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*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 second Waimataitai school newsletter for November*

2022 Terms dates

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct – Thurs, 15 Dec
(school finishes **12pm** on last day)

2023 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



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 :

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**

SUBWAY

**Please remember
prices have increased**

New Prices: Six Inch \$6.00
Foot Long \$10.00

The correct amount of change would be appreciated please.

(Change is available at the office).

This will be the last official newsletter for 2022

There will be information about the start of the year and this is likely to come out in HERO posts.

Classes for 2023

Thank you for considering carefully the pros and cons of the suitability of your child's classroom for 2023. I understand that with all this change there is the potential for anxiety. We will be making sure that your child has the smoothest transition as possible, to their new classroom. Today all students will have spent time with their new teacher and the class for next year in their new room. Often after the transition day students realise that they will have friends, they will enjoy their new teacher and that it is going to be a really good year for them. If you or your child are still anxious after this, please talk to your child's teacher and we will try to help.

Reporting to Whanau/Families

You will be aware that teachers have recorded your child's progress/achievement on HERO for you to access. The Professional Development we are taking on in maths has shown us that we are including more of the curriculum in each level. Students now are being introduced to some new concepts earlier. We expect that they will continue to make progress, but it will not be in a straight line upward. All students learn at their own pace. Sometimes there are plateaus and at other times there is a sudden climb in achievement. If you are concerned about your child's progress, please contact their teacher to discuss this.

DMIC the New Maths Programme

I have been really encouraged with all the talk from students and teachers about how happy they are with the new math programme DMIC, that we have brought into the school this year. Students talked about this at their learning conferences and are now saying that they really like maths. All the teachers at Waimataitai have taken this change very seriously and are right behind the new programme. I have been looking to see if there have been some improvements in achievement since we started this new programme.

In a recent survey students have said that they feel they are well supported by their teachers in maths. Students see themselves progressing in maths quite well and they are reasonably well able to solve maths problems. The data we have for students at the end of this year shows an improvement in maths achievement. This, combined with the comments from students and teachers, tells me that the new programme is being successful in lifting maths achievement across the school.

Farewell and Thank You

We sadly farewell **Miss Hannah McGregor**, from room 10 / Moana team, as she heads to Dunedin next year.

It's not good bye, but instead, ka kite ono to **Mr Cain Pullar** as he takes a year's leave for 2023. We look forward to you popping in to see us some time.

Mrs Jewel Donaldson and **Mrs Patsy Kelly**, from room 1 / Roto team, have completed their fixed terms in our school this year and we wish to thank them for their time working with our students during this time.

Coming up

2 nd Dec	Awa Fun Day
5 th Dec	Hawai Camp Day (yr 5)
6 th Dec	Wai Learner Assembly, 9.10am
6 th Dec	Year 8 Dinner
6 th Dec	South Canterbury Athletics
7 th Dec	Hawai Camp Day (yr 6)
8 th Dec	Team Celebration Assemblies: Moana/Hawai: 9.30-10.30am Awa: 11.00am- 12.00 noon Roto: 12.35-1.30pm
9 th Dec	Roto Picnic – Ashbury Park 11.00am-1.30pm
9 th Dec	House Reward
12 th Dec	Moana Fun Day
14 th Dec	Final Assembly, 1.30pm
15 th Dec	Last day (school finishes at 12.00pm)

Hawai Outdoor Education Trips Postponed until Next Week

Unfortunately, Hawai has had to postpone their Outdoor Education events this week. We have been advised that there is a lot of rain forecast for the next couple of days and that it is unsuitable to be in the area. Thankfully the preparation included having postponement days in case this happened. The two trips will take place next week on the postponement days. (refer 'coming up' dates above) I know the students are all looking forward to these outings. They will be a lot of fun and students will learn skills relating to enjoying the outdoors.

