



WEEK 2 TERM 2 2023

WAIOTIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

New School Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 4.30pm

KIA ORA WHĀNAU!

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Welcome back to TERM TWO and a big welcome to Cat Smith who is our new Office Administrator. Cat has settled into the job very quickly and we look forward to getting to know her more. She will be in the office on a Monday - Thursday. You can get to know more about Cat further in the next newsletter.

We are excited to have the fencers here working hard in the rain, and shine to complete our fabulous looking fence. We are very excited to have a new safe and tidy space for all of our ākonga and community. Thank you to everyone for your patience and extra diligence when picking up and dropping off your tamariki.

Another exciting change for this term is the amended and extended bus route. We now have a bus that caters for our school only and a bus driver (Gemma) that is local to our community. Gemma is more than happy for you to communicate with her directly about pick ups and drop offs but if you have any concerns or issues about the bus, then please contact me directly. Thank you Gemma for getting our precious cargo to school and home safely every day.

The roads that the bus travels on can be challenging and after Cyclone Gabrielle and a very wet summer there are still numerous slips and potholes. If you have concerns about the roads, then please contact the WDC directly so they can log complaints about the roads that our school bus travels on. You can do this by phoning the council or logging it on their website.

<https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Council/Contact-us/Report-it/Roads-and-footpath-issues>
For Term 1 2023 our attendance as a school was 93%!!! This is something we should all be extremely proud of as it means we are all doing our best to get our tamariki to school. You will be aware from the media that there is a lot of focus on schools and student attendance. Keep doing what you are doing and as long as our communication lines are open, then we will continue to 'create lifelong learners who care and have PRIDE'.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Jess Southee



Important Dates

- **Wed 10th May at 11.15am - Mobile Library**
- **Thur 11th & Fri 12th May - iNVENTIONATOR Conference**
- **Tues 16th May - Tangowahine Fun Sports day**
- **Sunday 21st May - Centenary Meeting at Waitotira School**
- **Tues 23rd May at 5.15pm - BOT Meeting**
- **Wed 31st May - WPSSA Y5/6 Winter Tournament**
- **Wed 31st May - Hearing & Vision Testing**
- **Mon 5th June - Kings Birthday**
- **Tues 20th June - BOT Meeting**
- **Fri 30th June - MATARIKI EVENING, Unveiling of Creatives in Schools Murals and LAST DAY of TERM TWO!**

*Bella, Cameron, Margaret, Mason and Memphis are trying out our new couch.
Donated to us by the Gurr Whanau*



Health and Well-being

Studies show that improved levels of wellbeing
(in an education setting) brings:

Source: Robinson (2016)

- Fewer symptoms of depression
- Less hopelessness
- Lower clinical levels of depression/anxiety
- Less procrastination
- Fewer conduct problems

- Better academic results
- Greater levels of participation
- Stronger social & emotional skills
- Higher levels of optimism
- Greater levels of self control
- More academic engagement

CORE EDUCATION
Tātai Aho Rau

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Citizen's Advice Bureau

Do you have questions and don't know where to find the answers? Citizen's Advice Bureau can help.

"We help people know and understand their rights"

"We have 2,755 answers - find us to find your answer"

Kāore i te mārama?
Pātai mai.
Not sure?
ASK US.

Citizens Advice Bureau
Te Pou Whakawhirinaki o Aotearoa

Dad joke of the day!

Swampy's
Joke of the
week.....

Q. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced?

A. A Buccaneer (A buck an ear)

This weeks bad dad jokes is brought to you
by Cat ☺



WELL DONE SUPERSTARS!



Week 2

****Term 2 Week 2 Assembly****

Check out all our certificate recipients for our first assembly back this term.

Junior Class - Green finger awards go to Margaret and Lilly.

Welcome to our new student, Isla Cotton. We look forward to this whānau joining our school and community.

Early Words - Memphis and Mason

Te Ahikā received an award for Perseverance.

Kareti-Jaye received an award for excellent Maths mahi.

Senior Class - Brady for great settling into his writing.

Holly for awesome reading in her new group.

Student of the Week - Lilla for always working hard in all areas of the class.

Ka mau te wehi!!

