

## Congratulations Fox House

You were the winners of the house competition for Term 1.

Your reward is wheels, playground or balls on the field.  
Friday 16 April at 2pm.

## DICTIONARIES DONATED BY ROTARY



On Thursday 8 April, Harley Smithson from Timaru North Rotary Club came to Waimataitai School to deliver 62 dictionaries to students in Rooms 20, 21 and 23. For the past 11 years the Rotary Club have been

giving every Year 4 student in the district their very own illustrated dictionary. They do a great job in the community and overseas. They strongly believe in supporting young students with their reading and literacy skills. THANK YOU so much to Rotary for their commitment to our tamariki. It is very much appreciated.

## HOUSE POINTS - Term 1, Week 9/10

