



# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

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## 2021 Term Dates

Term 2 Mon 3 May - Fri 9 July

Term 3 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct

Term 4 Mon 18 - Wed 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.

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Website at

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## 2nd HAND UNIFORM NEW SHOP HOURS

By agreed appointment time

And

WEDNESDAYS

2.50pm - 3.15pm

## NEW UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP

Open each morning

8.30am - 9.00am

**PLEASE NAME ALL  
UNIFORM**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Civil Defence Event This Week. Communication is the key

I would like to express my thanks to whanau for managing to quickly adapt to the changing school circumstances on Monday. After receiving Civil Defence warnings that schools should shut late on Sunday we were able to get notices through in time for everyone to keep their children at home. Students were able to take part in home learning that was prepared and placed on-line for them.

This did not appear to create the same problems we experienced last year when home learning was a new phenomenon. Students are more accustomed to making decisions around their own learning and the choices they have in what they learn.

Part of the reason for your flexibility in being ready for Monday is that communication flows more smoothly to homes and whanau. We have the new HERO system that was introduced this term and the well-used classroom facebook pages that we use to let you know what is happening.

The HERO app is becoming a much more suitable method for families and whanau to get information from school. As the year moves forward there will be more and more information sent to you along with your child's progress and achievement data. If you are not yet using the school HERO APP I would encourage you to download this and familiarise yourselves please. If you are unable to manage the download or to negotiate the system, please come along to school and the administration staff in the office will be happy to help you.

### Change of Venues and Times for Cross Country

The Council has informed us that we are unable to use the council grounds for the middle and senior cross country this week. This message has meant that the event is in jeopardy this year as the South Canterbury cross country is looming in the very busy horizon already. We are in the process of rearranging the event to be held here at school on Friday. A course will be set up to accommodate the runners and test their last few week's training and cross country preparation. Please look out for information relating to this event. We apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause but hope many of you will come along to support your children.

### Jump Jam

Dress rehearsals this Thursday and main event next week.

### Morning tea with the Principal

I am really enjoying Monday morning tea with our successful Wai Learner students. Each Monday teachers across one team select students to visit with me who are showing outstanding Wai learner attributes. These are Motivation, Curiosity, Team Player, Respect and Reflection. This is a great way to celebrate the achievements of students who are trying very hard. These are not necessarily the most successful academic students. They are the ones who teachers reflect on as being the students who are always doing the right things, even if no one is watching them.

Jonathan Young, Principal

## Coming up .....

4 June - Cross Country : Awa, Hawai & Moana  
8 June - Cross Country : Roto-iti & Roto-nui  
**25 June - Teacher Only Day - No school**  
2 July - Matariki & Non Uniform Day

## Matariki Celebration

On **2 July** we will celebrate Matariki the Maori New Year. Over this term teams have begun working on this theme. Classes are learning about the star pattern that signifies the start of the Maori New Year. They are also finding out about the traditions associated with Matariki.

We are going to have an assembly for the whole school on **2 July** where we will show case the learning we have undertaken this term. Parents will be able to see some very special artwork that will be displayed in the hall. The kapahaka teams both senior and junior will perform for the whole school.

## Student Council

The student council have decided to hold a non-uniform day on 2 July to combine with the Matariki celebration. Students are asked to bring along a **gold coin donation**. This will allow them to be part of a school wide donation to the new Cplay playground that is going to take place in the Bay soon. It is very appropriate to have food at the Matariki celebration. The PTA will supply sausages for students and we have booked the Toyota trailer BBQ to manage the preparation of this food.

## Parent help required please

We require adults to help cook and distribute the sausages. Can you please think about your availability to help with food at Matariki on 2 July. We will need several adults to help for about two hours between 9:30-11:30am please.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Years 1 – 4 Netball

All students that had shown an interest in playing netball in years 1 to 4 have now been emailed. Please complete the relevant google form for registration, spare copies can be found at the office. Deadline for completion is **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**.

### Years 5 – 8 Cross Country

With the huge amount of rainfall over the weekend, unfortunately we are unable to use Ashbury Park, instead a course has been created at school and races will start from **11am this Friday**. Thanks for your understanding. 😊

## Spread the Word .....

# HERO



Have you joined the app HERO?  
If not we suggest you do as this is how you will find out about upcoming events, notices and see your child's learning goal. Your child's learning goal will be loaded within the next week. If you need help to login please let me know.



Our kura is collecting bread tags for recycling in NZ, to fund wheelchairs in South Africa. Please bring any to school and place them in the jar at the office foyer.

Thanks from the Waimataitai School Kaitiakitanga team.

## Waimataitai Brass Band

Band cups to be returned to school please. Solos are the **9 June** so cups are required before then.



## Relief Teachers Desperately Needed...

Unfortunately the pool of relieving teachers at Waimataitai School is lower than we would like and very rarely we need to place students in other classrooms to cover sick teachers. If you are aware of any teachers who would like to be on our relievers list, please ask them to contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with Nikola Vincent.



## Lucky Book Club

Issue No. 4

Orders Close Friday, 18 June



## Rippa Rugby Challenge

Recently two teams of Hawaii students competed in the South Canterbury Rippa Rugby Tournament. They played 4 games against teams from schools around the area. Both teams played really well and finished the day with a mix of wins and losses.



## Poem for the week .....

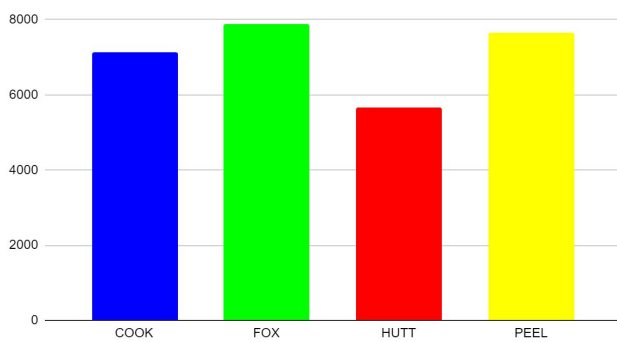
*Wonderland*

Welcome to Wonderland, we have it all.  
 Petions and pansies that make you go small,  
 Spaceships and UFOs, up in the sky,  
 Pigs and piglets, flying quite high,  
 Top dancing butterflies with tiny top hats,  
 A small little hut, with only cats,  
 Magical little caterpillars, growing some crops,  
 Weird small creatures, dancing nonstop,  
 Pirates and fairies, getting along,  
 tiny wee puppies, singing a song,  
 Magical birds, chirping in trees,  
 Pretty wee mermaids, trying to please,  
 Cupcakes and pastries, ready to eat,  
 If you are kind, you might get a treat,  
 Glowing big mushrooms with crystals hanging low,  
 Just be careful of the thick snow,  
 This is all Wonderland, would you care to join?  
 It's all free, you don't need a coin,  
 Just use your imagination, Wonderland is there,  
 Waiting for you, with a stuffed bear.

*Mackenzie Donaldson*

## House Points - Congratulations Fox

Week 3 & 4 HOUSE RESULTS



## Teacher Only Day

**Friday, 25 June**

Waimataitai skids is open teacher only day.  
 Open at 7am  
 Breakfast supplied between 7am and 8.30 am

For bookings contact Kim MacDonald, Director  
 ph: 027 6011 247 or [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz)

MSD approved programme.  
 Winz Subsidy may also apply.