



WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

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Greetings, Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Mrhban, Namaste, Konnichiwa, dobryi den, Ahoj, tahiaati lak, Xin Chow

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

Welcome to the fifth Waimataitai school newsletter for 2023.

2023 Term dates

Term 1: Tues, 1 Feb – Thurs, 6 Apr

Term 2: Wed, 26 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

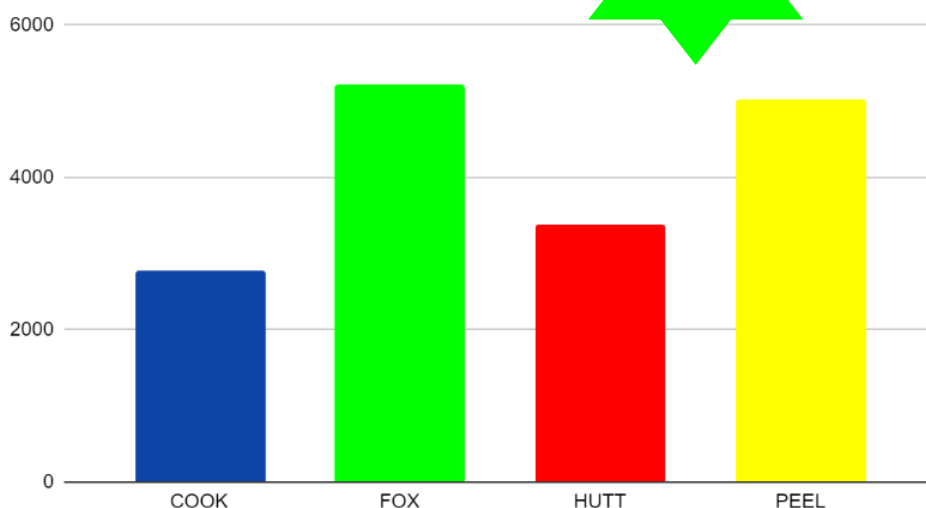
Also, you can view the newsletter on our Website at :

www.waimataitai.school.nz



Congratulations Fox / Mauka Kukuta house for winning to house points for last week.

Week 7 & 8 house points



Awa Team Introducing Local Education Outside the Classroom

Last year Waimataitai School was approached by Hami Goldsmith from Te Aitarakihī Marae and offered us the opportunity to take part in Kaupapa Māori sessions they were developing for use in local schools.

As part of the consultation process, we discussed the types of activities and learning that we felt our tamariki would really benefit from. Hami was able to show us their proposed plan of three in-school sessions and a visit to the marae. Hami took into account our requests and tailored a plan to cater for the needs of the students in the Awa learning team.

We negotiated how many students/classes could attend each session and we were given a costing based on each session.

The first session was based around traditional Māori games and focused on learning some new kupu (words) for different actions. The second session was about the history of Te Aitarakihī and the reason it was gifted by Mana Whenua. We also looked at the Pōwhiri process and what different parts of the pōwhiri signify. We will have one more session with the team before their trip to the marae in Term 2.

Awa have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to take part in Kaupapa Māori sessions run by Te Aitarakihī marae this term.

End of Term 1

The first term has seen a great start to the school year. Camps, sports events, community gatherings, and happy students settling into their learning. I am aware that we are all a little jaded now and ready for a good break. I hope you can take some time with your children and enjoy a restful break for a few days. I look forward to seeing you all back safe and rested in the new term.

Kia ki te harikoa hararei Aranga

Have a happy Easter holiday

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

In Health Centre (by office)

FRIDAYS 8.30-9.00AM
OR

By 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**

COMING UP Term 1

6 Apr Wai Learner Assembly, 11am

6 Apr Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

24 Apr Teacher Only Day

25 Apr ANZAC Day

26 Apr First day back for Students – Term 2

Curriculum Refresh Teacher Only Day April 24th

The Ministry of Education has designated the first curriculum refresh teacher only day to be early next term. The most sensible day to hold this is on Monday 24th April because the next day is an ANZAC day holiday. We look forward to seeing all our students return to school for the start of term two on Wednesday the 26th April.

