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2023 Term dates

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 :

www.waimataitai.school.nz



2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

In Health Centre (by office)

By appointment only
(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

Waimataitai Newsletter Hui-tanguru / April 2023

Greetings, Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa, Mrhban, Namaste, Konnichiwa, Dobryi Den, Ahoj, Tahiaati lak, Xin Chow

*Nau mai haere mai ki te kawerongo tuaowhitu o te kura Waimataitai
Welcome to the sixth Waimataitai school newsletter for 2023.*

Student Learning Conference Survey

<https://forms.gle/NaA53JSySBu8UWLD6>

The link above is a survey senior staff have put together to gauge your understanding about the Student Led Conferences. It is time to review how we manage this important part of the teaching and learning process at Waimataitai.

The purpose of the conferences has been to inform you about aspects of your child's learning. There is so much that teachers could share with you about what and how your child learns that it would be impossible to cover everything in one meeting. We look at what the important things are that we are focussing on and take that slice of your child's learning to share with you.

The second major consideration for us is that your child should lead the conference. As they progress through the school, they get better at this and take more control. We are confident that when your child can share their learning journey then they really are learning.

The Student Led Conferences are only one way that we report to whanau about student progress. Perhaps the most important way that we do this is when we build a relationship with parents and there is a regular conversation occurring between the teacher, the student and whanau. In these ongoing conversations a much wider view of the learning can take place. The way to manage this is for parents and teachers to talk regularly. If you have any concerns about your child's learning or you would like an update, please make contact with your child's teacher and come have a chat.

If you are talking regularly you don't need to spend a lot of time with each check in and you will be kept up to date throughout the year. Parents sometimes tell me they were surprised by what they heard in their child's conference. That should never happen. There should be no surprises at conferences. I would like to think that with regular contact you would be very well informed and anything your child shares with you should be part of your growing understanding of their learning journey.

Please take the time to fill in the survey by visiting the link above and help us shape the way we report back to you.

Term Two Mihi Whakatau

We will be celebrating the arrival of our new students on the second Monday of term two (1 May) starting at 9.10am.

The purpose of this assembly is to welcome all the students who have arrived during this year. We will be following the steps used in a mihi whakatau. This ceremony can happen in places other than a Marae and is less formal than the Powhiri that groups are welcomed onto a Marae with. If your child is new to Waimataitai they will be brought into the hall with all the other new students and given a seat on the stage. They will have a staff member who will look after them during the assembly. At the end of the assembly they will have been officially welcomed as part of the Waimataitai whanau and our challenge will be to make sure they are supported here for the rest of their Waimataitai School days.

Whanau Open Days

On **Monday, 8 May at 9.00-11.50am** there will be an open day at Waimataitai where whanau can come through and see their children being taught. Teachers will demonstrate a normal day of teaching and students will be able show you how and what they are learning.

Coming Up ... REFER ATTACHED CALENDAR

FRIENDLY REMINDER

SPUD SUPREME THURSDAYS ONLY

Unfortunately SPUD SUPREME is NO LONGER AVAILABLE to order on FRIDAYS



May, the New Zealand Music Month

We have several musical things happening in May and throughout this term. Music lessons continue for students who have opted into these, and we appreciate the efforts that our music teachers put into their work with our students.

We have our exciting **house sing-offs** this term and these begin in week two. We are looking forward to hearing these performances over the next few weeks. The final of this event is on the 26 May.

At the start of week two we have an internationally known **classical guitarist** playing for a smaller group of our musically motivated students. This will be an opportunity for some of our students to hear the guitar played in ways that they will not have heard before. Miles is from New Zealand and he has travelled, studied and taught around the world.

At the end of week two we have a performance courtesy of the WoW called '**Strike**'. This is a percussion concert for all children.

For the first time this year we will send our *school choir* to a **song festival**. We are lucky to have a teacher working with our students. They will perform alongside several other schools in Timaru later this term.

