



TERM 4 – Week 1

School Staff are now Mandated to become Vaccinated

Initial information from the Ministries of Health and Education is mandating that all staff in schools will be vaccinated for COVID 19 by the first school day in 2022. As details are sent to us, we will be able to plan to comply. In the meantime, I am happy to be able to inform the Waimataitai school community that we have very high rates of vaccinations already amongst staff.

COVID 19 information for Term Four

1. Adults conducting student pick-ups and drop-offs at level two
This should occur in an outdoor environment where face coverings must be worn and physical distancing measures retained.
2. Face coverings on school transport in Alert Level 2
12 year old students and older are required to wear masks on public transport or buses hired to take them to technology at T-tech. on Wednesdays.

Five Ways to Wellbeing Challenge

Each student will be given a booklet to guide their 5 ways to wellbeing challenge for this term. WAVE are providing prizes that will be drawn every Friday for children who are completing the challenge successfully. Good luck everyone with this great term four challenge.

Active Transport

During this term teachers will begin to talk to students about how they come to school and return home at the end of the school day. In the past Waimataitai has had very successful physical activity programmes for children to get to school. We hope this term we can recreate this success by introducing walking, scootering, skateboarding, biking, 'drop-and-walk' to school or any other physically active means of getting to and from school.

Year 8 Students' Secondary School Enrolments for 2022

If you have a child in year 8 and you have yet to enrol your child in secondary school, this is a gentle reminder to consider doing this please.

ROCKON Begins Again This Term

After the disruption caused by the COVID restrictions last term we decided to put on hold the ROCKON process at Waimataitai. Now that we have been back in level two for the last part of term three, we will resume this programme. ROCKON involves the Police, Orange Tamariki, Public Health Nurse, the Ministry of Education Attendance service, and school staff working together to raise the rate of attendance for students at Waimataitai.

Why are we doing this? The evidence is very clear that when students attend school for 100% of the available times the school is open, the outcomes they can expect for their future are much better.

The agencies involved come together to find ways to help families raise the levels of attendance for their children. The outcomes of the programme and efforts of the team are always focused on children and raising attendance.

Student Led Learning Conferences and Real Time Reporting

On the first Friday of term four parents are invited to come to school to find out how their children are progressing and achieving this year. Normally these conferences would have been held toward the end of term three so that any goals that are recognised can be put in place and focused on until the end of the year. Due to the COVID restrictions we delayed the conferences until this week.

Students will lead the conference and teachers will support. You will be provided with a reporting sheet that is used during the conference. This contains a written record of your child's progress so far this year.

Accompanying the conference is the real time reporting facility that we have on the HERO app. Over the last two terms you will have seen a series of posts highlighting your child's progress in particular curriculum areas. These are to be used together with the conference to give you an up-to-date picture of your child's performance this year so far. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

This is a conference designed to share academic progress with you. If you have other concerns, please let your child's teacher know about these before or after the conference so that sufficient time can be allocated to hearing these and addressing them properly.

If you don't have access to the HERO app yet, please talk to Jill or Sarah in the office about getting connected.

Instructions to book a time for the Student Led Learning Conference is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Bullying Prevention

The first PB4L programme for term four is **Niceness is Priceless**. This is a series of lessons for students from the whole school to learn about bullying prevention. The first important concept to grasp is “what is bullying?”

Whether bullying is physical, verbal, or social (relational), **four widely-accepted factors** can be used to identify it:

- **Bullying is deliberate** - harming another person intentionally
- **Bullying involves a misuse of power** in a relationship
- **Bullying is usually not a one-off** - it is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time
- **Bullying involves behaviour that can cause harm** - it is not a normal part of growing up

Bullying can happen anywhere, in person or online (cyberbullying), at any time and can be verbal, physical or social (relational). It can be obvious or hidden. Kids who bully use their power — such as physical strength, knowing something embarrassing, or popularity — to control or harm others. Bullying is when one student (or a group of students) keeps picking on another student again and again to make them feel bad. They say or do things to upset them, make fun of them, stop them from joining in, or keep hitting or punching them.

Bullying is a word often used to describe behaviour that is **not actually bullying** — not all verbal or physical aggression is bullying. For example:

- a one-off fight or argument, or difference of opinion between friends where there is no power imbalance and they can sort it out between themselves
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation, or violence
- using sexist or racist terms but doesn't mean to cause harm
- theft: taking someone else's things once is theft, but not necessarily bullying

These other behaviours may be just as upsetting and serious, but may need to be dealt with in a different way. This diagram shows the typical elements of teasing/hassling, aggression, and bullying.

