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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 seventh Waimataitai school newsletter for 2023.*

Attendance

Regular attendance at school or kura has an enormous impact on young people's engagement, participation, and achievement.

School attendance has declined over the past decade, and COVID-19 has made things worse.

This means our children and young people are missing out on learning, friendships and connections with their classmates and kaiako.

We all have a role to play in ensuring our young people are attending and engaging in their education. We know from research conducted by ERO that 41% of parents think it's okay for their child to miss a week of school a term. I strongly encourage you to consider the importance of your child attending school every day unless they are sick.

Those missing school more frequently are likely to have bigger gaps in their learning which is why it is important to know how often individual students miss school.

The following are the categories the Ministry used to classify a child's attendance at school.

Regular attendance: students with over 90% attendance (missing fewer than five days of school in a standard 10-week term)

Irregular absence: students with more than 80% and up to 90% attendance (students missing 5 – 9 1/2 days of a standard term)

Moderate absence: students with more than 70% and up to 80% attendance (missing 10 – 14 1/2 days of school in a term)

Chronic absence: students 70% attendance or less (missing 15 days or more of school in a term)

It is becoming apparent that students who have poor attendance are statistically more likely to experience some or all of the following issues in their lives.

- Mental health concerns
- Poverty
- Crime
- Unemployment
- Substance abuse

There is no acceptable non-attendance level. Every day missed is a learning opportunity missed

Student Learning Conference Survey

We would love some more responses please. Will only take a couple of minutes.

<https://forms.gle/NaA53JSySBu8UWLD6>

This is a link to a parent survey about the Student Learning Conferences we have here at Waimataitai. Please help us to shape the way we report on your child's progress by filling in this survey.

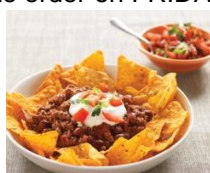
I will be sharing this information with the Waimataitai school board and reviewing how we report to the community as a result.

Thank you very much for your support

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.

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.

Strike percussion concert

This was held last week, what a great opportunity happening at our school.

Thank you to WOW for organizing this



English Language Learners, can you help...

We have a rapidly increasing number of students who are learning to speak, read and write English as their second language.

If you are interested in supporting these learners by volunteering in school, please contact the office and we will be in touch to have a chat with you about this and how you could help.

Many thanks

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 has already begun 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.

Active Transport

Each week this term we choose a lucky day for our draw for those students who actively come to school.

Here is Hazel, our winner from week 1, with her bag of goodies



Relief Teachers needed

Once again, we have a huge problem staffing our school when teachers are sick. As the winter approaches there will be days that we cannot fully staff the school and students will need to be spread around the school into other classes.

This arrangement is not ideal but is the reality with less teachers training than in the past.

If you know of anyone interested in relief teaching work, please ask them to phone the school office and make an appointment to see Nikki Vincent.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

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

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.


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

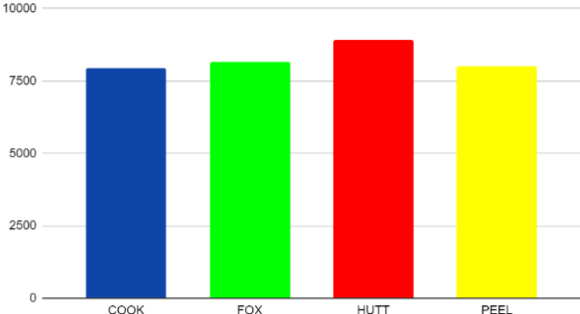
School safety is very important to us. We are concerned that some scooters are unsafe as they do not have plugs in the handlebars. We have seen some horrific injuries from scooters without plugs.

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 **HUTT** house for winning the house points for the first 2 week of this term.

Week 1 & 2 house points



House	Points
COOK	~8000
FOX	~8500
HUTT	~9500
PEEL	~8000

CONGRATULATIONS
HUTT
YOU ARE THE WINNERS
FOR THE FORTNIGHT.
YOUR REWARD IS 10 MINUTES PLAY
AT 11.00AM TODAY



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