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2021 Terms dates

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct – Wed, 15 Dec

2022 Term dates

Term 1: Tues, 1 Feb – Thurs, 14 Apr

Term 2: Mon, 2 May – Fri, 8 Jul

Term 3: Mon, 25 Jul – Fri, 30 Sept

Term 4: Mon, 17 Oct – Thurs, 15 Dec

To keep up with information:

Download the HERO app and join your child's Class Facebook Page

Also, you can view the newsletter on our Website at :

www.waimataitai.school.nz



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**

Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora

Five Ways to Wellbeing

Congratulations to the winners of last Friday's draw for the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. This prize draw is for students who have completed activities that promote their own and others' wellbeing. These hard workers may have had multiple entries depending on how hard they have worked. They are obviously living the Wai learner values and demonstrating how proud they are to be Waimataitai students. Thank you.

Jahziah R2, Braxton R7, Lily Rose R22, Hamish R6, Hailie Jade R15, Momo R20, Camron R22, TJ R13, Asha R14, Leah R3, Medi R5, Sacha, R17

COVID 19 Requirements

Reminder about how to observe health requirements when visiting the school. From 15th November visitors or volunteers who regularly come into school and have contact with the students must have had their first vaccine. By 1st January you must have had your second vaccine. We are instructed by the Ministries of Health and Education to only allow adults who have been vaccinated, to be able to be in contact with students while at school, after the 1st of January.

We have been instructed through the recent health order to insist that parents who visit the school must wear a face covering, social distance and sign in when entering. If you have any symptoms you must not come into school until you have had a negative COVID test or you have had medical clearance to return please.

Waimataitai School Zone

Last week we held the ballot to decide if we would allow enrolments from out of zone pupils. The school has strict criteria for allocating spaces to these students. We are less likely to allow out of zone enrolments now, than we have been in the past. Thank you to all the whanau who entered the ballot. Congratulations to those few who were successful. We look forward to welcoming you to Waimataitai School.

School Magazine

The school magazine is in the final stages of being gathered together and published. Thank you to the people who have offered to be sponsors this year. Without your kind support we would be unable to print this year's version.

With new methods of communicating academic performance through HERO that is archived and available for many years, there is less of a need to reproduce information in this traditional way. This year we have experienced considerable difficulty finding sponsorship for the production of the magazine and we are facing a considerable cost to the school for the printing. I am also aware that most people communicate and gather their information through the use of technology and social media. There is a considerable amount of work to compiling the magazine at a very busy time of the year.

For these reasons, it is unlikely that we will continue to produce the magazine in the current form. I envisage the adoption of something less expensive as a transition to whanau eventually accessing the photos and materials through HERO or closed facebook class pages. There will be more information to come out on this.

Student Learning Conferences

Thank you to teachers, students, and whanau for getting involved in the Student Learning Conferences last week. We know that we have had approximately 90% of our Student Learning Conferences completed. There are still many families who expect to have a conference about their child's learning and we encourage these last few to occur. We know that when students are able to share their learning with others this makes the learning real for the student and encourages the students to be involved in their own learning. Every student should be able to share their learning with a significant family member. Thank you for taking the time to be there for your child.

Photos of Students

We are currently updating our files in HERO. Any parents who still require the school to prohibit the publishing of photos of their children on closed facebook pages or the newsletter, please contact the office to confirm these details ph: 684 5566.

Waimataitai School Athletics

On the 8th November we hope to be running the school athletics behind the Stadium. We are concerned for the teachers and students' sake that we manage this event in line with health orders and regulations. It is also a risk to hold events where there are large groups in case there is a positive case of COVID in the community. Even though the event is outside, we would be risking the health of all our students who are not vaccinated.

It is for these reasons that we are unable to allow parents to be on the athletics park to watch their children compete. There are a limited number of places for parents to help run the event. These parents will social distance, wear a mask and sign in on the day. The reason why we can allow a small number of parents to help is that we can manage them carefully on the day and they will be following the health guidelines.

I apologise in advance for the inconvenience and anxiety that not being able to watch the event will cause for some people. We are trying to maintain a normal routine where ever we can. It is important to give our students the opportunity to be with their friends and compete in athletics this year.



Grand Final
will be held on
Friday,
12 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.

Amato Family Benefit Concert Postponed

It is with regret that we report the Amato family benefit concert has been postponed until early next year. This concert will show case pacifika waiata and dance. I have heard that there are a couple of performing groups who might travel from Dunedin to entertain us as well. We are looking forward to hosting this event at Waimataitai and we will inform you of the new dates as soon as we are able to confirm these.



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Non Uniform Day last week, in order to help the Amato family at a time of need. Your generosity is overwhelming and very much appreciated.

Individual & Class Photos



What happens next ...

- 'Access Key Code' slips were sent home with each child yesterday.
- To view and/or order online go to www.photolife.co.nz and enter your child's 'Access Key Code'.
- For those people who *don't* have access to a computer, you can call into school and we will show you your photos and arrange for your payment (cash) to be posted.

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



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Lucky Book Club

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Orders close

Friday, 12th November



HOUSE POINTS

Term 4: Week 1&2
CONGRATULATIONS

