

Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

Term 2 . No 2
8th May 2018

2018 What's Happening

Monday 28th May
PMP begins, 5 Weeks Yrs 1-3

Tuesday 29th May
Hurunui Cross Country Year 4-6
(pp 31 May)

Monday 4th June
Queens Birthday - School Closed

Tuesday 5th June
Padder Tennis begins

Wednesday 27th June
NZ Playhouse "Red Riding Robyn Hood"

Friday 6th July
School Trip - Whale Watch
Kaikoura

Friday 6th July
End of Term 2

Monday 23rd July
Start of Term 3

Fonterra - Milk for schools visit

Yesterday Waiau School welcomed Sarah from Fonterra to our school for a very special reason. Our school was awarded the Fonterra Milk for Schools Recycling Excellence Award 2017.

Our name had been forwarded to them by our local milk man because we are such good recyclers of our free milk cartons. We went into a draw and we were the South Island winners, along with a North Island school, from 1430 schools.

Sarah presented us with a Lowland Ribbonwood which we have planted in our native area. She also talked to us about sustainability at school and home. Well done Waiau School!



7th May - 11th May

Ewan Dalmer

Ewan has demonstrated risk taking, curiosity and a love of learning. Ka pai!

Theme for the week

Our theme for the week is:

When an adult is talking wait patiently beside them unless it is urgent. Then politely say excuse me, with the adults name and then share what you want to say. This is to teach the children the skill of waiting for their turn in conversation and respecting adult conversations.

We would love you to reinforce and practice this at home this week as well. We have received some lovely comments about last weeks theme (welcoming people) with many reporting how valued they feel upon entering our school.

Buddy System

The children have now been given their buddies for the year.

Buddy systems teach, and give children the opportunity to practise, the important values of respect, care, valuing difference, responsibility, friendship and including others. Through looking after and caring for smaller, children who are just starting school, older children learn the skills associated with empathy and compassion through activities in the classroom and in the playground. This helps combat bullying and other forms of antisocial behaviour such as harassment and teasing. Teaching pro-social values and skills can also contribute to the development of resilience.

Buddies enables younger children to feel safe and cared for while older children feel valued and respected.

Ask your child who their buddy is and encourage them to talk to and support them during the school year.

Exciting new changes to our token system

As you know the Waiau School children earn tokens in our school for displaying our three values; Respect, Resilience and Responsibility.

We have made an exciting change to this where the children are still being celebrated and recognised for demonstrating these values, but instead of receiving a paper token, they will be awarded a Dojo point instead. These are digital and are run through our Dojo account online. The children are able to see their Dojo points as they are displayed during the day on our TV screens in the classroom. They can also see what they have received their points for.

Children will have individual targets to reach, as well as whole class point targets. If they reach these then they will receive a reward. All staff can give these points from an app on their phone and they are always on the lookout to give points!

Ask your child about this and get them to tell you what they have earned points for. You can follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzzb5cmNoc0> to watch a video about Dojo, or feel free to call in to the Room 2 'Parent Drop In' hour each week on Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm. Room 1 parents are welcome to come. It is Tuesday this week and Wednesday after that. Watch this space to find out the rewards!

Sickness and Wellbeing

The good health of your child is important, to your child, peers, you at home and the school staff. We know children will often insist on attending school, but we ask you to be firm and make decisions that are in the best interest of your child and the other children at school.

Ask yourself the following questions when your child is sick.

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition? If so, keep your child at home. If your child is suffering from sickness and / or diarrhea, they must not return to school until 36 hours AFTER their last bout of sickness/diarrhea. Thank you for your understanding with this.

New Pool Fundraiser

The Pool Committee have taken on the 'Waiiau Pig Hunt' this year to help support our new pool. It is held Labour weekend - Sunday 21st October. We require helpers and lots of support, if you are available to help please contact Cath Ferguson on: 027 349 1144 or 315 6414.

Thank you

A big thank you to Kevin Jones who organised the 'Kaikoura Whale Watch Trip' for Waiiau School. This is an amazing opportunity for our children to see these wonderful creatures up close and it a trip that out of reach for most families. We really appreciate your effort Kevin in setting this up for us!

