

Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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2018 What's Happening

Mon 9th - Wed 11th April
Learning Conferences - Yr 1-6

Friday 13th April
3.00pm Working Bee
5.00pm School/Community BBQ -
Farewell for Mr Kay.

Friday 13th April
End of Term 1

Monday 30th April
Start of Term 2

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

Tuesday 29th May
Hurunui Cross Country (pp 31 May)



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

One could certainly get used to four day week ends!! I do hope that you managed to spend some quality family time during the break and that the Easter Bunny was generous.

This morning I met with some members of the Lotteries Commission to thank them for all the wonderful support they give to our community, and in particular for financing the Year 4 to 6 Wellington Camp. At lunch time I see children running around with cricket bats re-enacting Gallipoli. My initial concern was abated when I saw that some played the part of stretcher bearers or civilians. Mrs Pugh has kindly attached some of the children's diary writing which reinforces one of our goals of making the children aware that war was not really an exciting adventure and that we should be eternally grateful that one particular generation of New Zealanders sacrificed so much for us.

One of the school's goals this year was to obtain a more rigorous form of school wide assessment so we can provide very accurate data on each child's strengths and weaknesses. Next week we will be having Learning Conferences where this information can be communicated to you as well as providing feedback on what the next learning steps are, and what you can do at home to assist your child's progress. I do encourage every parent to make the most of this opportunity and look forward to seeing many of you next week.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Kay
Relieving Principal

Working Bee - 13th April, 3pm

We have received a grant from Lottery Grants Board for an amazing set of swings. We are going to have a working bee to finish installing the swings and a general tidy up of the school grounds. Please bring along your gardening tools and equipment. We would appreciate as many hand as we can get.

School Community BBQ - Farewell for Mr Kay 13th April, 5pm

Please join us at 5pm for a BBQ to say farewell and a big thank you to Mr Kay. BYO drinks, salad and chairs. The school will provide the meat. Community members are welcome and encouraged to come.

Room 2 Writing

Dear Diary,

These days are getting tougher and tougher. It is revolting. Everywhere I look I see people suffering from wounds and sickness. But it seems like Rachel and I are doing well. Every time a bomb fires, we duck down so we do not get hit. I can not stop smelling different gases and the horrible mouldy food that the rats try to take. But when the rats can't get the food they start to nibble people's toes and clothes. Everyday you hear thousands of people cry because they hate war. You also hear people yelling for help because they have been shot or are about to die. My scars and wounds on my feet hurt and sting so badly. I can hardly even see because every second bit of dust flies into my eyes. I have got the driest tongue I have ever had because there is not a lot of water. I wonder if Rachel and I will survive through this horrible war?

Hollie Scarlet

Dear Diary,

Today is the third day of World War One. I thought the war will be the best time of my life, but boy was I wrong! Every day I make new friends and every day all my new friends may end up dead. It's not just my friends that die each day, about 50 soldiers die and lie in front of the trenches. Each night I find it harder and harder to go to sleep with all the gunshots, soldiers yelling and screaming for help, and the youngest, out of all us soldiers sleeps right next to me. He cries himself to sleep every night saying softly, "I want to go home" and he just repeats it over and over again.

Caroline Catton

Dear Diary,

This is the day I'll die. Both my legs have been torn off, the pain I feel is horrible. I've been shot in my left arm, I can just feel the blood running down me. I can't taste anything, can't smell anything, can't hear anything but myself. I can see death happening right in front of my eyes, explosions going on, people falling to the ground, body parts flying around. I was lied to, tricked. It's cruel.

Hendrix Hammond

Dear Diary,

This war is idiotic. There is sad, cold and weary faces mourning their loved ones that they left behind. There are decaying bodies of dead soldiers with rats chewing on the rotting flesh. The horrors I can hear are the painful moans of the wounded, my own breathing and rats scuttling around which is broken by a shell screeching in the air and it lands somewhere else and the ground shakes. I can smell rotting flesh and the smell of disease is thick in the air along with the smell of smoke and gunpowder. I can't really feel anything, happiness, anger, sadness, fear or disgust. The only things I can feel is the cold in my fingers, toes, nose and ears. I can taste the gunpowder from opening the gunpowder bags and the horrible food but as I said before it doesn't really go to my brain. I'm wondering why I signed up to go to war and when I am going home.

Ewan Dalmer

Anzac Day

Anzac Day this year is during the school holidays on Wednesday, 25 April. Any children coming to the service on ANZAC Day who want to take part in the ceremony representing Waiiau School, please be in school uniform and meet Mrs Clark at the Waiiau Hall at 9.45am. The Students will lay a wreath after the ceremony at the hall.



Mufti Day and Lunch Orders

Friday 13th April

Your children are welcome to come to school in mufti next Friday.

Lunch will be ordered from Brenda's on Lyndon. Please bring your order in a named envelope with the correct money inside to school on Thursday.

Items available and prices are as follows:

Chips \$1.50	Hotdog \$3.00
Crumbed fish \$3.50	Gluten free hotdog \$3.00
Corn nuggets 50c each	Chicken tenders \$2.00
Cheese burger \$5.00	Mince pie \$4.00
Plain burger \$4.50	Toasted sammy 2 fillings \$4.50
Chicken nuggets \$1.00 each	Gluten free chicken nuggets \$1.00
Sauce 50c each	

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Assembly

Assembly is held at 9.00am on Monday mornings and we do encourage you to come along and join in.

New Library Books

We have just purchased 27 lovely new books for our school library. Thank you to Mrs Clark, Catherine Ferguson and Solveig Northcote for selecting the books.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Led Conferences

All Year 1 - 6: Thank you for returning your forms. A form with your interview time has been sent home. We would love to see everyone there. If for some reason you cannot attend your appointment, please contact your child's teacher to re-book.

Kind regards,

Peter Kay

Relieving Principal