



WEEK 4 TERM 2 2023

# WAIOTIRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

## School Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 4.30pm

Wednesday 10am - 4.30pm

# KIA ORA WHĀNAU!

Tēnā Koutou e te whānau,

We have made it to the end of week 4. It has been great to have some sunshine and it has definitely helped to recharge some batteries and Vitamin D stores. The fencers are continuing to work hard to complete the 'big job' but it is obvious to see that it may take a bit longer than projected due to the wet ground and weather conditions.

This Sunday we are having another Centenary meeting at 10.30am to continue to make plans for our Centenary celebrations on Labour Weekend in conjunction with our annual Ag day. We welcome any support by the community with this event and you will start to see opportunities available for you to sponsor the event and have an advertisement in the Centenary book.

Whaea Amy continues to work with our students to create the most amazing murals that will adorn our new fence. Each mural has been designed and created alongside our tamariki. We are super excited to reveal these to you at our Matariki Evening on Friday 30th June.

With Winter looming, it has awoken the winter bugs and they seem to be 'gracing' their presence in our school community. If your child does have cold/flu-like symptoms then they need to stay at home and be tested for Covid-19. If your child does have Covid-19 then they need to isolate at home for 7 days. For more information please refer to the website

<https://covid19.govt.nz/testing-and-isolation/if-you-have-covid-19/how-to-self-isolate/>

And on a brighter note, we are so excited to have our SHARING STALL up and running (on Sunday, literally down Ararua Rd to the Hall). We welcome any donations of produce, vegetables, fruit or seedlings so that we can share them with our community. For now, it sits outside our school office but as soon as our fence is complete, we will be wheeling it to the roadside on Ararua Road. Our ākonga are very excited to see this stall in action.

Check out our website and Facebook page for more updates with what we get up to through the week.

Naku noa,  
Jess Southee

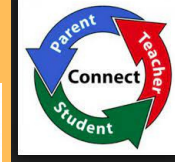
CELEBRATING  
**100**  
YEARS



WPSSA



**KING'S**  
BIRTHDAY  
WEEKEND  
2023



Learn  
**NZSL**  
New Zealand Sign Language

**Duffy**  
THEATRE



# Important Dates

- **Sunday 21st May - Centenary Meeting at Waiootira School**
- **Tues 23rd May at 10am - NZ Sign Language Class**
- **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 (School closed)**
- **Fri 9th June - Yr 5&6 Rippa Rugby Tournament**
- **Tues 20th June - BOT Meeting**
- **Wed 21st June - Student Led Conferences**
- **Friday 23rd June - 11am Duffy Theatre**
- **Fri 30th June - MATARIKI EVENING, Unveiling of Creatives in Schools Murals, Pyjama day fundraiser and LAST DAY of TERM TWO!**

*Congratulations to: Waiootira Primary School, for Winning A New Office Chair - Jess was pretty excited when I rang. - Jess entered the draw for a free chair in March by posting a photo of her old chair. All very simple so, well done. Maria - Office Products*



# Health and Well-being

## Increased wellbeing is associated with:

- Reduced incidence of heart attacks
- Greater job satisfaction
- Increased productivity
- Increased longevity
- More creative thinking
- Improved ability to make decisions
- Fewer marriage break-ups

- Increased ability to cope with stress
- Lower incidence of cancer
- Faster recovery from surgery
- Greater immunity from colds & flu
- More resilience to trauma

Source: Robinson (2016)

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## Alfred & Cameron interview Cat, our new office administrator

Alfred - How long have you worked in schools?

“Many years ago I worked as a teacher aide.”

Why did you take on this job?

“Because I love everything about Waiotira school.”

How many times have you moved schools?

“I moved twice.”

How long have you lived in Waiotira?

“Five to six years”.

Did you feel like you made the right choice moving schools?

“Definitely, everyone has made me feel welcome.”

Cameron: Do you own any pets? If so, what are they?

Cat: Yes, I own 2 dogs, one of them is a puppy and the other one is an old man.

Cameron: What type of car do you drive?

Cat: I drive an IX-35.

Cameron: Have you read any books lately?

Cat: Lately I've been reading Jack Reacher books.

Cameron: What's your favourite colour?

Cat: My favourite colour is blue

Cameron: So is mine!

Cameron: Do you like this job?

Cat: No, I love it!



## Dad joke of the day!

**Q. What did the ocean say to the beach?**

**A. Nothing, it just waved!**

This week's bad dad joke is brought to you by Cat 😊



# WELL DONE SUPERSTARS!



## Week 4

This week's assembly superstars.

The iNVENTIONATOR (Future Problem Solvers) crew for representing our school with mana and pride.

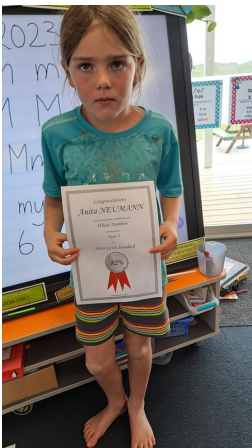
Kindness and compassion award from our Sports day at Tangowahine.

Junior Awards - Te Ahikā for being confident at the sports day and netball; Te Wai for her artistic skills and focus with Creatives in Schools; Rowan for his fantastic progress in Reading.

Anita receives a Maths Buddy certificate.

Our Caught Being Good awards go to Neaka and Memphis so they get to choose a book...

Ka mau te wehi ākongā



## iNVENTIONATOR Conference

### Cameron's Inventionator Report

On Thursday Me, Ivy, Alfred and Jack went with Whaea Barbie to One Tree Point School for THE INVENTION CONFSESSION. Once we got there we pitched some ideas off the top of our minds, then wrote our ideas down on pieces of paper that we stuck to the wall. Finally we went around and found Ideas on the wall. I wanted to use my scooter idea but I couldn't do it because no one else wanted to do my idea. So I ended up with the water idea. I had Me, Maxwell, Jaden, Nate and Kannin. I was graphic designer, Maxwell was pitch writer, Kannin was second graphic designer, Nate was pitch presenter and Jaden was the Leader. We went with Kannin's idea of a watch that tells you when to drink water, by vibrating on your wrist. If you don't drink water within 1 minute it gives a little shock. The shock gets bigger every minute. We were called THE HYDRATIONATORS.



Our first day at inventionator we got into teams Jack, Caleb, Taylor, and I are all in a team together called the berry testers. Then I said our school Karakai. After that we got a pack of lollies. (Getting the lollies was the highlight of the day). And then we worked on our google slide for the rest of the day.

Second day at inventionator we had to get our A into G because judging was at 11:45. Our team won a prize! Jack and I were the only 2 Waitotira who won a prize.

My Conclusion: It was bigger and better than I thought. Alfred & Jack



# Whanaungatanga Friday



What a delight it was to have a Friday with no rain and SUNSHINE  
We had lots of fun outside in the gardens, checking out the traffic for the reconnaissance for the NZ International Rally, playing on the playground, making horse jump courses, painting our new stall, and starting the painting of our school murals. We also had some indoor action with playing with Lego, family play, dancing and finishing something special for Sunday.





# Small Schools Sports Day



We were invited to attend a small schools sports day at Tangowahine school alongside Tangiteroria School. This day provided an opportunity for our students to play alongside more children of the same age. Tangowahine School booked the Kaipara play trailer for the children to try different sports. There were skateboards, tug of war rope, obstacle course, and plenty more. Mrs Southee had to try the flying fox...



# Science Box

## MIGHTY MICROBES - House of Science Kit

Today we explored what microbes were. We had to unpack some vocabulary first e.g. micro, microscope, macro, macroscopic, 'naked' eye

Then we put some puzzles together to find out what the 5 microbes were.

We had Virus, Fungi, Bacteria, Algae and Protozoa.

This prompted conversations about what we could see in the puzzle and then the correlating posters. What similarities could we see in the microbes? Differences? What observations were interesting or something new?

Then we made what we thought represented each microbe with playdough, toothpicks and pins.

We can't wait to explore the next lesson...





# Saturday Sport Report

## RUGBY

In the morning at 9:45 was my rugby game. We played at Mngk. We are the under 10's and we vs Mangakahia Blue's.

We lost 12 - 10. 10 for my team.

Mangakahia got 12! It was a very even game, I had a good run! Henry had a good game too, but Fergus got player of the day, for good running and good tackling. I got a head to the leg from Fergus. Tomo said we had a good game because of low tackling. Very good game but we lost. My Uncle Sam was there, same as gran and grandad, mum and dad too. We got a free sausages at the end.



Reporter: Jack Courtman

On Saturday I played rugby under 8s and versed Mangakahia. They got 1 try and we got 17 tries. We won. Anita got player of the day.



Reporter: Lilla Neumann

## Netball

On Saturday we play netball. Our team is called the waiotira pukekos. In our team is Holly, Madison, Addison, Pippa, Lilla, Neaka and me. We play in the Year 5-6 grade. It is 6 aside. We played against Maungatapere and lost. The game was good. Holly got player of the day.



Reporter: Ivy Southee



## Waiotira Primary School Sharing Trolley

We are very excited to have an idea come to life and it is even better than I first imagined it to be.

Come and support our local school and community and share and take what you need.

We will attach the 'rules' but in a nutshell, if it is PRICED that's what you pay otherwise it's a koha of either \$\$ or other produce.



## NEED A STAGE?

WAIOTIRA PRIMARY HAVE YOU COVERED!

We have 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](mailto:principal@waiotira.school.nz)



## Crawed Cuisine

Coffee and food cart available for markets or other events. Phone Cat 0210619778 or find us on Facebook

# SCHOOL STORE

Eggs - \$9 a dozen - when available

Honey - price varies

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

Guava Jelly \$5

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

We really appreciate our community support.



Yes you guessed it, yummy pumpkin soup