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Contact

Please be aware Miss Kimber is teaching Thursdays and Fridays so if you would like to meet with her make an appointment with her Monday to Wednesday.

Phone Messages

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - Mrs Pinckney is available to take messages in the school office.

Wednesday - The phone will be checked throughout the day and after school.

Friday - Mrs Clark and Miss Kimber are both teaching and on duty. The phone will be checked throughout the day and after school. Any non urgent messages will be returned on Monday.

Uniform Orders

We will be placing a uniform order soon if you would like to order a Polar Fleece Jacket or Jersey please let Mrs Pinckney know. office@waiiau.school.nz

There are some 2nd hand winter items available at no cost in the office that we would love to see being worn. Please see Mrs Pinckney in the office.

Library Books

Please remind your children to pack their library books **every Friday** as they can not issue another book unless their books are returned. We do have a lot of overdue books at the moment and would love to see the books returned so others can enjoy them.

Sport

Please ring or email the school office if your child has regular sport after school to attend this term and will not be using the bus that day.

Also make sure you tell the duty teacher who you have collected before taking any children to sport or after school activities.

School sores

We have School Sores (Impetigo) circulating. Infected children need to stay away from school until at least 24 hours after treatment has started, or as advised by your doctor or Public Health Nurse. Attached is an info sheet for your information.

The children have settled quickly back in their class routines and are enjoying the mild autumn weather.

Kind regards,
Mary Kimber
Principal

Impetigo

Community and Public Health

Phone: 03 364 1777

Fax: 03 379 6484

Web: www.cph.co.nz

Impetigo (Im-pa-ty-go) often called school sores, is a crusty, weepy infection of the superficial layers of the skin.

It is caused by a Staphylococcus bacteria commonly found in the environment and on humans and is common in children, especially in the spring and autumn.

What are the symptoms?

The appearance of itchy small blisters or scabs on the exposed parts of the body, which form yellow crusts. The blisters often start around the legs, arms, nose and on the face, and can spread to other parts of the body particularly where the skin is broken e.g. cuts or eczema.

How is it caught?

Impetigo is contagious, and is transferred by direct contact with an infected individual, or from infected towels, toys and clothes.

It is important to prevent an infected person from scratching the sores as this will spread the infection.

Usually a sore has stopped being infectious about 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started, and healing has begun.



Do we need to see a doctor?

Only your doctor can give you the medication and the supervision required.

Go back to your GP if you have started treatment and:

- the sores do not begin to heal within 2 days;
- more sores develop;
- redness spreads around a sore; and/or
- the person becomes unwell with a fever.

How is it treated?

Your doctor may prescribe one or both of the following treatments:

- Oral antibiotics
- An antibiotic ointment applied to the affected area as directed

The oral antibiotics must be taken everyday until they are finished, even if the sores clear earlier.

The crusts should be removed with warm saline made by mixing one teaspoon of salt in 600 ml of boiled water that has been cooled.

If the infection does not clear up within a week or a fever develops, further medication should be sought immediately. It may mean that the infection has spread to other parts of the body or bloodstream.



Culverden
Monday 14 May 2018
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Culverden Community Room,
Amuri Area School
8 School Road
Culverden

Rangiora
Monday 21 May 2018
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Commons Room
Rangiora High School
125 East Belt
Rangiora

Facilitator
Catherine Gallagher

Enquiries
Lee Henderson
education@mherc.org.nz
021 258 4363 or 0800 424 399

Free Workshops
Light refreshments provided

Understanding & Supporting Children's Anxiety

Enhance your knowledge and learn:

- How to make sense of anxiety and how it relates to children
- General psychoeducation about anxiety
- Why some children 'suffer' from anxiety and some don't
- Why adults are so vital in helping children manage anxiety
- Gain the confidence to manage anxious behaviours
- How to support parents/workers with anxious children
- Strategies that children can use directly
- Opportunities for discussion around specific situations

Register at www.mherc.org.nz

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Peter Kenyon follow up



LET'S GET YOUR ~~PLAN~~ PARTY STARTED!

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN



6.30 PM TUESDAY 22ND MAY

The Waiau Hall



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