

WEEK 10 - TERM 4 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!

Well, what a year 2023 has been! We have managed to pack a whole lot into our Centenary year and it will definitely be a year to remember.

I would personally like to thank all of our staff for going above and beyond every day for our ākonga. To **Lisa, Amanda, Lauren** and **Michelle** - our ākonga are super lucky to have such passionate, hardworking and caring teachers working with them. To **Cat** - thank you for supporting me in your role as Office Administrator.

You have been an absolute star and I appreciate your dedication and no-fuss approach. Having a team that pitches in without question makes such a difference to what we are able to achieve as a school.

Kahikātea tū i te uru - We have strength in numbers.

Thank you to all of our whānau for continuing to support our kura however you have been able to. We truly do live in a very special community and it shows in all that we do and what we achieve. This year in particular we have seen our community go from strength to strength and we hope this continues into 2024. Last but not least, thank you to all of our ākonga who make this school a special place. This is the reason we all come to school and the reason we work hard to make a difference in each of their lives however we can. Our Waiotira future is bright because of each of our students.

We hope to see you all tomorrow (Friday 15th December, 10.30am) at our end of year prizegiving and Y6 Graduation, where we get to celebrate our ākonga and farewell 2 taonga - Alfred Neumann and Cameron Gurr.

Enjoy your well deserved break, enjoy some sunshine (fingers crossed), catch up with whānau and friends, and be kind to one another.

We will see you all back at kura on Wednesday 31st January, 2024 ready to have another fabulous year. A very hard one to beat!

Ngā mihi o te wā - Seasons greetings, Mā te wa - See you soon



Important Dates

🌟 merry christmas 🌟

Fri 15th Dec at 10.30am - Term 4 Prizegiving



Fri 15th Dec - Last day of the year

Tues 30th Jan 2024 - Teacher only Day

Wed 31st Jan 2024 - Term 1 starts

Mon 5th Feb 2024 - School closed

Tues 6th Feb 2024 - Waitangi Day - school closed

Mon 12th Feb 2024 - Tahī Bees

Mon 4th March 2024 - Tahī Bees



Thurs 14th March 2024 - Triathlon

Friday 15th March 2024 - Teacher Only Day

Introducing our new logo

Kauri tree - tree on original school site

Kiekie plant - woven around the kauri tree, representing Waikiekie and the strong links with that area and the schools that were there

Blue 'paths' - represent Ararua (two paths) road and the Waitotira stream

Pukeko - the school logo and the swamp bird that is prevalent in our community

Te Āo o Waitotira - the world of Waitotira



Well done Superstars

In the Junior class we have continued to do our end of year assessments and continue to be blown away by the progress made!

Te Wai has made great growth in Mathematics.

Harper blew me away with her reading ability.

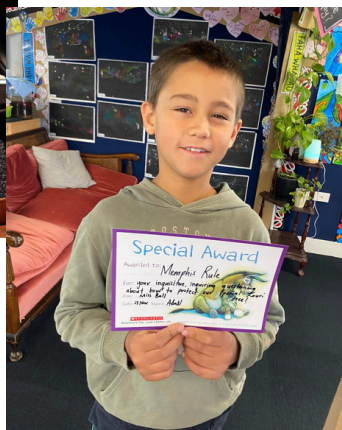
Carly is now a big 5 year old!

And Memphis asked inquisitive and inquiring questioning when we were learning about Kauri dieback.

In the Senior class Holly was recognised for always giving her best and not giving up and Cam for his fabulous effort with his assessments.

Our golden ticket winners last week were Te Wai and Neaka.

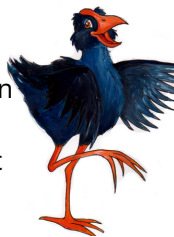
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Yesterday, Madison and Addison represented Waitotira school at the WPSSA Y5/6 Athletics. Addison had a fabulous day and jumped 107cm in the Y5 Girls High jump. She enjoyed her day and looks forward to being able to qualify again next year.

Madison ran 3 track events (80m, 100m, 600m) and then in the Sprint final relays. She won the 600m race!!! She also came first in her 100m heat and 3rd in the 80m heat.

We are super proud of both of these girls and thank you to both of their parents for supporting them on the day!!!



Dad joke of the day!

Q. Why doesn't the turkey eat at Christmas?

A. Because he is stuffed

This weeks bad dad joke is brought to you by Ivy 😊

Health and Well-being

LUNCHBOX RECIPES

APRICOT WEET-BIX BALLS

Add some nuts to mix it up!

200g dried apricots
1/4 C coconut
2 Weet-Bix

1-2 Tbsp water
extra coconut

Place apricots, coconut and Weet-Bix into a food processor and process until smooth. Add water gradually and continue to process until well combined. Using wet hands, form mixture into balls. Makes 18. Roll in coconut. Leave in fridge to set.

Adapted from weetbix.co.nz



Developed by Sport Waikato 2015



Try making some different balls for lunch box snacks

GO, GROW, GLOW!

PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

Find us on fb.com/ProjectEnergize

1 1/2 cup nuts
1/4 cup coconut

1 1/2 cup dates
2 Tbsp peanut butter

Soak dates in hot water for 5mins. Drain water and keep separately. Blend all ingredients in food processor until mixed. If too dry use some date water. Roll into 15 balls. Store in fridge.



Developed by Sport Waikato 2016

Our School pool will be closed from Wednesday 3rd January 2024 for refurbishment. If the front gate is locked then the whole school is closed for building work.



School Holiday Programme

At Waiotira School
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December 2023

Hut building
Games
Baking for afternoon tea
Baking for Christmas
Christmas craft making

Do you need a day to yourself to get your Christmas shopping done???

POOL PARTY

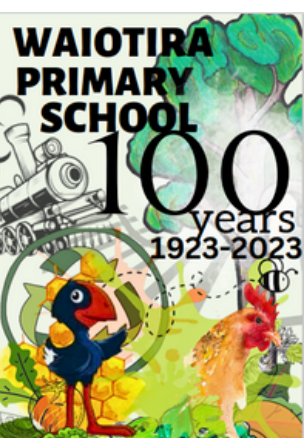
You need to bring: togs & a towel, packed morning tea & lunch, drink bottle, sunhat

Drop off: 8 - 9.30am
Pick up: 4 - 5.30pm

\$45 per child per day (age 4 - 13 yrs)
Additional siblings: \$35 per day each
Book in for the week @ \$40 per day
All staff are qualified teacher aides, police vetted and hold a current first aid certificate.

Lauren, Michelle & Delphi
Contact: Lauren 0279060487

SPACES ARE LIMITED BOOK IN NOW



Our fantastic Centenary book is still available to purchase for \$25. Please contact school for more information.

Duffy Role Model Assembly

Jane Pitman-Hayes



We had the most inspiring, talented, creative and motivated Duffy books role model visit our Kura today to share she story. Thank you @Jane Pitman-Hayes for your time today to share your journey to become a published author. Jane is an incredible story teller and had us all hooked. Thank you for staying for our assembly too Jane and helping to present certificates and Duffy books to our golden ticket draw winners.



Beach Education Ruakaka

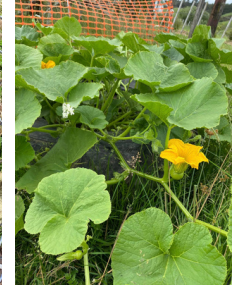
We spent an awesome day at Ruakaka Beach learning about safety, what a rip looks like and how lifeguards help us at the beach.



Mara Kai Nui

Last week we had Liam from the Northland Regional Council come and visit our Kura and to have a look at our beautiful Kauri tree. He talked to us about Kauri dieback and all the things we can do to prevent it affecting our tree. Our Kauri tree is in its 'ricke' years, which is its teenager years. Liam thought it was looking nice and healthy! As a Kura we are researching companion planting and what else we can do to protect it so it can live a long long healthy life.

If you want to know more about Kauri trees or what you can do to protect them, here is a great link full of information.



A wonderful afternoon to pop over to the mara kai nui for a quick check in and to use the wool pieces to mulch the fruit trees! (Thank you Mr Mark Southee for dropping them off!)

Lots of rain and warm weather has been great for the garden but also the weeds! So we hope using the wool around the base of our rākau will help to keep them at bay!

Of course carting wool from one side of the paddock to the other proved too tempting for some, and shenanigans were around.. so please don't panic as you drive past... no hipi were harmed in our efforts.



Yr 5-6 Camp, Waipu Caves, Adrenalin Park, Fun Day at School, Christmas Trees etc



SCHOOL STORE

Eggs - \$8 a dozen - available now

Honey - \$8 - \$10

Kawakawa balm (olive oil or coconut) - \$7 - \$10

Bath Salts - \$6

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

We really appreciate our community support.



Bathsalts -
Lime & Orange or
Lavender



Kawakawa Balm -
Coconut oil or
Olive oil



Tahī Honey -
Forest, Pohutukawa,
or Beelicious



Sprinkles -
Lamb, pizza,
mixed herbs &
chilli herbs



Citrus
Candles

Waioira Primary School Sharing Trolley

Bus notice

The Ministry of Education has completed a review of bus routes in our area, which will mean changes for some of the buses. There will be NO changes to our current bus route - but for any other students in the Waioira area attending TAS, I am happy to share the new route with you.

Jess Southee



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