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2022 Term dates

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:

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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

WELCOME to Term 2

Strategic planning

The process of compiling the strategic plan to take us forward over the next three years is well underway. I am talking to many groups from the community about their aspirations for their children. I have been receiving some great feedback which will help to shape the direction we take. So far, we have identified the issues that will impact the school both locally and internationally. We have begun thinking about what we want Waimataitai to look like at the end of the next three to five years. This is a time to be bold and consider all sorts of possibilities. Some of these might seem out of our reach now, but if we aim high it is surprising what we can achieve. Look out for a survey coming home that will provide us with a whanau perspective. This will be a five minute survey and I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this.

Active transport

It is great to see students walking, scootering or riding bikes to school. As I wait with the road patrollers in the mornings I see a stream of students moving along Trafalgar Street on their way to school. Yesterday the house leaders were out handing tokens to those students. This will boost the scores for house teams each week.

We are suggesting three drop off points for students to actively arrive from. The Art Gallery, Selwyn or White Street. These are all easy to access the school from and don't require any roads to be crossed.

Watch out for the golden shoe awards that Mr. Heke is organising as well. Teams will have a chance to compete for these impressive trophies over the next few weeks and all they need to do is actively arrive at school as often as possible.

COVID 19 – please continue to send in notice of positive tests for students

Thank you to all the whanau who have been keeping us informed. We are still gathering details of students COVID 19 infections for the MOE. It would also be informative if you could let us know if your child was positive over the holidays please and which week it was. We are keeping our own details. This will enable us to be able to gauge when we might expect infections to end for Waimataitai school. If you have already told us about your child you do not need to do so again. As we are now in the orange traffic light setting and the numbers of covid cases at school are back well below single figures, (Thursday we had 1 positive case) All students should be returning to school regularly now. There is a real concern that the longer students remain away from school the harder it will be to make the shift back to coming every day. If you require assistance to make the transition back to school please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Roto open days whanau meetings

The junior team are planning to welcome parents and whanau into school to see what is happening with our youngest students.

There will be two sessions that parents can join with us for.

17th May at 3:15-4 pm.

18th May at 7:45- 8:30 am.

At these times, parents can look around the classrooms and ask questions of all the teachers. We anticipate relaxed and informal get togethers where whanau can begin to find out how teaching and learning takes place in the junior school. I encourage all parents of junior school children or whanau of children who are yet to start, to come in and meet with us.

THE GOLDEN SHOE

In the first two weeks of Term 2 Waimataitai is running the golden shoe competition!

We will be searching for the class in each learning team that comes to school each day most actively.

All you need to do is walk, scooter, bike (or any other active way!) to school each day. If you get dropped off and walk from the Art Gallery or from at least Selwyn Street to school then that counts! House leaders will be giving out house tokens for this too!



We would love to see as many students coming to school actively. This is a great chance for older siblings or friends to help out, or for parents and whanau to come along actively as well to keep our tamariki motivated!

Hot lunches - Terms two and three

The PTA has been seeking to attract assistance from the parent community to manage the hot lunch initiative that we have for Tuesdays in terms two and three. Thank you very much to the parents who have expressed an interest in helping out. We realise that whanau are busy these days. We have decided that if we cannot schedule enough parent help to manage the hot lunches we will have to re-evaluate how we run this beneficial student activity through the winter months. Please get in touch if you can assist with the hot lunches. The more parents there are involved means we can roster whanau on and we will not have to be on each week.



HOT FOOD TUESDAY

CAN YOU HELP?

The students love Hot Food Tuesdays. To be able to offer this we need your help on a Tuesday from 9am to 12:30. This can be split into 2 shift if there are enough people.

We need 2 people per day please.

Dates : 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st May, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June and the 5th July.

If you can help please email Kim Dynes on kld018@waimataitai.school.nz with the dates you are able to help.

Thank you from all the students at Waimataitai.



HOT FOOD TUESDAYS

Cooked foods (toasty sandwiches, pizza, cheese rolls, savouries) will be reheated so please:

- Only wrap in tinfoil or baking paper
- NO Cling/plastic wrap
- Clearly named and with room number
- NO soup or noodles

Thanks to our wonderful parents who are helping



Cross country training starting now

Teams are starting to prepare for the cross country which will take place this term. Classes will be training here at school and I am already seeing classes using a circuit here during the day. The final event will be held at school also after the very successful cross country last year.

- Senior cross country 31st May
- Senior cross country postponement date 2nd June
- Awa cross country 1st June
- Roto cross contry 3rd June

South Canterbury Cross Country for years 5-8 will be held at Waihi School on the 14th June and postponement date 16th June.

Developing Mathematics Inquiry Communities information session

We are currently involved in a three year review and renewal of our maths programme. The new emphasis changes the way maths is taught, *not* the maths content that we know your child needs to be successful in the world today.

At the moment teachers are trialing an exciting new model of instruction. The feedback from teachers and facilitators is that this has been going very well so far. Massey University is responsible for delivering the programme to our teachers. The new methods encourage maths discussion, cooperation between students who have different levels of ability and more intensive understanding of the problems being solved.

On the 5th July we invite whanau to come and find out about the new maths training teachers are being involved with. The meeting will be run by the facilitators who will share the programme and expected outcomes for our students. There will be opportunities to ask questions and share any cocerns you may have. We will confirm the time of day the meeting will take place closer to the time.

PTA

This term the Parent Teachers Association will be involved in a number of events.

- Whanau gathering
- DMIC information evening
- Matariki celebration day
- Quiz night
- Hot lunches

When we next meet on the 16th May we will be organising the first of these events. We will also put together a plan for how the PTA and the Waimataitai School Board will work together through our strategic planning.

The emphasis for the remainder of the year will be on connecting the community with the school rather than fundraising. This has been a concern of ours since the start of the COVID pandemic and the lockdowns which have not encouraged community involvement.

If you are interested in coming along to the PTA meeting on the 16th May you are very welcome. We will be meeting in the staff room at 3:15 pm. Come and have a coffee, meet the staff and find out how the PTA will operate for the rest of the year.

A note from the recently retired PTA Chairperson

I have stepped down from the PTA Chair and committee as of April 2022.

I wish to thank the wonderful parents/grandparents and friends of an amazing school community who constantly gave so much at all of our events and fundraisers.

Again, thank you to the teachers who have supported the PTA with your time and dedication.

I wish the newly formed PTA committee all the best and look forward to supporting them in future fundraisers.
Hayley Donaldson

PB4L and Pizza lunches this week.

As part of our school culture development we are always looking for ways to encourage students to be the best they can be. This week I have had the absolute pleasure of having lunch with the winners of last terms gold slip draws. This group of students had their names drawn from the hat after they had been seen modelling our school values. Thank you for sharing lunch with me I really enjoyed it.

Assembly

This week the whole school took part in the first assembly we have had this year. It was a pleasure to be able to welcome all students back to school for the second term and to wish them well. It is my intention to have more regular assemblies as a school. This helps to build connections for students with the school. Team assemblies will be starting again also. I am hopeful that there will be occasions when whanau can be invited to some of these assemblies.

Term 1 Wai-Learners

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Wai-Learner Trophies for Term 1 2022

ROTO – Alisha Chumber

HAWAI – Annamerie Cijo

AWA – Jana Stoiljkovic

MOANA – Safia Wildey

HOUSE POINTS –

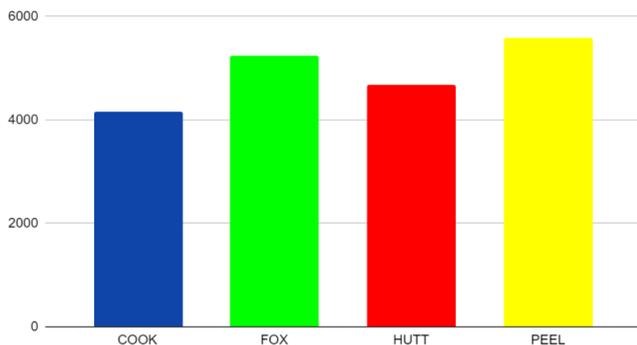
Term 1 : Week 9 & 10

CONGRATULATIONS PEEL HOUSE

You are certainly team players.

Well done! 😊

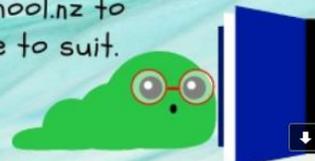
Week 9&10 house points



Love of reading?

We are looking for some volunteers who have a love of reading and have a spare 15 minutes a week to come and read to or listen to some of our students at Waimataitai.

If so we would love to hear from you or them. Please contact Kim Dynes by email on kld018@waimataitai.school.nz to arrange a day and time to suit.




2022

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 May	2 Term 2 begins	3	4	5 TGHA 6 pm staffroom Deb Hales	6
2 May	9	10	11	12	13
3 May	16 PTA meeting 3.15pm	17 Roto open day 3.15 – 4pm	18 Rippa rugby Yr5/6 Roto open day 7.45 – 8.30am	19	20
4 May	23 BOT meeting	24	25	26	27
5 June	30	31 Senior Cross country	1 Awa cross country	2 PP Senior cross country	3 Roto Cross country
6 June	6 Queens Birthday Weekend	7	8	9	10
7 June	13 Awa (2 classes) to museum/ library	14 SC cross country Awa (2 classes) to museum/ library	15	16 PP SC cross country Awa (2 classes) to museum/ library	17
8 June	20 BOT meeting	21	22 Matariki School Celebration Day	23 SOD - DMIC PLD School Closed	24 Matariki Holiday
9 June	27 Life Ed Van Roto/Awa All week Roto Museum Trip	28 Roto Museum Trip	29	30 House Event	1 House Event
10 July	4 Life Ed Van Roto/Awa All week	5 Parent Info session on DMIC after school	6	7	8

2022 details:

Term 3: 25th July-30th Sept

Term 4: 17th Oct- 15th Dec

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

LUNCH OPTIONS

HOT LUNCH TUESDAYS

This is an option through terms 2 & 3

Cooked food (Toasty sandwiches, mousetraps, cheese rolls, savouries, pizza etc.) will be re-heated in the oven so need to be...

- Wrapped in tin foil (or in the oven proof cello bag that some are bought in)
- Named and have your child's room on it.

No 2 minute noodles or soup thanks.

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

(This is now done on-line via website spudssupreme.nz/order/schools)

Baked spuds served with butter and topped with 4 fillings of your
(No butter if preferred) **PRICE \$6.50**



Fillings:



Savoury mince
Pineapple
Savoury Tomato
Mushrooms

Onions
Spaghetti
Coleslaw
Chilli Beans

Cheese
Baked beans
Sour Cream
Creamed Corn

NACHOS - \$6-50

Stuffed Sausage – \$5.50 Filled with Potato, Garlic, Tomato Relish & Cheese

Cheerios (1/2 Dozen) - \$4.50 Served with Tomato Sauce