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2021 Terms dates

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
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2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

WEDNESDAYS
2.50pm – 3.15pm
In Health Centre (by office)
OR
By agreed appointment
(Please book a time with Jo
ph: 021 444 903)

NEW UNIFORM &
STATIONERY SHOP
OPEN
EACH MORNING
8.30 – 9am
IN TEACHER AIDE
ROOM

PLEASE NAME ALL
UNIFORM

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 11 – 30 June 2021

Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Covid and Precautions Approach

Wellington being forced into level two has reminded us all about the presence of the coronavirus. Minister of Health, Mr Hipkins has reinforced for us all, that the virus will be with us for a long time and if we become complacent it has the potential to put us back into lockdown. Can I remind Parents that when you arrive at school, please use the *contact tracing* facilities and **scan the QR code** that is on most of the school doors.

Attendance

The middle of winter is a time when teachers notice student attendance has slipped a little. The HERO App has the ability to let parents check how attendance is tracking. This is a tricky subject because we don't want sick children at school. However, we know that if children get into a habit of poor attendance, this can have a detrimental effect of student academic performance.

Planning Days for Teachers

Last week teachers took part in major planning sessions that will shape teaching and learning for the next term. All classes will be focusing on the new histories curriculum next term. The new curriculum area has been developed by the Ministry of Education. Teachers will be introducing students to aspects of local history that have not been taught before.

Wai Learner Assembly - 9 July

9.45 – 10.30am (Note: change of time)

On Friday we have our term two Wai Learner assembly. This will start at **9.45am**. This special assembly celebrates the dedication that our students have applied to their learning this term. Wai learners are students who apply the school values to their learning – these are being *motivated, team players, curious, respectful and reflective*. Every day teachers are on the lookout for students who are living by these values. There is a lot of teaching that goes on in classes to teach and reinforce this idea. Congratulations to those students who have been chosen for their outstanding use of the school values. You are great role models and true Wai learners.

Matariki Celebration this Week

On **Friday (2nd)** we will all be celebrating the Maori New Year. Matariki for Waimataitai has been going on all term. Classes have been learning about the significance of Matariki for Maori culture. There are some amazing art constructions in the hall that classes have assembled.

Local experts from Te Ana Cultural Centre are coming to school on Friday to work with a group of children from all over the school. They will be teaching about Matariki with practical activities for our students.

Parents and Whanau are invited to come along to a **special assembly** on Friday afternoon. Students will perform Kapahaka and show off the work they have been doing this term. Please come along at **2:30pm** on Friday if you wish to see what our students have been doing this term.

On the same day students will be arriving at school in their **non-uniform** clothes to raise money for the new CPlay playground in the bay. This is one of the Student Council initiatives that are being organised this year. Each term the council will be organising an event to support a group or cause. Please send your child along with a **gold coin** to support this fund-raising idea. There will also be a **sausage sizzle** available.



Jonathan Young, Principal

Coming Up

Friday, 2 July

- Matariki Assembly – 2.30pm
- Non Uniform day – gold coin donation
- Sausage Sizzle – cost \$1.00

Friday, 9 July

- Wai Learner Assembly – 9.45am

Paid Union Meeting

Tomorrow teachers will be meeting in two Paid Union Meeting sessions during the day at Waimataitai school. All teachers from South Canterbury will attend at either one of the meetings. The reason for two meetings is that schools will remain open for instruction and classes will be managed so that all teachers can attend.

Students are to attend school on this day.

Pacifica Day

A very enthusiastic group of our students attended the Pacifica Day at Timaru South School on Friday. They performed for a packed school hall, dressed in their Waimataitai Pacifica costumes. The student performance was wonderful. Thanks Mrs Davidson for your organization 😊

Malia Amoto has been a great help getting the group to learn a special kapahaka routine. During the rest of the day students from many South Canterbury schools mingled and played together. Parents brought their cooking skills along and prepared a range of foods from the Pacific for students and the many adults who gathered to be part of this programme.

Selwyn Street Crossing

We have had concerns raised with the school about parents and students using the Selwyn Street crossing in an unsafe manner during peak traffic times.

Please **avoid using this crossing** to approach and leave school. Traffic congestion makes this a difficult crossing to use safely.

HERO

Real Time Reporting

By the end of the term you will have received a HERO notification advising you of a **maths comment** and a **progression graph** showing where your child is at, with regards to our school expectations.

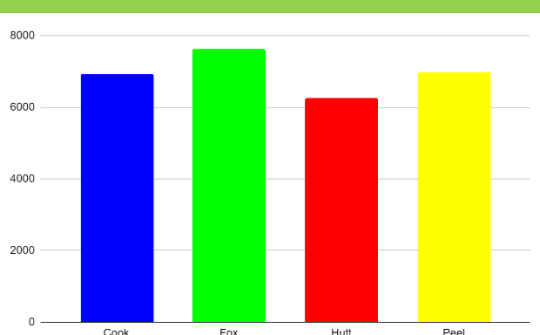
NEW

LUNCH OPTION STARTING TERM 3 LUNCHTIME NZ LTD

In addition to our existing lunch options, food will be available to order via ONLINE for delivery on MONDAYS

- Yummy healthy food options
- View menu and prices on facebook - Type in "Lunchtime"
- Orders will be delivered to the office for collection before school starts

HOUSE POINTS – Week 7 & 8 Congratulations FOX !!



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WAI SPORTS NEWS

South Canterbury Cross Country

A very cold and damp day out at Waihi School, attending this year's SC Cross Country event last Wednesday, but the children did the school proud with their amazing behaviour the whole day. Special mention to our Year 6 girls team that placed **2nd overall (Danni Foster, Ayla Pow and Saphia Scarlett)** and Year 7 boys team that placed **3rd overall (Corbin Brown, Koby Jackson and Keanu Reiri)**. Could I also take this opportunity to thank the parents who helped transport the children to and from the event and their help during the day. We couldn't have done this without you all 😊

Years 1-4 Netball

Teams are now being finalised and registered through Netball SC, therefore we are unable to take any more players for this year. Thank you.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with their service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email the

Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru
- Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui,
- Burnside Clinic, 96A Memorial Avenue, Burnside

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please call 0800 846 983 or email comm.dental@edhb.health.nz