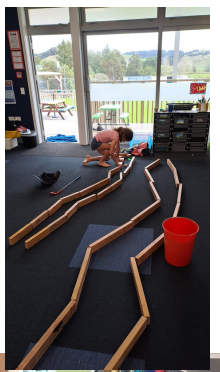
School Projects - New Fence

The contractors have been busy this week taking down the old fence and building our lovely new fence. They are taking out the bushes around the pool to make room for the pool fence.

They even got the use of Phil's tractor to take the greenery to the bonfire pile.



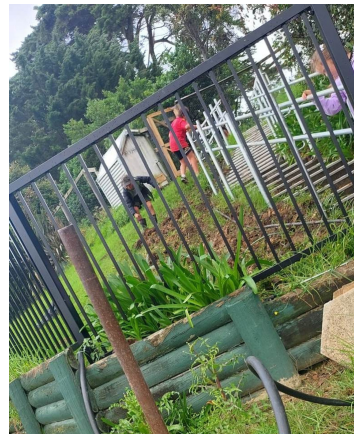
Whanaungatanga Friday



Whanaungatanga Friday (T2 W1) involved plenty of MAHI and showing respect to our school and environment.

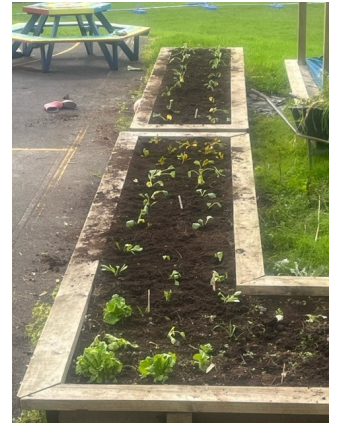
Mr Hamilton had some fabulous helpers who sorted a new water line up to our chickens and numerous other jobs. Thank you boys and thankfully they didn't try to make a trench for the water line with ammunition or fire like they suggested. The wet weather made for lots of hut building, Lego play, music, dress ups, building with blocks and drawing.

After lunch we walked down to the Waitotira Hall to put away the crosses that we put up for ANZAC day. We got to share lots of history about where things used to be as we walked.



Growing with Tui

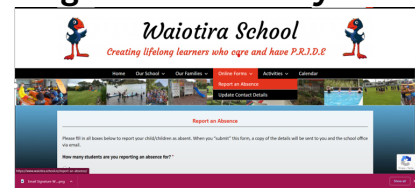
Te Marama has told us it's time to get our Winter seedlings in the garden, so that is exactly what we did! We are going to get some peas in today too!



Reporting a student's absence

Did you know that there are numerous ways to communicate with our kura about your child's absence? We would prefer it if you could communicate it the following ways:

- School website - follow the 'Online Forms', 'Report an absence'. This then gets sent directly to the office email address.
- School FB messenger
- Email: office@waitira.school.nz directly.
- Phone the landline, if unanswered, leave a message.



It would be great if we could use the above options, rather than messaging staff directly.

Creatives In Schools Update

We are now halfway through our project. We spent Term One researching our environment and the stories of Waitira, practicing our drawing skills and planning our design based on our theme of 'Te Ao o Waitira'. We've studied other murals and what we like about them and looked the way that symbols work in an artwork.

All of the tamariki have had an opportunity to contribute ideas and drawings to our final designs, and have been able to produce work that reflects their interests and skills. We have a huge pool of sketches of farm machinery and horses to draw from now! They have also enjoyed learning about how the type of paint and paintbrush we use makes a real difference to the quality of our work. This term will be practical hands on painting every Wednesday and most Fridays so please make sure your children are not in their best clothes on these days as we will be using exterior paint which will stain clothes.

We can't wait to see how they turn out!



Saturday Sport Report

Reporter: Alfred Neumann

Under 12's Mid Western Rugby

On Saturday at 10am we were warming up for my first rugby game of the season. Rob was our Ref. Before long I was on the field. The game had started Maungakahia under 12s scored in the corner, they missed the conversion, the score was 0-5 to Maungakahia 15 minutes in. Bang! Maungakahia kicked off to us after many tackles we eventually scored. It was 5 all 25 minutes into the game. Then we kicked off when Maungakahia centre tried to catch the ball, but he knocked it on had called in half time. Smack! Maungakahia kicked off Isaac caught it then got a try. It was a rough game. The final score was 22-29 to Maungakahia.

