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### 2021 Terms dates

**Term 3** Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept

**Term 4** Mon 18 Oct – Wed, 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

**FRIDAYS**  
8.30-9.00AM

In Health Centre (by office)

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### NEW UNIFORM & STATIONERY SHOP OPEN

**EACH MORNING**  
8.30 – 9am

IN TEACHER AIDE ROOM

(by the office)

**PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM**

*Nga mihi mahana kia koutou. Kia Ora*

Greetings, *Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Namaste, Konnichiwa, dobryi den, Ahoj*

*Nau mai haere mai ki te kawerongo o te kura Waimataitai*

Welcome to the Waimataitai school news

### Strategic Planning:

In the last newsletter I shared Strategic Goal number one. This second goal is more focused on building student confidence and interest in learning. From this I believe we will see students engage more strongly. Their academic, social, emotional and sporting success will be strengthened as a result.

The initiatives will drive the effort teachers and leadership focus on each goal. Each initiative will encompass many small steps and we will be communicating each of these as we go.

### Whaingā / Goal no. 2: Teaching & Learning

Assisting students to discover their passion and then enhance their confidence, progress, and achievement.

### Kaupapa / Initiatives

1. Review and develop the Waimataitai localised curriculum
2. Invite people/experts in from different industries/ fields eg. STEM, accounting, musicians, artists, authors, to work in classes with teachers
3. Teach what a passion is, provide opportunities to develop this and celebrate student passions

### School Board Elections

We are very lucky to have 8 nominations from parents wishing to be on the Waimataitai School Board. I am thrilled at the quality of the skills and abilities that all the candidates bring with them to this election and potentially to the Board. More than five nominations ensures we will have an election. I strongly encourage all of you to vote in these elections please. Each candidate will produce a profile which will soon be available to read.

Our returning officer has prepared the voting papers which have been emailed or posted to all eligible voters. We all need to be aware of the tight deadlines around voting day. Voting closes on election day, **7 September 2022 at 4 pm**. If you are voting by the paper method, please return these **to the school office** as soon as possible please, to allow time for us to send these on to the returning officer. They need to receive these no later than five days after the election date. Late votes cannot be counted.

Every eligible voter should vote to ensure that the elected board represents the community and has a good mix of gender, ethnicity, skills and experiences. A board that reflects the diversity of your school can make a positive difference to your students' learning.

### Meet the School Board Candidates

We will be hosting a 'meet the parent candidates' session **Tuesday (tomorrow) and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 2:45pm-3:30pm**. All whānau are welcome to attend. You will have a chance to talk to the candidates and get to know who you might vote for.

## Basketball

**Waimataitai Rams** went down 24-22 against Waimate in an **enthralling final** that went into double overtime!

Pictured here:

**Back Row:** Leah Newlove, Bella McDonald, Molly Carpenter, Tilly Sykes

**Front Row:** Vaha Finefeuiaki, Molly Sargent, Charlotte Spiteri, Brooke Thompson

WELL DONE GIRLS !! 😊



## Moana Production in Week Nine

The school production is coming round fast. Students with roles are practicing their words and rehearsing with enthusiasm at school. With each step in the preparation, we are excited to see the production take shape. Make sure you find time to come along and watch the children perform. Week nine is when the performances will take place. I would like to acknowledge the amazing **donations** we have had for the production from Leo Cotterell and Mitre 10. The materials we have received from them will take us a long way toward a successful performance later this this term.

## HOW TO KNOW IF YOUR CHILD SHOULD STAY AT HOME

- If a child has been unwell with an illness other than COVID-19, they can return to school 24 hours after they have significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally.
- If a child still has a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, they are unlikely to be infectious and could be considered well enough to attend school. They should not be required to provide a doctor's certificate or clearance to return.
- Any child who has a runny nose after a change in temperature – for example, moving from outdoors to indoors – or sneezes due to obvious stimuli (such as the sun or dust) does not need to be sent home.
- Hay fever and other allergies can show similar symptoms to the common cold such as sneezing, a runny or stuffy nose and coughing. If a child has a history of allergic symptoms and shows one or more of these symptoms, or an itchy face (especially around the eyes or throat), consider if hay fever or an allergy could be the cause.

