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### 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](http://www.waimataitai.school.nz)



### 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

If you wish to purchase Second Hand Uniform please arrange 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**

*Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora*

Nga mihi nui - Nau Mai Haere mai ki te Waimataitai panui

Greetings and welcome to the Waimataitai School newsletter for March

**Waimataitai Vision: Connected Willing and Able / Kei o ringaringa te ao (the world is in your hands):**

### Resilient - COVID 19

At the moment we have only a few cases of COVID in the school. The three student and one teacher cases returnED to school in the early part of this week. I am looking forward to welcoming others back to school next week. We are still preparing for more cases and it would be great if they happened in the same well managed and controlled way as they have so far. If they start happening at a greater rate we are still on track with our preparations and we will keep you informed when we need to make adjustments to our programme.

Remember to watch for symptoms from your children and get them tested if they appear. Household contacts are the only people that need to isolate now and only for 7 days provided there are no symptoms by day 8.

Please continue to let us know if your child has symptoms and the date of the positive test.

I am confident that school is as safe a place for your children as other places they frequent. There are several safety precautions that we are taking to reduce the risk of the spread of covid so I would like to reassure you that continuing to send your children to school is the best option.

If there is anything we can do to help you, please let us know.

The following website has a lot of very useful information about coping with COVID 19 for children.

<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/tags/covid-19>

### Curious - Waimataitai School Board Elections

September the 7th is the date that Board elections will take place this year. We have contracted Canterbury Education Services to manage the process for us this year. Our first task is to identify the Parents and the Staff electoral rolls which remain in place for the three year cycle. Nomination forms will be made available to whanau on the rolls. Candidates will be asked to write a short description of themselves. The school will be publishing these in Newsletters to help the community get to know the candidates. Voting forms will only be sent out if we have more than the required five parent reps or one staff rep and elections are required.

If you are interested in investigating a position on the Board please have a chat with an existing Board member.

### Respectful - Meet and Greet for New Families

As we get through this current Omicron stage I expect that we can begin to invite parents back into the school. We are looking forward to being able to invite our new families to come and discuss how things are going for them. This will probably be in the afternoon before you pick your children up. Watch this space for a date as we move through the year.

## Motivated – Big Field Project

The PTA are working hard to arrange for the work to begin on the big field project. Meetings are taking place to ensure that we have covered all the requirements for health and safety and planning. At this stage the end of the third term will see the development take place. We are sure that the two week holiday will be enough time to complete the work.

### Free Music Lessons – join the Waimataitai Band.

We would like to continue the tradition of having a band/orchestra at Waimataitai school. As soon as we are able to we would like to provide some music lessons and put instruments and students together into a school band. At this stage we are thinking the students would come from the 'block one' area of the school. This includes years 5-8. As we get the band playing we may revise this to other areas of the school. It is my vision that we have a group of students who not only play together for their own enjoyment, but they will play for other people's enjoyment also.

## Team Player – Food Bank Trolley

This week, as part of our drive to improve the connections we have with our community, we initiated our fruit and vegetable trolley. The Kaitiakitanga group led by Mr Pullar identified this as a goal for the year.

There is a lot of support for this concept. I am very grateful to the families who have brought along produce from their own gardens and orchards and placed these in the trolley. Students are regularly showing me what they have brought along to contribute. I am hoping if whanau bring something along to put in the trolley, they also take something with them.

I believe we are teaching our children how to be community minded and how to look out for others.

At this point of the season we have been getting lots of zucchini and pears in our fruit and vege exchange which we hope you have been using and enjoying. Feel free to drop off any items in the trolley which is stationed outside the driveway on Trafalgar Street. Zucchini are a great crop that produce lots of vegetables to enjoy. Here is a recipe from Kaitiakitanga member Danni Foster for a yummy way to use up excess zucchini.

Recipe from Kaitiakitanga group - **Zucchini Chocolate cake**

### Ingredients:

- 125g butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- ½ cup yoghurt
- ¼ cup cocoa
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon mixed spice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups (350g) grated zucchini
- ½ - 1 cup chocolate bits

### Method:

1. Prepare a 25cm square tin by lining with two crosswise strips of baking paper
2. Turn oven on to 170°C
3. Beat butter with the sugars until light and creamy. Do not hurry this step. Use food processor or mixer
4. Add the eggs one at a time, with a spoonful of the measured flour to prevent the mixture curdling
5. Add the vanilla and yoghurt and mix well
6. Sift the dry ingredients together
7. Partly combine with the egg mixture then add the grated zucchini. Do NOT overmix
8. Turn into the prepared tin, sprinkle top with chocolate bits

Bake at 170°C for 45 minutes, or until centre feels firm and a skewer comes out clean

## Reflective – School Camp at Living Springs

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that was involved with the Moana team camp. I think the teachers did a wonderful job of preparing for the camp. The parents that accompanied the school were very good at looking after everyone and keeping students engaged. I was also impressed with the camp organisation and the range of activities our students could get involved with.