Year 8 Diner

I am looking forward to the year 8 dinner next Tuesday, 6th December as I am sure all the year 8 students are also. The mini fair that was organised earlier in the term has earned enough money to pay for this event. Well done Year 8 students for putting this work in.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

GOOD NEWS Photos have arrived !! These will be sent home by the end of the week 😊

LATE ORDERS

Orders through the school have now closed, however, it is still possible to place a late order by posting or delivering your order to:

Kolourcare
56 Hornbrook Street
Temuka 7920



Teachers & Classes for 2023 CORRECTION OF ERROR

Please note: Mrs Lara Sargent and Mrs Kerri Jopp will be teaching **year 6** next year (*not year 5*) as previously advised in last fortnight's newsletter. Apologies for the confusion.

Hawai	Team Leader: Lara Sargent	
4	Michelle Bransden	Year 5
15	Lara Sargent & Kerri Jopp	Year 6
16	Rachel Cormack	Year 5
17	Juanita Thompson	Year 6
18	Ken Heaphy	Year 5-6

Team Assemblies on the 8th December

Next **Thursday, 8th December** each team is meeting in the hall to celebrate the great things that have happened this year.

9.30am-10.30am	Moana and Hawai
11.00am-12.00pm	Awa
12.30pm -1.30pm	Roto

Whanau are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Final Assembly

The final assembly is on **Wednesday, 14th December at 1:30pm** to formally farewell our year 8 students. This is also when we celebrate high achievements for the year and families/whanau who have children receiving awards will be notified.

PB4L – Grounds & Surrounds

As part of our PB4L unit "we care for the grounds and surrounds - we are kaitiaki" Room 19 has started a battery box.



If you have old batteries just laying around your house come drop them off in the red bucket at our school office foyer.



What do we do with your old batteries?

We take your old batteries to the recycling centre so they can be recycled properly and reduce the amount of batteries going into the dump. When too many batteries get into the dump they can rub against other metals and cause a fire and sometimes the fire can go underground and it can keep going. In other countries they have had battery fires that have gone for up to 3 to 7 years!

They also contain sulfuric acid and heavy metals like lead which can be damaging to life and the environment. So this is why you should bring your old or unused batteries here, so you can do a part of keeping our community safe and well cared for.

by Georgia and Rose

Athletics for Roto

On Tuesday this week the weather held it together to allow us to run Roto Athletics. It was great to see whanau here supporting their tamariki and the school. Thank you for being a part of this event.



There were some fun activities the students were involved in. The Chook and Chuck was an example of a modified ball throw that I noticed the students really enjoyed. There was lots of running, jumping and throwing activities. Well done to all the students that took part.



Have you paid your ACCOUNT?

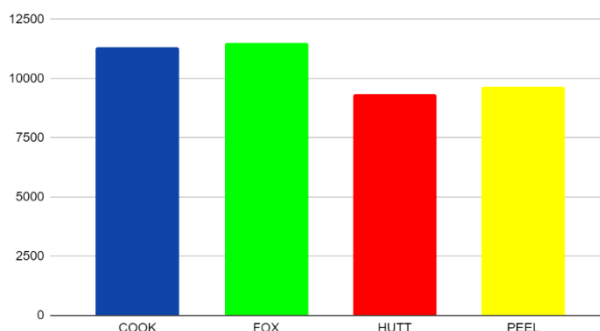
Paper statements will be sent home tomorrow. Prompt payment would be appreciated please or set up regular automatic payments to bank account number 12-3159-0063998-01



HOUSE POINTS

Week 5 & 6

Congratulations FOX house on your win with the house points this week. I hope you have enjoyed your acknowledgement of free time on Monday. *I wonder who will win the overall honours this year?*



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End of Year and Seasons Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation in the school during 2022. Despite COVID 19 we have achieved a lot with your support. We are well through our planning for the start of the next school year. We are hoping for a settled and happy year for our students and the community in 2023. I look forward to working with all of you in 2023 to enable us to provide the very best educational experiences and outcomes for your children.

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou
I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year