

Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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What's Happening

Monday 29th May

Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP) commences Yr 1 - 3

Wednesday 31st May - 2nd June

Yr 4-6 Arthur's Pass Camp

Monday 5th June

Queens Birthday - School Closed

Tuesday 6th June

Padder Tennis Starts

Wednesday 14th June

Parent PBL Evening - 5.30pm

Friday 23rd June

Visit to Takahanga Marae in Kaikoura

Parents Evening

Do make sure you have cleared your calendar for the 14th of June, We are planning a fish and chip dinner for your children and yourselves and then a presentation on our Positive Behaviour for Learning Programme - with very special rewards for you!! An evening not to be missed. We are pleased to announce that we have managed to book **Tim Heidmann**.

Don't Miss this!

When? Wednesday 14 June, 5:30pm. Fish and chips paid for by Waiau School, 6pm meeting with Tim Heidmann.

Who? Parents (children will have a movie to watch in Room 1.)

Why? Find out how Waiau School is working on Positive Behaviour for Learning, in order to lift the educational and social outcomes of all children.

How? Come along and experience how our token system works in real time! Go in the draw for prizes at the end of our evening.

Student of the week (15th - 19th May)

Jacob Bush

Always on task in the classroom = great learning always does his homework and helpful with the younger children in the classroom.

Student of the week (22nd - 26th May)

Jack Satterthwaite

For taking ownership of his learning, showing leadership and making good choices.



Parents Evening continued

“Positive Behaviour for Learning at Waiiau School”

Tim Hidemann has been working with and supporting children with challenging behaviour for over 20 years. In that time he has worked as a Science Teacher, a Maths Teacher and a Dean at a large semi-rural secondary school. He has been in charge of the Boys' Project at a local secondary school; a project which aimed to reduce the number of suspensions and stand-downs for boys through promotion of self-management skills. Tim has also worked for the Police Youth Aide by providing counselling to the top 10% of youth offenders in North Canterbury, Tim currently works as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) in North Canterbury and he works almost exclusively, with schools, families and children who are displaying challenging and complex behaviours. In recent years Tim has developed a positive reputation for his work supporting schools and communities to develop systems for responding to and managing behaviour in a positive and proactive manner.

- **Tim Heidmann** – MNZAC, M.Ed (Dist), M. Specialist Teaching, PG Dip Tch & Lrn, BSc.

BOT Update

The Waiiau School Board of Trustees recently engaged an independent consultant to evaluate some historic complaints. The purpose of this report was to provide an external perspective and offer suggestions/recommendations to improve the Board/School processes going forward. The Board really valued this opportunity for an in-depth review of our policies and practices.

The report was extremely thorough and provided helpful recommendations, many of which we are happy to report we are already implementing as a school. We have created an Action Plan that will be available to view on our website and it will be updated regularly to keep you informed as to where we are on achieving our objectives. We are confident going forward our systems and processes are robust and effective.

The Waiiau BOT is committed to ensuring that we have all the relevant procedures in place to provide our children with the very best education and life skills available to them that will set them up for successful futures when they leave our school.

Bridget Galbraith
BOT Chairperson

PMP

PMP is starting today for Year 1 - 3 students.

Many thanks to Donalda Galletly. We have had difficulty getting parent helpers so the groups will be larger than usual. We really encourage Year 1 - 3 parents to come along and watch the programme, 1.30 - 2.30 pm Monday - Thursday in our Hall for the next 5 weeks. This programme makes a real difference to children's learning and gives you great ideas on how you can help your child at home.

Our PMP teacher is paid thanks to our trailride fundraiser.

Arthur's Pass Camp

We wish all the Year 4 - 6 students, plus Mrs Clark and Miss Turton a fun camp at Arthur's Pass this week. They catch the train at 8.15 am on Wednesday morning and arrive back in Christchurch at 6.31 p.m.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page as they put up photos of their adventures.

Take a Kid to Footy - Crusaders day

What a great response to the trip with all the 150 tickets being taken!

Below is the schedule for the day, please let me know if you are catching the bus in Waiau so I can pass the numbers onto Go Bus.

WAIAU you need to be ready to leave at **11.45am**. The bus will be parked on Cheviot Street, Waiau (by the public toilets)

CULVERDEN; Leaving at **12.00 noon** Buses will be parked up (probably on the road) outside the Culverden Rugby Club, you will see that Ross Dixon has made every effort to ensure the games for this Saturday are played earlier when you receive the draw. I do realise some teams will be literally just off the field at 12.00 noon, we will wait for you! however we do need to be on the road no later than 12.20pm (please if your child is one that finishes around 12.00 noon can you email me and let me know? so i can ensure we don't leave you behind.

TICKETS: I will have everyone's tickets and will meet you at the stadium where the buses park to hand them out, any problems ring Emma on 0275106353.

We hope to be there at 2.00pm as the children are able to collect their take a kid to footy packs on arrival.

I anticipate the buses leaving the stadium at approximately 4.30pm



Please acknowledge this event had been funded from Gough's. Such a very generous gesture for our community.

Let me know your questions. Emma Duncan

Exciting news

Mrs Rebecca Pugh will begin teaching in Room One from the 6 of June. She has been appointed to this position until the end of this year. The Ministry won't allow us to make a permanent position while our roll remains unstable. Mrs Pugh is very excited about her new job in Waiau and has already spent some time organising her new class and meeting with us. Do introduce yourself and make her welcome.