Looking at the interaction...	Hassling / teasing	Fighting / aggression	Bullying
Does it go both ways?	Usually both students are hassling each other	Not usually – one tends to initiate it	No, one student is targeting the other
Does it look like they're having fun?	Usually takes place between students who are familiar with, and like each other	No, one is the aggressor	No, one person is in distress
Is it well-meaning?	Yes, it's mostly good natured hassling	Not usually – it is often intentional, but can also be an involuntary reaction to something	No, one student is deliberately harming the other
Is it a one-off?	No, it's usually ongoing, because the students hang out together regularly.	Often a single incident	No, it happens repeatedly over time
Is it between equals?	Yes	Possibly	No, there is a definite power imbalance

Having a shared understanding of bullying is important so that everyone - students, teachers, school leaders, whānau and wider community - can consistently recognise and deal with bullying when it happens.

Student Learning Conferences

Friday, 22 October 2021

NO SCHOOL

Student Led Learning Conferences are an opportunity for you and your child and their teacher to meet and look at ways we can work together to achieve shared goals for your child's learning. Children are supported to lead these conferences.

To make a time

STEP 1 Google www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code

STEP 2 Enter in the code 'd5urq'

STEP 3 Type in your email address (this is so a confirmation of your interview booking can be sent back to you), your name, then your child's name (if you have more than one child at school click on 'add another student' and Student's Name' lines appear. Press GO

STEP 4 Choose your child's teacher from the drop down list. Press GO

STEP 5 Choose the times you would like to see each teacher then press GO.

The time you have booked for each student will appear. Once you have finished press "Finished" then an email will be sent to confirm your parent interview booking.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE:
THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER**

Non Uniform Day

28th October
gold coin donation



Our annual Talent Quest final will be on **Friday, 12th November**.

In the past students have participated in the areas of dance, drama, music (singing, instrumental, band), poetry, gymnastics, magic, and stand up comedy.

Students will have information from their teacher about what is required at each learning team level.

There will be a time limit for each performance of 2 minutes.

Students will need to organise their rehearsals out of school.

Suggested timeline for learning teams for Term 4:

- End of week 2 finalists from each class selected and put through for LT finals
- End of week 3 finalists for each learning team selected
- Week 4 - The finals on Friday, 12th November

Students are encouraged to put their talents on show. If you know your child is talented in performance, have a chat with them about putting on a presentation for this. At this stage it is uncertain that we can invite parents to come and see these performances, but we will let you know as soon as possible if we hear that we can do this.

A poster for "Musical performances" at Waimataitai Cultural Evening. It features a treble clef, musical notes, and a colorful geometric pattern. The text reads: "Musical performances", "11th November WAIMATAITAI CULTURAL POSTPONED Evening UNTIL 2022 5PM - 7PM", "11th November RAIN OR SHINE Food stalls", and "Contact Hayley for more info on a food stall phone/text Hayley on 021705118".

HERO REPORTS

Please keep checking your Hero account. Your child's teacher puts regular post up during the term to keep you updated on their progress.

This is your child's formal report for 2021. If you are having problems accessing the Hero app please contact me - jjh041@waimataitai.school.nz



Waimataitai School
Striving for Excellence

Old toys wanted!

Our Year 8 students are working towards their Mini Fair, being held on Friday 29 October, as a fundraiser for their Year 8 leavers dinner later in the year.

As part of this, we'd love any donations of old toys and books for kids to buy during the mini fair.

Anything that is donated can be sent to the Office, Room 13 or Room 14 BY **WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER**.

Thanks for all your help,
Year 8 teachers and students



Musicville and Waimataitai student performers



On the 4th-13th November the production 'Musicville' comes to the stage. Waimataitai is very proud to report that we have three students involved in this production. They are **Imogen Young**, **Parker Anderson** and **Ella Phaff**.

We would like to congratulate our students on winning roles in this drama and wish them all the best in the performances in November.

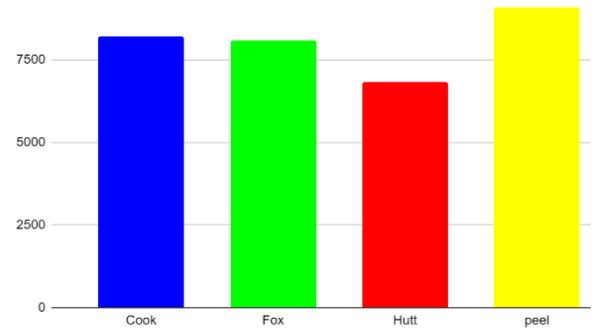
Peel House rescheduled

You were the winners of the house competition for Term 3.