The best outcome of course, is seeing how happy the students were through being on camp away from their normal routines. I really enjoyed meeting up with the campers for the day. It was great to see those students who really rise to the occasion when they go on camp. Seeing students who normally take time to get engaged, climbing to the top of the climbing trees or taking an active part in the archery tag was very satisfying.



### MOANA CAMP

*From March 2nd-4th Moana classes attended Living Springs Camp near Lyttelton. When we arrived we had the chance to settle in before taking off to our first activities - recreation and initiatives. On the second day the Year 8's did rogaie, which involved finding markers around camp as well as your team taking part in the bouldering wall climb, archery, and rifle shooting. We also went through the activity rotation, which was tree climbing, archery tag and adventure stream. On the bus home everyone fell asleep from being so tired from an amazing camp experience. Thank you to the parents and teachers for helping us out with everything!*

Annie Sargent, Year 8



### PTA UPDATE

The PTA have made the tough decision not to proceed with our annual Cheese Roll fundraiser this year - due to the uncertainty of the current covid situation. We are working on some other small fundraisers so keep an eye out!

Over the past 3 years, we have been slowly fundraising to improve the accessibility to the Big Field. We are super excited to announce that we are getting this underway later this year. Plans will be released very soon!

A \$500 donation was made on behalf of the PTA and Whanau to ex-student Whitney Murray who is currently in Starship Hospital undergoing treatment for Rheumatic Fever. We wish her well in her recovery and sending our love and thoughts to her family.

We are always looking for new members of the PTA, next meeting is 4 April, bring a friend!

### WAI SPORT

#### Year 7-8 Basketball

The season has now been rescheduled to start at the beginning of term 2, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. All those who had shown previous interest will be emailed with the new information. Anyone who is now wanting to play and hasn't received the information, please contact [slq016@waimataitai.school.nz](mailto:slq016@waimataitai.school.nz) 😊

#### Year 5-6 Netball

This will also "kick off" in term 2 and those students who have shown an interest in playing this year will have details sent out this week to their families. Please look out for these and submit the permission slip as quickly as possible.

#### Coaches wanted

If anyone is interested in coaching any sports team throughout the year, please contact [slq016@waimataitai.school.nz](mailto:slq016@waimataitai.school.nz). Your help with this is always greatly appreciated 😊

### Lucky Book Club

Issue No. 2

Orders close: Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April



## SUPPORT FOR WHANAU DURING ISOLATION

**Community Connection Service** - Food/meal distribution to support whanau self isolating at home in the community due to COVID-19 and requiring welfare support.

There are several local organisations that are available to support whanau who are isolating at home. These groups are able to provide food for those who cannot leave their homes.

Please contact them if you are in need.

**Arowhenua Whanau Services:** 0274076069

covidisolation@aws.health.nz jo-anne@aws.health.nz

**Multicultural Aoraki:** covid@multiculturalaoraki.co.nz

Tracey Miron - 0276873322 tracey@multiculturalaoraki.co.nz

**Te Aitarakih Society Inc:** covidwelfare@teaitarakih.co.nz

Brenda Warren - brenda@teaitarakih.co.nz

Hami Goldsmith - hami@teaitarakih.co.nz

## Secondary School Enrolments

Secondary schools are now requesting details of our year 8 students in preparation of their enrolment promotions for 2023. They require the student's full name, parents email address, and mailing address. If you have any objection of this information being provided to them please let the office know by 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Have you paid your ACCOUNT?

Statements were sent home today. These can also be viewed through the Hero app. Thank you to those who are making regular payments via Automatic Payment.

If you don't have an AP set up, then payment online would be appreciated;

**Bank Account No.** 12-3159-0063998-01

**Reference:** Your child's name



## HOUSE POINTS –

Term 1 : Week 5 & 6

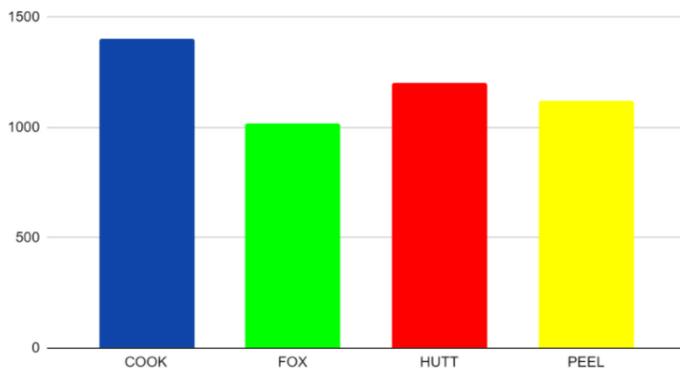
CONGRATULATIONS COOK HOUSE

You are certainly team players.

Well done! 😊



Week 5 & 6 house points



## OUR FRUIT & VEGE STAND

