



WEEK 7 TERM 1 2020

WAIOTIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creating Lifelong learners who care and have P.R.I.D.E.



A message from the Principal

Welcome to Week 7.

It's been very interesting times globally with COVID-19. As a school we are following the instructions and information presented by the Ministry of Health and following protocols as closely as possible - which include proper handwashing and safe sneezing.

There is a lot of conflicting information circulating about school closures, but we are business as usual until we are advised otherwise. This also means, that at this stage we have decided to proceed with camp. However, this may change as the situation with COVID-19 changes daily.

The biggest threat to our school at the moment is our size. With the 14-day stay-away being in effect and the fact we have only three teachers we are at risk of a full school shutdown if the common Flu was to take hold. With other bigger schools taking up the relief teachers we could be left with no one to fill in for sick teachers. With then being short of staff we would have no choice but to close the school for 14-days. So, what can we do. Everyone needs to do their part so we are asking ALL parents that if your child wakes up with a runny nose or sore throat, you take one for the team and keep them home for 24hrs to make sure it doesn't develop into something more. If then the next day they are fine then make the call to send them back to school. Also please don't be offended if your kids arrive at school with a sore throat or runny nose and you're rung to come and pick them up.

We are asking that you remain vigilant over signs of sickness, especially as the cold and flu season approaches. If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- a cough
- a high temperature (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath

please keep them home, until they are well. These symptoms do not necessarily mean you have COVID-19. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.

So, at this stage, we are only asking you to self-isolate:

- If you returned from any country in the last 14 days, then you should self-isolate for 14 days from the date of departure.
- If you have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 you should self-isolate for 14 days from the date of close contact

But if you are unsure, please seek medical advise. So let's work together to try to keep our school whanau as healthy and strong as possible.

Suggestions please!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the community picnic dinner recently. It was great to see so many of the school community coming together for a relaxed, social evening.

We had a suggestion box available on the evening for you to have your say about the new build, or any other suggestions you may have. If you missed out, this will be available in the school office until the end of term.

As well as any comments you have on the new build, we'd also like to know:

What do we do well?

What could we do better?

Do you have any skills / knowledge / talents that you could share with the school?
(E.g. crafts, sports, mechanical, dance - ANYTHING that the students might be interested in!)

Is there anything else you'd like to see at the school?

And ANYTHING ELSE you'd like to suggest!

If you'd prefer to email your suggestions through, feel free to send these to office@waitira.school.nz



WOW

Raw Cakes & Sushi delivers to Waitira, Fri 20th March

Weekly deliveries every Friday
Order now !!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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New lunch orders!

We are excited to be joining lunch online to provide sushi and raw cakes for lunch orders every Friday! These will replace the previous lunch order options.

Parents create an account directly on the lunchonline website (www.lunchonline.co.nz), and can place orders up until 8am on the morning of delivery. The orders are delivered each Friday lunchtime, starting this Friday (20th March).

Stainless Steel FOREVER Products by Bento Ninja Whānau Group fundraiser

The Whānau Group is offering Stainless Steel FOREVER products by Bento Ninja as a fundraising activity for the school.

Details of the products available went home last week, together with an order form. If you'd like to check out any of the peg products before ordering, Jess has some available that she is happy to show you.

Please return any order forms and cash payments to the office.
If you'd like to pay by bank transfer, please use the Whānau Group account: 12-3099-0100389-01
(NB the suffix is different from the main school account!)

Please share this information with your friends - the more orders we receive, the more money we raise for the school!



ECO-FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE MARINE-GRADE STAINLESS STEEL CLOTHES PEGS

DELICATE PEGS \$20 (20PC IN A COTTON CLOTH BAG)

TOUGH PEGS \$28 (20PC IN A COTTON CLOTH BAG)

RAINBOW PEGS \$35 (20PC IN A COTTON CLOTH BAG)

ROUND SOCK HANGERS \$35 (30 PEGS, 41CM DIAMETER)

RECTANGLE SOCK HANGER (36 PEGS, 40 X 30CM)

LUNCHBOX SYSTEM DEEP \$68

LUNCHBOX SYSTEM STANDARD \$60

ULTIMATE NINJA PACK DEEP \$95

ULTIMATE NINJA PACK STANDARD \$90

STAINLESS STEEL SPORK \$7

STAINLESS STEEL KIWI FRUIT SPOON \$7

School camp - 1st to 3rd April

We're looking forward to school camp at Manaia Baptist camp, 1st to 3rd April. Notices for this went home last week - please make sure you return your health & permission forms and parental participation forms ASAP so that we can finalise arrangements.



Fundraising opportunity!

The International Rally of Whangarei is coming to Waiotira on Sunday, 10th May.

8-10 May 2020

The rally pays schools or community groups to help coordinate or marshall the event, so if anyone is available to help please let us know.

Important dates for Term 1

Wednesday 18th March: Library bus (11.15-11.40)

Monday 23rd March: Whanau Group meeting, 4.10pm

Tuesday 24th March: Cricket Festival Day

Weds 1st to Fri 3rd April: Camp

End of Term 1: Thursday 9th April

Wednesday 15th April: Library bus (11.15-11.40)

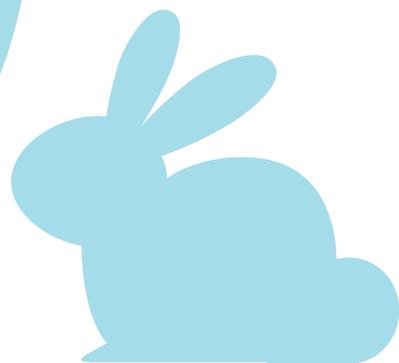
Start of Term 2: Tuesday 28th April

Easter raffle!

We will be holding a raffle in the last week of term, and are on the hunt for prizes!

If you are able to donate something towards this, please let us know by the end of March.

Thanks





Maungakaramea JMC Rally/Trial dates for 2020

Venue: Hockey Northland ITM Stadium

To be held on Sunday 29th March 9.30am-10.30am

And Sunday 5th April 9.30am-10.30am

This is for all junior grade's years 2-8

Please bring hockey gear (stick, shin pads, mouth guard and a bottle of water)

Can't wait to see you there!

BREAKFAST IDEAS

BANANA PANCAKES

- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp flour
- Pinch of salt

Whisk eggs, add banana and mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients until well combined. Using a non-stick fry pan on medium heat add large spoonfuls of mixture. Cook until golden. Serve with fruit and a dollop of low fat yoghurt



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BREAKFAST IDEAS

BREAKFAST SWAPS

To lower our sugar intake and/or increase the fibre in our breakfast try these easy swaps.....

1. Nutrigrain to PORRIDGE
2. Coco Pops to WEETBIX
3. Spaghetti to BAKED BEANS
4. White bread to WHOLEGRAIN BREAD



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