Happy Easter holidays

Wai Learner Assembly Thurs 6th April, 11am

This week being the last week of term, we will hold a Wai Learner assembly. This is one of my favourite gatherings. It is here that we celebrate the students who try hard and manage themselves to the best of their ability. They are great role models for other Waimataitai students and of course they are exceptional Wai Learners who are respectful, reflective, motivated, curious team players.

If your child is this term's Wai learner, you will be contacted to attend the assembly. This is a great opportunity to share your child's success with them and we value your involvement in this celebration.

We will be combining this assembly with an ANZAC day celebration which is an annual event for Waimataitai. We will not be seeing the students back at school until after ANZAC day, so this Thursday is the most appropriate time to have this event.

If the weather is fine, we will hold this event outside the Administration Block in front of the school.

Poppies are available now for a donation.



Pizza Lunch with the Principal



Pictured above:

Lucy, An, Jane, Kauri, Greta, Danni, Blake and Kheitlyn

Cultural Evening

We held our Cultural Evening recently and it's great to say that it was a fabulous experience. We set out to bring as many of the different cultures from our community into the school grounds as possible and I think we were very successful. We had over twenty food stalls selling wonderful examples of food from different cultures. The entertainment from your children was fantastic. This was the first time that we have seen our Indian students dancing. It was wonderful to see our Pacifica and Māori Kapa Haka in action again as well as our rock and rollers. Thank you to all of the whanau that came along and helped us to recognise that we are a very diverse and inclusive school.

As part of our new strategic plan, we will continue to make opportunities for community events that celebrate what is special for Waimataitai.

Active Transport

During this term active transport has become a feature of our acknowledgement systems at Waimataitai. Students who are actively arriving at school are rewarded with a house token and these have been added to the teams' competition. Mrs Vincent, Miss Howard and I have noticed a big increase in the number of students who are getting to school this way.

We plan to change the way we acknowledge active transport for term two and three also. In term two we will have gold slips with us on random days each week. If your child arrives actively on those days, they will receive a gold slip for being motivated. The students will place those slips in a box outside my office and we will draw names from this to be the recipients of special prizes.

Looking forward to seeing you actively travelling next term.

Spuds Supreme Orders – THURSDAYS ONLY

PLEASE NOTE: Starting Term 2, you will only be able to order Spuds Supreme on a **THURSDAY**

Parents of Year 8 Waimataitai Students

I am aware you will already be considering enrolments for your children at high schools locally. It is well known that Opihi and Mountainview will both have an enrolment zone in place by the beginning of term two this year. After this date you will only be able to enrol if you are in their zone.

If you have any concerns about your plans for these schools Jess Howard, here at Waimataitai, is happy to answer your questions.

Message from WOW

A big THANK YOU to all of you for your support that you have provided the WoW (Whānua of Waimataitai – aka PTA) this term. We had a successful Cultural Evening and loved seeing you all at the school picnic.

Key dates for Term 2:

Monday, 1 May – WoW meeting – 3.30pm (Week 2)

Wednesday, 24 May – Quiz Night (Week 4)

Monday, 12 June – WoW meeting – 3.30pm (Week 8)

Hope to see you all.

Jo and Dave

WoW Co-chair

Student Leadership House Leaders

We have a wonderful group of House Leaders this year. They have an extraordinary role at Waimataitai School. House Leaders use all of the Wai Learner attributes daily. Teachers ask a lot of this group and they perform beyond expectation. The photos below are of the House Leaders helping to cook sausages for the sausage sizzle last week; just one of their many talents.

This year they have been supporting their house in sporting events here at school, at C-Bay pool and at Ashbury Park. We expect that the House Leaders will be enthusiastic competitors themselves and will be involved in the school sports events we hold throughout the year.

The House Leaders will assist with assemblies. They have already played a part in the first Mihi Whakatau in February, will assist with the Wai Learner assembly and ANZAC Day celebrations. In week 2 of term two we will have the next whole school assembly.

The House Leaders are on the School Council and they are often the leaders of the things the Council puts forward to happen. During the “wear what you like” days and the “Disney dress up” days the House Leaders were very helpful.

Staff are interested to continuing to build the skills of the house leaders.

As they leave Waimataitai we hope they will have lots of opportunities to develop their leadership skills at high schools they attend and beyond.

