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Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora

Nga mihi o Matariki te tau hou Māori

Welcome to the Māori New Year

REMEMBER - PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Tonight

7PM AT SAIL & ANCHOR

Matariki Celebration

I would like to thank everyone who participated or helped Waimataitai School to organise and carry out our successful Matariki Celebration. Our students were enthusiastic and engaged throughout the weeks of study and on the final celebration day.

I was very impressed with the number of parents who visited us during the day. As each team opened their doors to share their Matariki learning with whanau, parents flowed in. It was great to see so many parents back on the school grounds. Thank you for your support.

I would like to send out a *big thank you* to **Hellers** for their sponsorship programme of support for schools. We were given the sausages that fed the children with the only criteria being that we raise money from them. The money raised will help with our students' school development plans. The student council have given us some great ideas to follow through with.

Our whole school Matariki assembly was a great success. The students were captivated by the performances and the ceremony that took place. I am encouraged that our push to hold assemblies like this again is good for Waimataitai. Younger students learn from their older peers and our senior students will learn about leadership.

The Timaru Girls' High School Kapahaka team showed us all what is possible when a group of very talented students put their minds to being the best they can be. The performance they shared with us was outstanding.

Our own Kapahaka team, with very little practice this year, also performed very well. I would like to thank Whaea Raumiria and Matua Haami for their efforts at teaching Waimataitai Kapahaka students.

Throughout the day I visited the learning teams as they welcomed parents into their classrooms. It was obvious that a lot of preparation had gone into the visit and all the parents appeared to really enjoy being able to be back in classrooms again.

Thank you to **Toyota South Canterbury** for the use of your BBQ truck.

A *huge thank you* to the parents who gave up their time to cook the sausages and then serve them to our students. You are all remarkable.

Thank you also to Mrs Dynes who encouraged our parent helpers to come along and managed to keep the kai coming to all our students. Well done everyone.



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

PLEASE REMEMBER:

SPUD SUPREME LUNCH ORDERS ARE NOW DONE ONLINE

To place an order, google:

Spudssupreme.nz/order/schools



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**

Parking on Trafalgar Street

If you park on Trafalgar Street please take care to observe all the road markings and council rules when you park. We have had a report of people parking over driveways of school neighbours when they drop off and pick up their children. Thank you.

Student Led Conferences - 12th August

Our mid-year Student Learning Conferences will be held on the 12th August. We are really looking forward to sharing your child's successful learning and next steps with you. It is especially important to connect with you at this time as we missed the opportunity to meet earlier in the year due COVID. Look out for the booking instructions that will be posted on Hero and in newsletters closer to the time.

Please keep an eye on the learning posts that come to you through HERO. These have replaced the traditional paper school report which you have had over the years. These posts provide an up to date and more valid report of your child's learning. When all the posts are taken into consideration, we are convinced you will be well informed about your child's learning. The conferences in August will provide an opportunity for your child to explain their progress and next learning steps.



Active Travel Survey from District Health Board

The active transport initiatives we are putting in place are having an effect for our students. I am seeing lots of Waimataitai students walking, scootering and biking to school each morning. The following link will provide an opportunity for you to contribute your thinking to the big picture of active transport at school. The Health Board have a prize that will be drawn out of the hat for some lucky person who fills out this survey. Get your friends' parents to fill it in as well.



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WaimataitaiSchool_TravelSurvey2022

We hope to encourage more students to actively arrive at school especially as the warmer months arrive. Our drop off points provide opportunities for parents to safely let their children walk to school. The Art Gallery, Selwyn Street, on the eastern side, and White Street are locations the children can walk or scooter without having to cross a road.

School Production Term Three

Moana Learning team are preparing for their school production in the third term. I understand that auditions will take place before the end of this term and term three will be very busy getting everything ready for the performance. Good luck to all those students putting their hand up to take a part.

Communications Document

On the next page is a communications document that explains the way we will share class information with you. If you could reply to the following link, you will see two questions relating to this document. Your information here will help us to continue to improve our communications with you. Thank you.

