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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:

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

Strategic Planning

As we move through the school planning process for the next three years we are uncovering some interesting information.

70% of the students who completed the survey want to “be happy with who they are”

59% are determined to learn how to “make and keep friendships”

54% want to find a job that makes the world a better place

52% see a focus on reading, writing and maths as being beneficial to their future

42% want to look after the planet more and have less of an impact on it

These are very encouraging signs and show that our student community are reflective team players. This is a good reminder to me to keep the aspirational outlook for our next three years in balance with what our students aspire to as well.

On Thursday this week I am inviting our Maori and Pacifica whanau to come into school and hear about the planning that we have managed so far. We are still a long way from having our goals and targets set but we are arriving at some interesting understandings about what different groups want for their children.

I will be sharing these findings with the community over the next few months. If you are interested in knowing more about the direction we are travelling in we hope to be able to invite you to attend some ‘show & tell’ sessions as the planning progresses.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the survey about future directions. I am beginning to see patterns from the responses. If you have yet to complete the parents survey follow the link from the HERO post that we sent out yesterday to do so.

Board of Trustees

The Waimataitai School Board are focusing on the following initiatives currently:

Strategic Planning – by the end of this year we will have a document outlining the direction we will be moving in over the next three years.

Board Elections - In September this year there will be Board elections being held across the country. Many Boards will be welcoming new parent and staff members. Changing some Board membership is healthy and encourages new skills and capabilities. If you are interested in finding out more about being on the Board, come along to the next few meetings and see what happens. On **Monday, 23 May at 5:45** we will be meeting in the school staffroom. All visitors are welcome to attend.

Property Development - The renovations in rooms 19, 22 and 23 are now completed. We are thrilled with the outcomes of the work to these rooms and the Board is proud to be able to present the classes in their current condition. The library and room 24 are due to have some work carried out before the end of the year.

Waimataitai School Zone

We are holding the ballot for out of zone students this week. There is still considerable interest in students outside the zone attending Waimataitai school. There are strict conditions that must be met for an out of zone child to come to Waimataitai. Each ballot there are likely to be only a few, if any places available. This is a good reminder for all whanau that if you have a child who is in our zone, it is important to let us know when they will be starting. When we know this, we can alter the out of zone intake accordingly.

Need Assistance During Covid Isolation ??

Hami Goldsmith from Te Aitarakihi is the community connector for COVID.

Whanau can access food through Hami by ringing him on 022 095 7159 if they are stuck at home with Covid 19 and need assistance.

Junior School Roto – welcome parents back into their classrooms

We have been very aware that there are new students in year one and two whose parents have not been able to come into classes to be a part of their child's education. Covid has made it difficult. However we are now ready to open our doors and welcome parents back into school. Tuesday and Wednesday this week our Roto teachers showed parents through their classrooms. Students helped parents to see what they have been learning and where they find the things they need every day. We were impressed with the good numbers of parents who attended these sessions. Thank you for taking the time to visit your child's class.

Awa's Open Afternoon for years 3 & 4 is on **Tuesday, 24 May from 3.00 – 3.30pm**

We would like all parents to know that you are welcome in your child's class again and we are looking for opportunities to show you around.

PTA

The Parent Teachers Association met on Monday this week. We were thrilled to be able to welcome parents and teachers to the meeting. We discussed several social events which are being organised by the PTA. On **Tuesday, 5 June** you are invited to our "Sausage and Math" event. This is an opportunity to come into school and hear about the new math programme we are teaching and then to have a sausage in a bun. Massey University facilitators who are helping teachers will present the programme and be able to answer questions. We may also organise to have some of the math exercises available for parents to try out. Some of you will remember when we held this in the past and I understand it was very well supported. We expect that many parents will accompany their child to learn about the Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities programme at Waimataitai.

There are some very low key social outings organised as well. We have two quiz nights this year on 29 June and 26 October. We are looking forward to having as many teams in these events as we can. They are a lot of fun and we get to catch up on everyone as well.

The next PTA meeting is on **Monday, 13 June at 3:15 pm**. All parents are welcome to attend. Come and pick up your children after school and join in the meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding

During the meeting we discussed the relationship between the PTA, the Waimataitai Board and the school community. Using ideas from the New Zealand School Trustees Association we have put together a set of guidelines that each group will observe. These guidelines will be reviewed at every AGM and adjusted to suit changing times where necessary.