## Funds Raised by School Students for Ukraine

On behalf of our team at Multicultural Aoraki we would like to thank Waimataitai School for their fundraising efforts to raise funds for our local Ukrainian families. The **\$539.10** we received from you will be put aside and used for the families we have in Timaru when needed.

*You guys are awesome!!!*

Ngā mihi,

Katy Houstoun

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

Dear Parents and Whanau

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Waimataitai  
Welcome to Waimataitai school.

The current Waimataitai school board invites you to meet with the nominated candidates for the new Board.

There will be two sessions. Tomorrow, Tuesday the 16th August and Thursday 18th August. Both sessions will begin at 2:45 and run until 3:30 pm.

Parents are invited to come into the staff room for tea or coffee and then an informal chat with prospective board members.

We are looking forward to seeing you here.

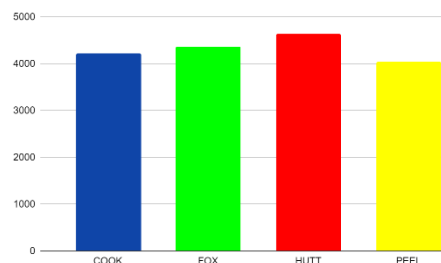
## Non Uniform Day for Hospice

We are planning to have another **NON UNIFORM DAY THIS FRIDAY** in recognition of the passing of Brent Cowan our caretaker. Brent's family have informed us that they would like us to recognise the great work that Hospice does for our community.

The funds raised will be passed directly to Hospice Timaru.



## HOUSE POINTS TERM 3 : Week 1 & 2



Congratulations to **HUTT** house for winning the team points this week 😊

**HUTT!!**



## PTA Chocolate Fundraiser

Help support the PTA fundraiser!

We are selling Whitakers chocolate to raise funds to help upgrade parts of the school hall

Adults are invited to come and pick up 1 box (or more) of chocolate to sell.

PICK UP:

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**15 AUG - 2 SEP**

**8.30 - 9.00 OR 2.30 - 3.30**

**CONFERENCE ROOM**

## Amazing Traditional Games Instructor Visits Waimataitai

Last week we had a visit organised through the Te Aitarakihi Marae and Hami Goldsmith from Kapereire Hogan. Kapereire led some senior boys in Taiaha (traditional Maori martial arts) skills on Tuesday. The group I watched were totally enthralled and it was great to see them all engaged and really enjoying the activities.

On Thursday Kapereire returned to take junior school classes through waiata, games and physical activities. I arrived as they were responding to Maori instructions, singing and having a lot of fun.

*THANK YOU* Kapereire and we look forward to your return when you come back to South Canterbury.



## SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2022

Dear Whanau

I have had an offer from one parent to assist with the school magazine if there are other parents who would help also.

The magazine would be a "slimmed down" version and the content for this year would need to be renegotiated with the community.

If you would like to assist with the production of the school magazine please get in touch with me.

Kind regards

Jonathan

## White Street Bus Stop



A REMINDER that this bus stop is used on demand.

T-Tech buses use it every Wednesday afternoon, so if you park here to pick up your children, you will need to stay in the car and move your car as required please.

## Lucky Book Club

Issue No. 5 za` - Orders  
Friday, 19 August 2022



## Feedback on the Newsletter

I see the newsletter as one of the important ways we communicate with you about school events, celebrating student achievement in sport and culture. This must be fit for purpose or families will not read it and the opportunity to inform you will be lost. I would like you to take five minutes to comment on the newsletter survey please. The feedback we get will help us to provide the most suitable communications for you. Thank you for taking the time to help us with this.

This link will direct you to the survey.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iK9r3R7Ef3D5tCu5nDSIIJQzf7xwpUTW\\_JOOeNq5bZE/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iK9r3R7Ef3D5tCu5nDSIIJQzf7xwpUTW_JOOeNq5bZE/viewform?edit_requested=true)

## Morning Tea with Mr Young

Today these wonderful Wai Learners from Awa got to have morning tea with Mr Young.

**From left:** Jacob McLaren, Rakiura Goodwillie, Lucy Bohrer, Maiden Kirkwood, Harper Richardson (and James Pateman – not pictured)

