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### 2021 Terms dates

**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)



### 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 )

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

**PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM**

at school as soon as it is safe to do this..

# WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

Newsletter No 14 – 25 August 2021

*Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora*

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### COVID-19 – LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN

Last week we all had an idea of the things we needed to do this week until we got to Tuesday night. Lockdown has put the brakes on several things we were planning to roll out. Two class trips to the Museum and Library have been put off at this stage. I hope they are only postponements, but teachers will be seeing how busy schedules could be adapted to fit classes in again. Several meetings to help whanau and students have been put on hold also. Other events, like the sending out of information about the Rock On Programme will be delayed.

We have been in regular contact with the Ministry of Education during this time. The information provided has enabled us to keep things simple and successful. Teachers have been able to get learning materials out to students, devices have been handed out where needed and we have been monitoring the well-being of students and whanau.

We are advised that even though we might be on top of this outbreak, there is a strong likelihood that there will be other times when we might need to lockdown again. The following diagrams are a quick aid to what we should all be doing in these challenging times. They also give us a guide to assess if we need to be tested for COVID-19.



Stay in your bubble



Wear a mask around others



Wash your hands



Scan and make notes of where you've been



Get a test if you've got symptoms

### POTENTIAL SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



BODY ACHES/  
SORE MUSCLES



LOSS OF  
SMELL



FATIGUE



RUNNY  
NOSE



BREATH-  
LESSNESS



HEADACHE



SORE  
THROAT



SNEEZE



FEVER



DIARRHOEA



CHILLS



DRY  
COUGH

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/science/18-08-2021/siouxsie-wiles-toby-morris-delta-makes-this-a-new-kind-of-challenge-but-we-can-smash-it-again/>

The link above gives some information about why we are in lockdown and how we might respond.

The Waimataitai School Board, teachers and staff are all looking forward to seeing our students back at school as soon as it is safe to do this.

Jonathan Young, Principal

## Coming Up .... Pending ....

16 August – Hawai Skiing - **POSTPONED**  
16, 18, 19 August – Roto Animal Control Visit **CANCELLED**  
17 & 18 August - Awa Te Ana/Museum Trip  
**POSTPONED? (To Be Confirmed if poss.)**

20 August – House Sing-off **POSTPONED**  
23 August – Hawai Swimming starts **CANCELLED**  
26 August – Awa Tekapo Trip – **CANCELLED**  
26 August – Moana Science Fair – **POSTPONED**  
27 August – Student Learning Conference **POSTPONED**

## Student Led Conferences

### POSTPONED

Student led conferences are postponed. As soon as we are able to plan for the next few weeks, we will let you know the postponement date for the Student Led Conferences. In the meantime, they are not going ahead this Friday as scheduled. You will still be able to find updates about what your child is learning and how they are performing in their class.

## FLAVA

### has been **cancelled** this year

We are very saddened to report that the Kaphaka highlight for the year, the South Canterbury schools Kaphaka competitions are cancelled. The organising committee felt it was too close to the competitions and there is too much uncertainty about when we might all be back in schools, to allow the event to take place.

Our practices will continue for the rest of this year with all our kaphaka students. Our focus now will be on continuing to learn our performance routine and performing for the end of year assemblies and the visits that take place to rest homes.



## Awa Trip to Tekapo



Awa are going to Tekapo for skating, tubing and a soak in the hot pools.

Date: Thursday 2nd Sept

Arrive at school at 7:30am. Depart: 4:30pm

NO cost for students as they are covered by the school donation scheme.

ALL students will be able to come (in cars). There is room for parent helpers to come on the buses too.

You will be asked to complete a Google form to give permission for your child to take part. Please email us to let us know if you would like to come along as a parent helper.

**CANCELLED**

## cancelling Skate Trips for Middle School

I am also sorry to report that the skating trips planned during the next weeks have also been cancelled. The venues will not be able to take large groups of children until we return to alert level one and this seems unlikely in time for the trips taking place over the next two weeks.



RSVP  
TO THE OFFICE BY  
FRIDAY 3 SEPT

WE INVITE ALL OUR MAORI AND PASIFIKA  
WHANAU TO JOIN US TO CONNECT AND  
ENJOY HAVING...

## "BREAKFAST ON US"

THURSDAY 9 SEPT 7:45AM - 8:30AM

IN THE STAFFROOM

## SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

### are **closed** to the public

Please be aware that we are unable to access the school for reasons other than preparing learning materials for students. The Ministry have warned us to make sure our communities are updated that school grounds and playgrounds are not to be visited by the public. We have always tried to keep the school open to the public and we look forward to letting you know when you are again able to access the school as you have in the past.

## PB4L

Last week John Taylor from the Ministry of Education sat with us as we reviewed our current performance with Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). John spoke with teachers and students to find out if we are living the values and doing what we say we are doing with respect to behaviour management at Waimataitai School. The PB4L team then worked through the evaluation that all schools use to judge areas of strengths and weaknesses.

Waimataitai teachers and leadership team scored 96.7% across the evaluation. Because of the structure of the check-up this means that we are only one area away from achieving 100%. Not many schools are able to achieve 100% and sustain that over long periods of time. This is because as teachers move in and out of the school, they take knowledge with them and sometimes bring less knowledge about PB4L. It is the responsibility of those who remain, to train new teachers and teacher aides in the programme.

One of the main purposes of the evaluation is to provide areas that we are not yet having success with to work on. The area we will work on relates to consultation about the PB4L programme with our community. We need to ask the community to provide input into essential features like school-wide values, expected behaviours and acknowledgement of appropriate behaviour.

We are looking forward to meeting with our Maori and Pacifica Whanau on the 9th September when we will provide parakuihi/breakfast for you. At this time, we will be asking you to tell us what you value that we are doing, what your aspirations are for your children and how we can do better at providing this. We will also ask you about the way we acknowledge your children when they do the right things and behave appropriately at school.