The guidelines are as follows:

- PTA and the Waimataitai Board will work together to support the school
- The main functions of the PTA are community building, fundraising and positive communications
- All money raised by PTA belongs to the PTA, is held in its own bank account and is not controlled by the school Board.
- The Waimataitai Board and PTA agree each year what the fundraising focus will be for the PTA
- Funds raised for these planned projects is gifted unconditionally to the board to avoid GST
- The principal **MUST** be consulted before any major publicity, communications or financial outlay
- PTA cannot spend their money on projects that are opposed to these agreed guidelines or Waimataitai School Board plans
- Funds can be applied for by teachers for classroom or school equipment as per the application form.
- 100% of regular committee attendees should be consulted before finances are spent
- As close as possible to 100% of committee members will vote on spending. 80% of regular committee member agreement is required prior to financial outlay
- PTA and Board members are encouraged to attend each others meetings and follow normal procedures as visitors

The Waimataitai Food Swap

We have been really happy with the response to our food swap on Trafalgar Street this Autumn. Many people have contributed garden produce that is surplus to their requirements. Other folk have taken this as it suited them. I have been impressed with the generosity and the gratitude that people have shown for this initiative. The trolley is still at the gate. I anticipate that with winter we will not have access to produce and we will put the trolley away until spring and summer later this year. Thank you again for sharing your food with others and taking part in this student activity.

Bible in Schools Starts This Week

We have had a larger than normal uptake in the offer for Bible in schools this year. We recorded 70% of those asked responding positively. Three classes from Awa will take part this year. The classes not at Bible in Schools will carry on with a values PB4L programme. We look forward to having the Bible in Schools' expertise working with us in the school.

Active Transport

It is really great to see the big influx of students actively travelling to school each day. I am aware that parents are dropping students at the art gallery and on Selwyn Street so children are getting to walk or scooter to school. The 'Golden Shoe' awards and tokens being handed out for our active travellers is a nice acknowledgement to those of you who are making an effort. This morning on Trafalgar Street the reduced congestion was very apparent. At one stage before 9 am there were no cars in the Waimataitai parking spaces at all. That is quite unusual. Thank you for supporting this healthy option and providing a positive role model for your children.

Music in Schools - does your child want to learn to play an instrument?

Mr Willers has organised a music teacher to come into school on Mondays to teach Waimataitai students how to play an instrument. The teacher will be able to offer instruction in ukulele, guitar, keyboards and drums. There will not be a cost for these lessons as we have organised tuition fees to be paid by the Ministry.

If you think your child would like to learn how to play an instrument and they are in Hawai or Moana look out for the flyer that you can fill in and return to school. Lessons will begin as soon as we have students organised into groups.

NZ Music Celebration

Mr Willers has also been organising musicians to come into school to entertain and demonstrate their musical skills. This week we were entertained by pipe band members who played for us. One student was overheard to say "That was cool" which says a lot about the experience.

We have two more musicians coming in next week to play for us as well. We believe providing many experiences like this will both entertain to create enjoyment and broaden our students horizons a little.

In support of this a recent survey to gather information about our strategic plan revealed that 53% of students who completed the survey said they would like to learn how to play an instrument.

South Canterbury Pipe Band

This week we were treated to a performance by the South Canterbury Pipe Band. They entertained us with some tunes and told us about the pipe band. Information is at the office for those students who may want to learn pipes and drums.



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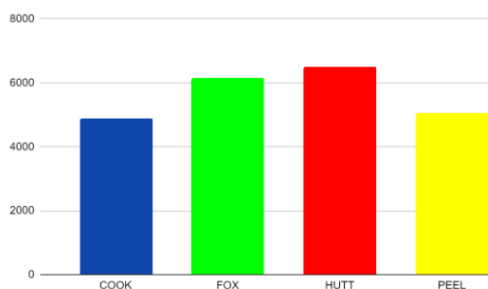


Orders close:

Friday, 27 May 2022

HOUSE POINTS –

Term 2 : Week 1 & 2



Congratulations Hutt (Opuku / Te tai ta) House on winning the last house competition. You have thoroughly deserved your acknowledgement of free time in the playground.

Good luck to all the other teams for the next round of the competition.