Our *Kapa Haka* and *Pacifika* groups will continue to practice and perform during the term as well.

The Waimataitai School Board

The Board are currently concentrating on the 2022 annual financial audit. The 2021 audit report has been finalised and loaded onto our website.

After adopting the new School Docs programme the Board will be reviewing several school policies during the intervals between meetings. This term the focus is on *official information requests* and *inclusive education*. The Board will manage a health education consultation with the school community this term and the parameters of this will be explained fully in coming communications.

The Board are considering a slight adjustment to the usual board meeting schedule. We will meet at 5:15pm to start on 22 May.

Enrolments of In Zone Students

If you intend enrolling your child at Waimataitai this year and you are living within the school zone, please do this by 18th May. This will assist us with planning for the remainder of the year.

Waimataitai School Zone Ballot

Closing date for out of zone applications for term 3 and 4 of this year is **18 May at 4pm**. The ballot will be drawn on 25 May and parents of all applicants will be informed soon after this. If siblings are already enrolled at Waimataitai, you still need to apply in this ballot for younger siblings.

Cross Country

Cross Country training will begin early this term and our school event will be held in week five. Please encourage your child to start their personal training as soon as possible. We look forward to all Waimataitai students participating in this event.

Later in the term in week 8, we will send a team from Waimataitai to the South Canterbury Cross Country event.

Whanau of Waimataitai Hui 1 May in the School Staffroom

The WoW, formally the PTA, will meet in the school staffroom on the 1st May at 3:30 pm. If you are a parent of children at Waimataitai you are welcome to join us at that meeting. Traditionally this was a group that was mostly parents and a few teachers who joined in. At present it is the other way around. We would love to have you come and join the group. There is not a lot of extra work required as a member. Our focus is on building our school community and we run a few minor fundraising events throughout the year. This term there is a **quiz night** at the Sail and Anchor. The WoW contributes to the resourcing of the school in areas that the operations grant cannot and we really appreciate these contributions.

Thank you for the **Magic Box** that has recently been provided for the playground. This encourages children to be creative, using their imagination through play.



Active Transport

Miss Howard, Mrs Vincent and I have been very impressed with the number of children who are coming to school actively. This term we will take a fresh look at the active travel school plan. We will change the tokens we were handing out at the gate for gold slips we will issue to active students on one day of the school week. If your child receives one of these, they can be put into a special box outside my office and they will go into the draw for special prizes the Timaru District Council will provide Waimataitai with.

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL QUIZ

Wed 24th May @ 7pm
Sail & Anchor

Teams of 4-6
\$10 per person

To book a team email Kim
kld018@waimataitai.school.nz

Limited Space
Book NOW!

Raffles

WAI LEARNER AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for being awarded the 2023 Term 1 Wai Learner Awards:

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Team Roto – Years 1/2 | Viliani Ferguson |
| Team Awa – Years 3/4 | Gemma Adams |
| Team Hawai – Years 5/6 | Harshita Gedela |
| Team Moana – Years 7/8 | Greta Severinsen |

POI FILLING REQUIRED

Awa are about to make poi. We would love to take any wool insulation from My Food Bag (or similar) off your hands (for the poi filling).

If you have some of this that you would be happy to donate, please send along to Room 24, or contact the office (ph: 684 5566) if you have a sizeable amount and need us to collect. We would be happy also with dacron (also for the filling).

We are also after black wool, yellow wool, and white wool. If you have balls of wool (or part balls), we would appreciate you sending them to Room 24.

Thank you from the Awa teachers



Breakfast Club 2023

Breakfast Club resumes this term at 8:10 each morning for students to enjoy healthy food and start the day positively. There is *no charge* for this and we encourage any student who wishes to join us for breakfast to do so.