Ephram Locke got player of day for the backs.

Written by Alfred

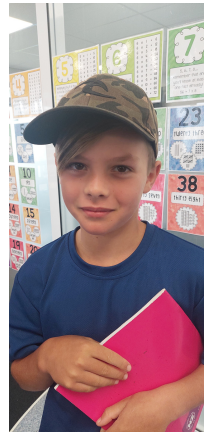


Rugby Report Mid Western Under 10s

Reporter : Jack Courtman

On Saturday at 10.00am we are warming up or game . We are the Under 10s. We are versing Waipu at Kensington Park, so we are on the fields, playing in the rain!

Waipu got the first try, and then another one.. We were thinking OH NO! BUT then we got a try and we were hoping to get one more..... BUT Waipu got it off the scrum. I was like a half Back during the game. Final Score was 35-55 to Waipu



Mid Western Under 8s

Reporter:

Lilla Neumann

On Saturday the Under 8s played at 10 o'clock. We versed Onerahi. Our team name is Mid Western. The score was 7- 13 to US! We won. Casey got player of the day. I got scored a try then, someone stepped on my finger it is sprained.



Anzac Soldier - Written by Cameron Gurr

As we left the shores of New Zealand I started to feel regretful for signing up to go to war. As the shores of New Zealand started to vanish , I felt sick from the ocean and going to war. Soon we started to hear gunshots, then bombs exploding, making my ears ring. Soon after the towering cliffs of Gallipoli appeared, making me anxious. Then we took a step onto the shore. I started feeling nauseous, knowing I couldn't go back now. I just wanted to get back on the ship and sail back, but the ship had already left...



Ka Ora, Ka Ako Healthy School Lunches program petition.

We would love to be eligible for this program that currently only covers 25% of schools/kura in New Zealand. Being able to take the pressure off our whānau and have healthy food available to our children every day would not just make a difference to their own well-being but also to our entire community.

Please follow the link to sign the petition to support this kaupapa and our kura.

<https://www.healthcoalition.org.nz/ka-ora-ka-ako/>

Ngā mihi xx

NEED A STAGE?
WAIOTIRA PRIMARY HAVE YOU COVERED!

We have a a modular stage available for hire. This is a solid, beautifully constructed stage. It is interlocking so you can use as many or as few modules as you like AND in any configuration you need!

Each module is 2.4m x 1.2m x 400mm and we have 8 module pieces available!

Perfect for Prizegivings, Productions, Kapa Haka performances or to zuuush up your next event to really let your tamariki SHINE!

\$250 for a 4 piece module and \$50 per subsequent modules for a 2 day hire.

For more info contact principal@waiotira.school.nz



Someone say... \$2 each
Mothers Day???
Waiotira Primary
HAVE YOU SORTED!
Raffle

First Prize: A lovely bouquet of flowers, some choccies and a double movie pass!

Second Prize: A massage with Sweetpea!

Please return tickets by the 12th May ready to spoil your special lady in your life!

SCHOOL STORE

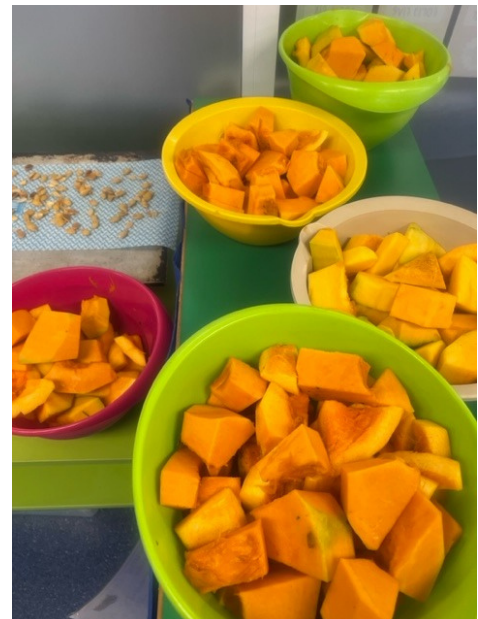
Eggs - \$9 a dozen - when available

Honey - price varies

Kawakawa balm (olive oil and coconut) - \$7

Drop into school or flick us a message and we can sort something out.

We really appreciate our community support.



What do you think is happening here?