Your reward is wheels, playgrounds, or balls on the fields.

Thursday 21 October, at 11am.

If you scooter, skate or bike you must wear a helmet. You may like to bring toys to use in the sandpits.

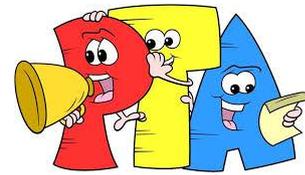


Friendly Reminder

ECO FUNDRAISER

Forms will be collected from school on Tuesday 26th Oct. Allowing a few extra days due to the long weekend.

The PTA thank you for your support



TEA TOWEL ORDERS

Tea towel orders will be out to whanau asap and they will need to be returned quickly so that the tea towels can be handed out before the end of the year. This is a note to let parents know that if they want to order tea towels with their child's face on it they will have the chance this week. Order forms will go home with the eldest child of each family today.

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL PTA

Can you help?

We are asking for donations for raffles at our Quiz Night on Wed 3rd Nov. Chocolate, Toiletries, Vouchers, Baking, any item suitable for a prize would be greatly appreciated.

Items can be taken to your child's class or the office. Baking can be bought on the day or with you in the evening.
Thank You

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL PTA

QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 3RD NOV	SAIL & ANCHOR 51 SOPHIA STREET
at 7:00 PM	\$10 PER PERSON 4-5 PER TEAM RAFFLES ON THE NIGHT

REGISTER YOUR TEAM ASAP!
LIMITED SPACE



Waimataitai School



2021 Term 4

Term 4		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
wk						
1	Oct	18 Hawai Swimming	19 Hawai Swimming	20 Hawai Swimming	21 Hawai Swimming	22 SCHOOL CLOSED Student Led Conferences
2	Oct	25 Labour Day School Closed	26	27 10s rugby tourn	28 Shake Out 9.30am	29 Minifair / Tug of War
3	Nov	1 BOT	2	3 Rotonui Bay trip	4	5
4	Nov	8 School Athletics	9	10	11	12 School Athletics pp Talent quest
5	Nov	15 Moana Yachting and Kayaking week	16	17 Rotonui Bay trip PP	18	19
6	Nov	22	23 Rotoiti /Nui Athletics	24	25 Rotoiti /Nui Athletics PP	26
7	Nov/ Dec	29	30 South Canterbury Athletics	1 Helpers thank you afternoon tea	2 Awa Celebration - Day at Bay <i>SC Athletics (postponement)</i>	3 SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day - Planning Day
8	Dec	6 Hawai Celebration Caroline Bay day 2022 classes sent home	7 Iti ½ Day at Bay Year 8 dinner	8 BOT	9 Celebration Assemblies 9.30am-10-30am/ Moana and Hawai 11-12 Rotoiti and Rotonui 12.30-1.30pm Awa	10 Moana BDO to bay
9	Dec	13 PP Hawai Celebration	14 Final assembly 1.30pm Awa, Hawai, Moana	15 12pm finish Last day		

2022 Term Dates:

Term 1: 1 Feb -14th April
 Term 2: 2nd May - 8th July
 Term 3: 25th July -30th Sept
 Term 4: 17th Oct - 15th Dec

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

LUNCH OPTIONS



LUNCHTIME NZ LTD MONDAYS

- Order and pay via **ONLINE ONLY**
- View menu and prices on facebook - Type in "Lunchtime"
- Orders will be delivered to the office for collection before school starts

SUBWAY

AVAILABLE WEDNESDAYS

(Complete order on printed paper bag at Lunch Order Table)

6-inch sandwich, apple and cookie	\$5.00
12-inch sandwich, apple and cookie	\$9.00

Choice of white or wheatmeal
up to 4 salad ingredients
up to 2 dressings
beef, turkey or ham



SPUD SUPREME

AVAILABLE THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS

(Complete order on printed white paper bag at Lunch Order table)

Baked spuds served with butter and topped with 2 fillings of your c
(No butter if preferred) **PRICE \$5.00**



Extra Fillings **\$1.00** each

Fillings:



Savoury mince
Pineapple
Savoury Tomato
Mushrooms
Chilli Beans

Onions
Spaghetti
Coleslaw
Bacon

Cheese
Baked beans
Sour Cream
Creamed Corn

NACHOS - \$5.00

(remember to write 'nachos' on the order bag)

Nachos with cheese, sour cream and sweet chilli sauce or
your choice of two fillings.