



WEEK 2 TERM 3 2020

# WAIOTIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome to Term 3. Thank you to all our parents who attended conferences at the end of the Term. It was nice to be able to catch up with you all, and spend some time celebrating your child's successes and identify some goals moving forward. If you weren't able to attend, we are more than happy to make time to meet with you. You will have noticed that our report format was revised. If you have any feedback on the reports we would be interested to hear from you. For example:

- Do you feel that you received enough information?
- Was it beneficial to have the report used in conjunction with the conference?
- Do you feel more engaged and have a good understanding where your child is at and what your child is doing, through the engagement of SeeSaw?

Send your feedback through to [principal@waiotira.school.nz](mailto:principal@waiotira.school.nz). We appreciate all feedback.

This will be our last fairly "normal" term before we make some accommodations to teaching spaces. We will endeavour to keep life as close to normal for the children as possible while we make plans to move and condense our teaching spaces. In order to do this we have called for a **TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST**. The staff will use this time to plan and begin sorting and packing resources - this is a very big job.

We appreciate your support of this day.

We are also closing for a second **TEACHER ONLY DAY on FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER** (the last day of term 3) for a major and final clear and pack down as the demolition crews are booked to start work the first Monday of the holidays. We will be looking for extra hands on this day - so keep a lookout for requests of help as many hands, make light work (except some if it will be heavy!). We apologise for the inconvenience of the teacher only days and thank you in advance, again for your support.

# PRODUCTION

Our focus this term is PRODUCTION. So our routines may vary somewhat, especially towards the end of the term, when we will be utilising the hall for rehearsals. We will post the dates and times of performances shortly.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country is being held at Portland School on THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST.

We will send home a permission form with a transport request attached. We will forward more information as we receive it. (eg race timetable and food lists).

If you have any school shirts at home, please return these before the day (except netballers).

# Ag Day - Friday 23 October

Due to the timing of Ag Day, we will be running at a reduced capacity for space, as the build will have started. We will be down one teaching space, which was typically used for displaying floral exhibits and part of the field, which will be used as the main access way for the building crews. Therefore, Ag Day will be held at the Waitotira Hall for indoor exhibits and Waitotira Domain for Animal Showing.

The Board of Trustees have made the decision to allow calves back this year, on the basis that strict guidelines and criteria are adhered to.

This criteria is inline with the Whangarei Central Day Committee.

- Calves must be born on your property.
- Calves must be NAIT registered.
- Calves, pens and trailers will be set up to maintain physical distancing of at least 2m at Ag Day.
- Child & calf MUST have 1 parent to assist for the duration of the judging to ensure correct procedures are followed.
- Calf owner cannot enter this category while knowingly being under any level of investigation by MPI for Mycoplasma Bovis.
- Calf owner is to actively engage with the Ag Day organiser to ensure that Waitotira School Ag Day & Central Day protocol is understood and followed.

Farm animals must have been **born after the 1st July 2020**.

Small caged pets can also be displayed, accompanied by an information board.

For those students NOT rearing and training an Animal, students will create a Small Contained Garden (grown at home, and transportable) (ideas include, themed, flowers, herbs, fruit/veg).

This means that ALL STUDENTS will have an outdoor exhibit on the day. More information and registration forms will be available shortly.

# Rocket challenge

Room 2 has started participating in the Rocket Challenge which is part of the Wonder Project. We are being supported through this journey by our ambassador Simon Reiher from Cato Balom. The Wonder Project is Engineering New Zealand's free programme for schools, designed to get young minds excited about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). If the test launch was anything to go by - it did just that. We will have a STEM session with our ambassador every Thursday for the next 6 weeks - which will culminate in a Launch Session that parents will be invited to later in term.

We do need a few bits for our rocket construction which can be sent to school.

- Clean and empty 1.5 litre soft drink bottles.
- Plastic ice cream container lids (or similar flat plastic)



## Important dates for Term 3

Whanau Group meeting:  
Monday 3rd August, 4.15pm

Cross Country:  
Thursday 13th August

Teacher Only Day:  
Friday 21st August

Life Education:  
10-11th September

Bingo night:  
Saturday 12th September

Production:  
Wednesday 23rd September

Teacher Only Day:  
Friday 25th September

End of Term 3:  
Friday 25th September

Tuesdays: Energise - Sport  
Northland

Thursdays: Rocket Challenge

Fridays: Small sticks hockey

Tahi bee project: 24 August  
& 7 September

## Looking ahead:

Ag Day:  
Friday, 23rd October

Central Day:  
5 November

Wellington trip (years 5 & 6):  
23rd-26th November

Camp:  
9-11th December

End of year:  
18th December

Winter Term - As we are now in our Winter Term life is colder and wetter and consequently - muddier. We will also be training for cross country, so please ensure that your child has a full change of clothes in a separate bag, should they get wet and muddy.

# Sports news

## Netball:

Waiotira Pukekos (Ivy, Leah, Paige, Mikayla, Sharlise & Amarni) lost 5-7 against Kaurihohore. Player of the day: Ivy Southee.

## Hockey:

MGK - Tropical Storm (Angus) won 3-0 against Bream Bay.

MGK Flaming Flamingoes (Ruby & Emma) drew 1-1. Ruby played goalie.

## Rugby:

Midwestern U6 (Carter, Anita, Lilla) drew against Mid-Northern. Carter got lots of rips!  
Player of the day: Lilla Neumann.

Midwestern U7 (Holly & Addy) won against Waipu. Addy got a try.

Midwestern U8 (Alfred) won 11-6 against Mangakahia. Alfred got 4 tries and 5 rips, and was try scorer of the day.

Midwestern U9 (Kace) won 14-7 against Hikurangi. Player of the day: Cooper & Carmen.

Midwestern U10 (Kevin & Louise) won 16-10 against OBM. Player of the day: Carlos.  
Kevin got a free sausage!



Bus changes and Sports Practices - We have a lot of children involved in sports practices after school on varying days of the week. Please keep us informed of any changes to afternoon bus routes.

## Prizes needed - Bingo night & Ag day

We are on the hunt for some awesome prizes to help make Bingo night and Ag Day a huge success, and to maximise our fundraising.

Please use your contacts and let us know if you are able to donate anything.



## Bingo Night - help wanted!

Chantelle is planning a bingo night on behalf of the School, in loving memory of Fran. This will be held on 12 September at the golf club, with proceeds going towards the Yr 5 & 6 Wellington trip.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Chantelle on 021 0852 3304.

We will need prizes for the evening, so if you have anything to donate, please let us know.

## Have you seen our new website?

Check it out now at  
[www.waiotira.school.nz](http://www.waiotira.school.nz)

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## School Enrolments 2021

We are accepting enrolments for 2021 now.

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or phone 4322643

**Lunch online** is currently unavailable while they scope a new supplier. Unfortunately raw cakes and sushi are no longer delivering through lunch online. We will let you know as soon as the service is available again.