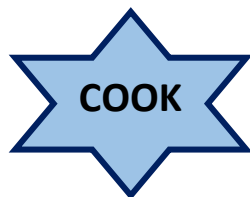
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Enrolments 2023

If you intend enrolling your child at Waimataitai for the 2023 year, please let the office know. We are currently organising roll numbers for next year and we would hate to overlook you.

HOUSE POINTS –

Term 2 : Week 7 & 8



(sorry no graph available)

Congratulations COOK House for winning the House points this fortnight. Well done !!

Enjoy your free time acknowledgement on Wednesday (today

'Bangers and Maths' Parent Session

When: Tuesday 5 July, 2022

Time: 3:15 - 4:15pm

Where: Downstairs shared space of the main block.



What: Come and find out about our maths programme and collect a sausage off the BBQ on the way home.

Please complete the Google form if you plan on coming so we will have plenty of sausages. Tamariki are welcome.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt2qW44dSgP3kaS7bpR5GYsdFQh3t6ZybTkJtu466llih9RQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Waimataitai School

Classroom Communications and reporting student progress Procedure

Rationale:

We understand that high quality and regular communication with the Waimataitai School community will help keep all whanau engaged and attached to their child's education. Aspects of this will come directly from the Principal and Senior Staff. Much of the communication parents receive will come from the classroom. This procedure deals explicitly with the communication teachers have with whanau regarding student learning/experiences.

Background:

1. Classroom communication at Waimataitai school includes:
 - General coverage of events through the newsletter
 - Pastoral care
 - Teaching and learning
 - Behaviour concerns
 - Progress and achievement
 - Reaching milestones
 - Social achievements
 - Whole school, team and individual classroom events information
2. All classes will use face book and HERO to communicate with whanau/families.
3. In addition, some teachers will use messaging and e-mails to communicate information
4. During COVID times Waimataitai has successfully utilised zoom/Google meet communications.

Classroom Communications Methods at Waimataitai

Facebook

Facebook is a website which allows users, who sign-up for free profiles, to connect with friends, work colleagues or people they don't know, online. It allows users to share pictures, music, videos, and articles, as well as their own thoughts and opinions with however many people they like.

Positive

Facebook is designed to be free for its users

Negative:

Business promotion is one of the biggest advantages of face book.

Initially it was designed for adult students to use but since 2006, anyone over 13 years old.

Has been criticised over privacy, addiction, low self-esteem, and fake news.

Facebook at Waimataitai:

Face book is used in the junior school across individual classes. In the upper middle and senior school there are combinations of whole team and individual pages. The purpose of face book is to communicate about events and group occurrences

HERO

Hero is a powerful and secure online sharing platform that can be customised to reflect the curriculum, vision and values of any school. Built by teachers, school leaders and parents to help schools reduce workload, increase student agency and support parents to understand progress and achievement.

Positive:

Specifically designed to be used for education

Only people who are signed up can gain access

Progress and achievement is easily shared with home

Negative:

It is not a social media application that encourages public engagement

HERO at Waimataitai:

This is used for sharing student learning. Teachers will share individual learning and items that apply to each child separately.

It is the school's intention to use HERO for most of our educational communications. Facebook will continue to be used, but this will not be the prime means of sharing information.

In the junior school, teachers communicate almost daily with whanau to show what students are doing. This is a great way for parents to be reassured that their children are making progress, safe and happy.

In the middle and senior school sharing student interactions occurs less as parents are already aware their children are well on their learning journey. Parents are confident to talk directly with teachers if they need to check on progress. Whanau can expect to receive fewer day to day notifications after their children pass through the Junior school.

When do teachers communicate with whanau?

There will be a plan reviewed each year outlining the minimum number of HERO posts that will be sent to inform parents about progress and achievement. Classes may choose to post in addition to the following, according to their programmes.

Whole School Teaching and Learning Hero posts

Each Term

1 x Maths

1 x Literacy (teams to decide if they publish reading or writing)

2 x other posts

Teams decide which 2 curriculum areas they are going to cover each term. By the end of the year Arts, PE, Science, Health, tech to be covered

+ Term 1 & 3 student goal and SLC form

HERO LTP			
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Literacy Reading / writing	Literacy Reading / writing	Literacy Reading / writing	Literacy Reading / writing
Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths

