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2021 Terms Dates

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct – Thurs, 15 Dec

2022 Term Dates

Term 1 Wed 1 Feb – Thurs 6 Apr

Term 2 Mon 24 Apr – Fri 30 Jun

Term 3 Mon 17 Jul – Fri 22 Sept

Term 4 Mon 9 Oct – Fri 15 Dec



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Also, you can view the newsletter on our Website at :

www.waimataitai.school.nz

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

FRIDAYS
8.30-9.00AM

In Health Centre (by office)

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

*Greetings, Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Mrhban, Namaste, Konnichiwa, dobryi den, Ahoj
Nau mai haere mai ki te kawerongo o te kura Waimataitai
Welcome to the Waimataitai school news*

Welcome to Our New Families

Welcome Omar and Fatima. Last week we were very lucky to have the Alhmidi family arrive from Syria. Marwan, Razan, Iman and Yamin. The rest of the school are very excited to have our new family and we look forward to being able to help them get settled into Timaru.

Wai Learner Assembly

The final event of this term is our Wai Learner assembly on Friday morning, **(tomorrow) at 9.10am**. There are four students, one from each Learning Team who will receive this prestigious award. I am looking forward to introducing them to the school and reading their teacher's comments. This is an exciting time for me as it highlights the students who have been working hard. It is such a pleasure to be acknowledging students who are striving to be the best they can be.

School Photos

The blossom around the school looks amazing at the moment. Our school photographer took advantage of this this week to get all the children photographed. Envelopes will come home at the start of term four and you will have three weeks to decide on your choice of photos. Send the envelopes back to school and we will pass these on. Your photos are likely to be ready by week 4-5. If you don't require photos don't return the envelope.

Enviro Schools Review

We are meeting with the EnviroSchools facilitators from Timaru and Christchurch on Thursday this week. The purpose of this get together is to review the school's status at Bronze level. Our Kaitiakitanga group under the capable hands of Mr Pullar have been working towards this with all their initiatives and sustainability programmes. The Kaitiakitanga group will welcome our guests and then show them around the school projects explaining them as they go. There are fruit trees planted, gardens growing vegetables, native areas, worm farms, composting programmes to name a few of the initiatives the school is working on. Mr Pullar is very confident that his team will convince the visitors that we are performing at Bronze level. This work aligns with the new strategic plan that will start next year. All going well, we will be working toward the next level from the start of next year.

Breakfast Club

Mrs Dynes and Miss McGregor are thrilled to have their breakfast guests arrive each morning at 8:10 am. There are between 10 and 15 students having breakfast each day. Sometimes these are the children who we have planned for, sometimes we have students we did not anticipate - all are welcome. Everyone is well mannered and able to clean their plates ready for the next day. The breakfast they receive sets our students up for a very successful day.

School Closing Early - Week Two Term Four (26th October)

School is closing early on Wednesday 26th October at 2.00pm for teachers to have an extended staff meeting. We will be learning more about how to provide the most up to date math teaching for your children.

Please Note: Year 7 & 8 students will attend T-Tech as usual.

Coming up Term 4

17 Oct	School returns (start of term 4)
21 st Oct	House Hui - 2.10-2.40pm
24 th Oct	Labour Day (no school)
26 th Oct	SCHOOL FINISHES 2PM (except for yr 7 & 8 students attending T-Tech as usual)
28 th Oct	Mini Fair
31 Oct – 4 th Nov	– Roto Swimming (yr 0-2)
7 th Nov	Athletics Sports
10 th Nov	Athletics Sports (Postponement day)
9 th Nov	Talent Quest
11 th Nov	SOUTH CANTERBURY DAY (no school)
25 th Nov	TEACHER ONLY DAY (no school)
14 th Dec	Final Assembly
6 th Dec	Wai Learner Assembly
6 th Dec	Year 8 Dinner
8 th Dec	Team Celebration Assemblies
15 th Dec	Last day (school finishes at 12pm)

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Please **DO NOT PARK ON YELLOW LINES** while waiting to pick up/drop off children before and after school. This includes the intersection of Campbell and Trafalgar Streets.



Swimming Sessions Almost Complete

Hawai are finishing their swimming sessions this week. This is the end of the swimming for Waimataitai with most Learning Teams having had two weeks of lessons each. Teachers have commented on the wonderful progress that students have made during their swimming lessons this year. When I visited the lessons earlier in the term, I was impressed with the programmes that were in place for our students to learn to survive and swim. Thanks to the CBAY staff who have been exceptionally patient and very good teachers of our students.

Moana Production

A stage performance happens every two years and is looked forward to and then remembered as a very special occasion for Waimataitai students. This term the Moana team had been preparing for the stage production of 'Peter Pan'. It was wonderful entertainment and great to see so many year 7 and 8 students happily engaged in learning their lines and acting parts. The great thing about live performances is that every show is different - each performance is as exciting as the last one.

The following are some comments from Students after they had watched the performance:

I thought it was funny and I loved the songs especially "Tell me why"

It was a spectacular show. We absolutely

The costumes were spectacular we could easily see who was who, we loved the variety of costumes

I liked the songs they changed

The actors remembered their lines so well

The props were well painted and clever, and the stagehands were very efficient

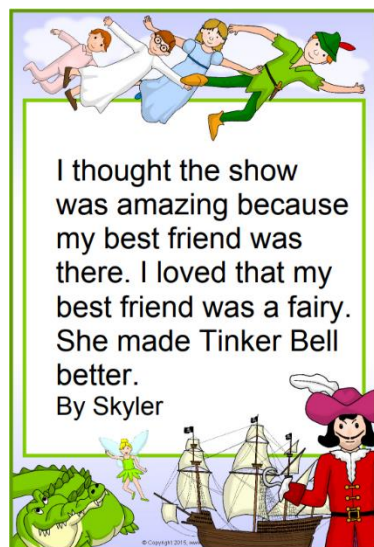
The singing was amazing

The pirates and mermaids' hair and make-up was amazing

We loved the dancing

The tech team with lights and music were well timed

We were surprised by your budget flying Ed, Barbie and Ken in from overseas



I thought the show was amazing because my best friend was there. I loved that my best friend was a fairy. She made Tinker Bell better.
By Skyler



I liked all of the songs with my sister in them. My sister was fairy.
By Benji

I would like to congratulate the students on their dedication and effort to make this show the success it was. I would also like to thank the teachers, Mr. Willers, Miss McGregor, Mrs Severinsen, Mr Heke and the teacher aides, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Black, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Hayman, who supported the production in many ways. Thanks also, to the parents who came in to apply make up for the actors and prepared their hair.

Pacifika Day




Pasifika o Aoraki Festival was held last Friday at Ara Polytechnic. This was a wonderful way to celebrate our local Pacific cultures through food, music and enjoying performances from several schools. After a morning of learning about each others' cultures and traditions, the Pasifika group from Waimataitai performed their two items beautifully and were great ambassadors for the school.




Thank you to the parents who came along to support the group and to Mrs Davidson for all the effort she puts into organising our Pacifica students. **Special thanks** to Malia for teaching our students a Tongan dance and organising the beautiful costumes for that dance. Malo!






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House Hui

On the 21st October we will hold the first of four "House Hui" This is an opportunity for the house teams to get together and carry out some activities. Each time they meet it will be in a different part of the school grounds so teams can take part in different types of activities. This is a new idea from Mr Heke in the senior school and I think it will be an exciting change to the way students interact with their house team mates.



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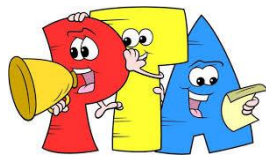


Peel

Our Farewell to the Queen

Artwork display by room 7 (yr 2)





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Big Field Project Gets the Go Ahead

In the holidays we will see RSL contracting on the school grounds creating the terracing on the south end of the big field. A big thank you to Josh from NB architects who created the plans and the pictures that have us all excited by what is to come.

The original idea for the project which has taken three years to reach this stage was to create a connection between the school and the big field. It is hoped that these improvements will make it easier for our whanau to access the area for sports events that we hold here. It is possible that some classes might take advantage of the terracing to hold their lessons in the open air.

At the same time we have the library being renovated. There is new paint, heating, floor and wall coverings being replaced. The painters have almost finished already. I can see the possibility of a short overrun into next term before students can access the library again. Rooms 10 and 11 will have there floor coverings replaced as well. These projects will mark the end of the renovation projects for this year.

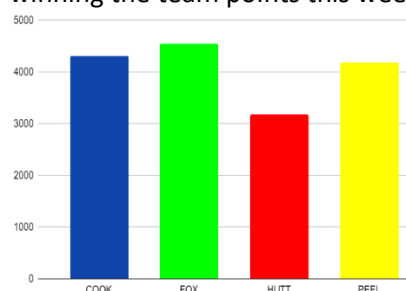


HOUSE POINTS

Week 7 & 8



Congratulations to **FOX** house on winning the team points this week



SUBWAY

PRICE INCREASE STARTING TERM 4

Up until now, Subway have managed to keep the same price for the last 5 years, however, rising costs means they can no longer absorb these costs.

New Prices starting Term 4:

Six Inch	\$6.00
Foot Long	\$10.00



The correct amount of change would be appreciated please. (Change is available at the office).

Also, there will only be ONE cookie per order, so please DO NOT pay for any extras.

THANK YOU from the team at Subway