Waiau School & Community Pool Rebuild Community Update - May 2017

The pool account balance on May 23 is \$312,356.27

We have received \$4000 from the Mayoral fund following the Taste Hurunui Fundraiser. We have been declined by both Pub Charities and NZCT on the basis they have insufficient funds for our area available at this time.

We have, however been granted money from the Rotary Neighbourhood Project for a thermometer sign so that we can display our fundraising progress and hopefully generate more donations from traffic passing through.

HDC has given us the branches from the trees taken from the section on Leslie St to be dried, split and sold for firewood as a fundraiser and Jed Lepine and a group of Year 12 students from Chch Boys High School are organizing a Trail Ride in Nape Nape on July 2 (details coming soon).

We will continue to work with both the Rata Foundation and Lotteries to secure funding for the project and are aware that we will need to ensure financial viability both for the build and for future operation and management.

On the request of the pool rebuild committee the feasibility study team (funded through Lotteries) has looked at a number of potential sites for a new pool for Waiau and their preliminary recommendation is that it should be sited at the back of the main school site, behind the bus shed and with an entrance from Clarence Street. This would enable community users to access the facility in the same way they had previously used the old pool site (which was also owned by the school) but have the added advantage of being much more accessible for use by the children during school hours.

In the future it is anticipated that a new facility will be managed and financed using a similar model to the previous pool –through key sales, council contribution, school contribution and community fundraising initiatives.

The Study has given us three pool layout options to consider and we are focusing on a further detailed investigation into the feasibilities recommendation of incorporating a main pool, a learn to swim pool and a toddler's pool. Preliminary cost estimates for this are from \$600,000 - \$1 500,000.

We were also given a price indication for construction of a covered pool complex of \$3-6 million, we believe this is outside the available budget to build and operate so have

recommended that the new facility will be uncovered, but with the capability for development to a covered site if this became a possibility in future years.

The School & Community Rebuild Committee has forwarded these recommendations to the BOT who have accepted them and the MOE is in support of the recommendations at this stage.

This step will now enable the feasibility study team to move forward onto further and more detailed investigation to produce a report for funding and planning purposes.

At this time we have been unable to achieve any firm assurance on the issue of securing the pool for the future. In the instance of the school closing legislation requires that the entire site would need to go through the disposal process outlined in the Public Works Act .We have, however, been given an assurance that there are no plans to look at school closure and that the action of putting the pool on the school site has the effect of making the school more attractive and that this can only help to ensure its future. The MOE and HDC are very supportive of the pool being on School grounds, however, there is no indication of additional capital to build a pool.

We will ensure all funds donated and raised by the community are documented should that information be required for any future discussions.

The committee will continue to work hard to consider all options and possibilities to secure funding and find the best outcome for Waiau. A new pool will be an asset for the future as we start to rebuild our community and we are very grateful for the support and donations that have been received to help this project.

Our next meeting will be scheduled for the week of June 12, any questions or feedback can be forwarded to eastmond@clear.net.nz or dropped into the Hardware store before this date please.

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Year 1 - 3 students

Mrs Johnston will be teaching the Year 1 - 3 students Wednesday - Friday while Mrs Clark is away at camp.

Assembly

No assembly this week with Yr 4-6 away at camp.

Kind regards

Mary Kimber
Principal

Boil Water Reminder

A Temporary Boil Water Notice is still in effect for Waiau township. Waiau Rural Water Scheme also remains on a Boil Water Notice.

After the November 2016 earthquake we were able to stabilise the treatment plant reasonably quickly, however we're now pumping double the amount of water compared to that of pre-quake volumes. This along with the fact that there are fewer people in Waiau now, means we are losing significant volumes of water through underground damage. The extent of that damage is unknown at this time, and we are still working on leak detection as well as repairs and replacement.

We have chlorine dosing into the supply, however we cannot rule out contaminants entering through each damage point or being drawn in from people using hydrants. We have banned people from taking from hydrants but we are aware some people are still doing it so we need to add that to our considerations.

As a result of these issues, we need to ensure we protect public health as best we can, which is why we still have a boil water notice in place.

Please bear with us as we attempt to identify all the issues. Once they are known we can implement plans to rectify them.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact us on 315-8400

[Hurunui District Council Utilities Department](#)

Hurunui Outreach Coordinator - Seeking Volunteers

Hi Everyone,

I'm Maria Lester and I've recently taken on the role as the Hurunui Outreach Coordinator. My role is to recruit, train and organise door knocks in all the towns throughout the Hurunui District. This is to enable us to gather current information on the needs of our community and ensure that everyone in the Hurunui has access to the right services at the right time.

Door knocks are scheduled to commence within the next few weeks and I am urgently seeking volunteers to aid us in this task. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer, please feel free to pass this amongst your networks to anyone that may be interested. We are looking to begin the door knocking in the next few weeks and will be providing training before that. Door knocking days will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will take place from 10am till 1pm, volunteers will need to be available from 9.30am for a briefing session. We will door knock in pairs and have no more than 40 houses in each pair each day.

I have also spoken with Time Bank Hurunui and this qualifies for time credits.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Kind regards,

Maria Lester

Outreach Coordinator

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