If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Mrs Dynes email: kld018@waimataitai.school.nz

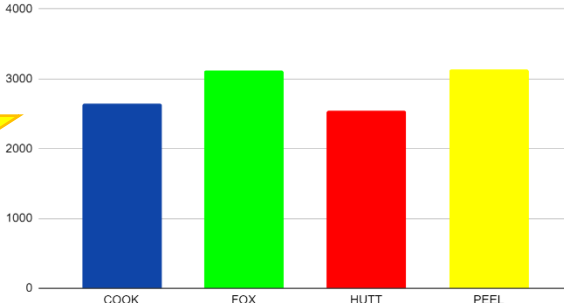

Scooter Safety – Handlebar Plugs available

School safety is very important to us. We are concerned that some scooters are unsafe as they do not have plugs in the handlebars. We have seen some horrific injuries from scooters without plugs.

To help fix this problem we are selling plugs at the office - \$3 for a pair. We have 2 sizes available. Please send cash to the office.

House Results – Term 1 Week 7 & 8

Congratulations **PEEL** house for winning the house points for the last week of last term

| House | Points |
|-------|--------|
| COOK | ~2600 |
| FOX | ~3100 |
| HUTT | ~2500 |
| PEEL | ~3150 |

Overall Winners for Term 1 !!

Congratulations Peel/Tarahaoa House

You are the winners of the house competition for Term One.

Your acknowledgement is on Friday 28 April at 2:15.

- Wheels (with a helmet)
- The adventure playgrounds
- The sandpits
- Sports equipment on the fields.

WAIMATAITAI SCHOOL

LUNCH OPTIONS

SUBWAY

AVAILABLE WEDNESDAYS

(Complete order on printed paper bag at Lunch Order Table)

6-inch sandwich, apple and cookie **\$6.00**
12-inch sandwich, apple and cookie **\$10.00**

Choice of white or wheatmeal
 up to 4 salad ingredients
 up to 2 dressings
 beef, turkey or ham



SPUD SUPREME

AVAILABLE **THURSDAYS ONLY**

*(No longer available to order on **Fridays** through the school)*

(This is now done ONLINE via website spudssupreme.nz/order/schools)

Baked spuds served with butter and topped with 4 fillings of your choice
(No butter if preferred) **PRICE \$6.50**



Fillings:



Savoury mince
Pineapple
Savoury Tomato
Mushrooms

Onions
Spaghetti
Coleslaw
Chilli Beans

Cheese
Baked beans
Sour Cream
Creamed Corn

NACHOS - \$6-50

Stuffed Sausage – \$5.50 Filled with Potato, Garlic, Tomato Relish & Cheese



| Term 2 | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|----------|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1 | Apr | 24 TOD- Curriculum Shared lunch | 25 ANZAC DAY | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 2 | May | 1 Mihi Whakatau 9.10am Music Month WoW (formerly known as PTA) meeting 3.30pm in Staffroom | 2 | 3 | 4 Inspiring the Future - | 5 "Strike' percussion group visit. Whole school |
| 3 | May | 8 Open Morning 9.00-11.50am | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 4 | May | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 5 | May | 22 | 23 Yr 3-8 Cross Country (TBD) | 24 | 25 Yr 3-8 Cross Country ppt (TBD) | 26 House sing off Final Police PCT (Moana) |
| 6 | May /Jun | 29 Firewise Visits (Roto) | 30 Awa to Te Aitarakihi Firewise Visits (Roto) | 31 Song festival - choir students (am) | 1 Young Leaders conference Yr 1-2 Cross Country | 2 |
| 7 | Jun | 5 King's Birthday | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 8 | Jun | 12 | 13 SC X-country | 14 | 15 SC X-country (postponement) | 16 |
| 9 | Jun | 19 Roto Safe Walking | 20 Bike Safety bay (Hawai) Rm15,16,18 | 21 Bike Safety bay (Hawai) Rm 14,17 | 22 Jump Jam festival | 23 |
| 10 | Jun | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 LAST DAY OF TERM 2 |

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