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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



2ND 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)

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 mih nui - Nau Mai Haere mai ki te Waimataitai panui

Greetings and welcome to the Waimataitai School newsletter for April

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

Resilient - COVID 19 Update

So far, we have coped quite well with covid illness at Waimataitai. We have reached the same level as the typical Canterbury percentage for infections of about 17% of our students. They are evenly represented with no real hotspots in any part of the school. We have also been lucky with staff illness. Teachers are returning as others are required to isolate. We are aware that in the last week across Canterbury more teachers and support staff have been isolating or testing positive. As this is a trend, we anticipate that we might have more staff affected soon. We will keep you informed of any changes to our COVID plan.

Remember to watch for symptoms from your children and get them tested if they appear. Household contacts only need to isolate for 7 days provided there are no symptoms for 3 days prior to day 8. Please continue to let us know if a student tests positive.

Curious – Matariki Celebration and Holiday

This year there is to be a national holiday for New Zealand to celebrate Matariki on 24th June. We are planning to have our celebration on 22nd June. Parents will be invited to come to school and join us if covid settings allow. We hope that we will also have as many of our different cultural groups here as well. There will be kapahaka performances and displays of cultural art. During the day we will have a sausage sizzle for students and we hope there might be other food options available as well.

Planning Day Term Two

The normal planning day for term two will be on 23rd June. Our thinking is that by having the Matariki celebrations and this planning day together, we will reduce the disruption to whanau as much as possible.

Motivated - Building Update

Due to COVID within the contracting staff we will be facing some delay with the completion of the classroom renovations. We still hope to have room 19 back in their class by the end of this term, but we are doubtful about the remaining classes. It is more likely that by the first or second week of term two students will be back in their own classrooms.

Later this year we anticipate that there will be renovations taking place in the library. We expect floor and wall coverings to be complete and a review of the heating and lighting will take place.

New Junior School Classroom

We will be opening a new classroom for new entrants at the beginning of next term. This class will begin their Waimataitai journey in the upstairs shared space. As soon as the other classes are back in their renovated classrooms this new class will move downstairs to room one. Jewel Donaldson and Patsy Kelly will be co teaching in this new class for the rest of this year.

Respectful – Zebra Crossing update

Over the last few years we have been having discussions with the Timaru District Council over access to Waimataitai via Selwyn Street. The Council are removing the existing Zebra crossing beside the entrance to Trafalgar Street.

You will see:

- Removal of the existing 'zebra' pedestrian crossing
- Installation of a raised refuge island
- Reduction of the kerb projections on both sides of the street
- Marking of a new right-turn bay at the intersection and creating a parking bay outside numbers 16 and 18.

These improvements have been designed in response to historic and ongoing safety concerns expressed about the 'zebra' pedestrian crossing by Waimataitai School, Police Education Officers, the South Canterbury Road Safety Coordinator and the public.

Works will commence in early April and extend over an approximate 4 week period. Road users can expect some disruption during this time. Signs, speed restrictions, cones and/or traffic controllers may be used to guide and control road users while work is underway. These measures help protect the safety of both contractors and road users – please respect them. We also ask the Waimataitai School Community to take extra care during school drop-offs and pick-ups, while works are underway.

Team Player – Food Bank Trolley

Thank you to all the very generous people who have been contributing to the food swap at the gate on Trafalgar Street. Every time I think it is all getting taken home, I find someone has dropped off some more produce. We are getting some very nice comments about this concept. Thank you again.

The have put together a recipe to use for those Autumn apples that we seem to be getting plenty of.

It is starting to get cooler and our fruit and vege exchange is getting lots of apples off local trees which are delicious and some of them are great for using in cooking. Here is an apple recipe from the Kaitiakitanga team for you to try:

Grandma's Apple Pie

Short crust pastry

1/2 cup of unsalted butter

3 tablespoons of flour

1/4 cup water

1/2 cup white sugar

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

8 granny smith or cooking apples peeled, cored and sliced.

Step 1

Preheat oven to 220 degrees C. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Stir in flour to form a paste. Add water, white sugar and brown sugar, and bring to a boil. Reduce temperature and let simmer.

Step 2

Place the bottom crust in your pan. Fill with apples, mounded slightly. Cover with a lattice work crust. Gently pour the sugar and butter liquid over the crust. Pour slowly so that it does not run off.

Step 3

Bake 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Reduce the temperature to 175 degrees C. Continue baking for 35 to 45 minutes, until apples are soft. Enjoy

Reflective – Travel to School....

Mrs Vincent, Miss Howard, and I have been standing on the Trafalgar Street, Selwyn Street and White Street crossings during the first term and we have been impressed with the number of students who walk, scooter or bike to school. During the next school terms, we will be re-introducing an active travel plan at Waimataitai. I hope this will encourage more of our students to actively arrive to school. We will be sharing our ideas with you soon and we hope you will be able to encourage your children to try these new ways of getting to school.

WAI SPORT

Year 7-8 Basketball

The teams are now being finalised and emails will be sent out next week with all the details.

Have a great season. 😊

Year 5-8 Netball

These teams are also in the finishing stages and teams will be posted next week. Please contact slq016@waimataitai.school.nz if your child is still wishing to play and you haven't yet registered, there may still be time.

Subs

Please ensure these are paid by the end of this week if you haven't already done so, thank you 😊

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 Aitarakahi Society Inc: covidwelfare@teaitarakahi.co.nz

Brenda Warren - brenda@teaitarakahi.co.nz

Hami Goldsmith - hami@teaitarakahi.co.nz

HOUSE POINTS –

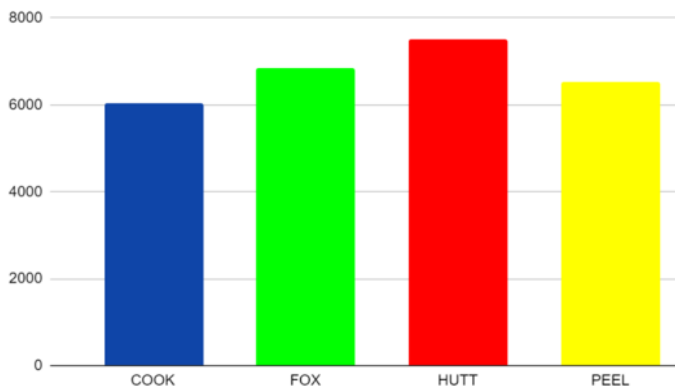
Term 1 : Week 7 & 8

CONGRATULATIONS HUTT HOUSE

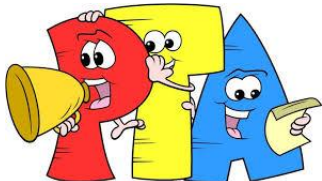
You are certainly team players.

Well done! 😊

Week 7 & 8 house points



OUR FRUIT & VEGE STAND



PTA MEETING POSTPONED

Apologies in advance. For a variety of reasons there are several people who can't make the PTA meeting this Monday, therefore this will be postponed to **Monday, 11th April at 7pm.**

All members and interested prospective members are welcome to attend.