

# Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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11th December 2017

## 2017 What's Happening

Thursday 14th December  
Prizegiving 7pm

Friday 15th December  
End of School Year  
School closes 12pm

Monday 29th January  
Start of Term 1

Monday 29th January  
Wai Swim, 2 weeks

Friday 16th February  
Waiau Swimming Sports  
(pp23rd Feb)

Tuesday 20th February  
BOT Meeting

Tuesday 27th February  
Hurunui Swimming Sports  
(pp 1st March)

Friday 2nd March  
O'Malley Cup

Saturday 3rd March  
Amuri Show



## Wednesday = Fun Day



After Prizegiving practice, our school funday begins!  
After morning tea we will have water play.  
Then we will then change and head to the Village Green for a brought lunch by 12.30pm.  
At 1.30 we will return to school to watch a Christmas movie.



## Lunch orders and Mufti

Your children are welcome to come to school in mufti on Wednesday. Lunch will be ordered from Brenda's on Lyndon. Children bring their order in a named envelope with the correct money inside to school the Friday morning.

### 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	

## Student of the week

(1st Dec - 8th Dec)

## Molly Jones

Molly is always lending a helping hand. She gets on with the task set and tries hard all the time.  
Well done Molly!



## Prize Giving - Thursday Night

### Prizegiving Thursday 14th December:

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our end-of-year Prizegiving, which will be held in the Waiau Town Hall at 7.00pm. This involves all of the children and is a great way to end our school year, celebrating their successes and farewelling the Year 6's.

Could pupils please be at the hall by 6.50pm in their summer school uniform. The doors will open at 6.40pm.

All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and wider community are very welcome. It would be appreciated if you could drop your plates off into the supper room when you arrive. The PTA will supply a cup of tea.

## Prize Giving - PTA

The Waiau School PTA will be providing a light supper after Prize Giving on the evening of the 14th December 2017. It is hard to believe that the end of year is nearly upon us. Prize Giving will be a good opportunity to celebrate another great year at Waiau School for our children, catch up with other parents and farewell the families who have children leaving our school.

If parents are able to bring a plate of food to share that would be much appreciated. If you are able to help set up and clean up after supper please contact Sarah on 027 455 2215 or via email: searharris@hotmail.com

## Temporary Pool

The pool has been filled and we are just waiting for the chemicals to balance correctly then Marty Satterthwaite, Bot Rep will let us know about an opening date.

Keys will be available for purchasing from the Brenda's On Lyndon.

At a cost of \$30.00 which includes a refundable \$10 bond to be charged per family/key. This is to contribute to the running costs of the pool.

Parking for the pool is to be outside the school premises.

**We will inform you as soon as the pool is ready for use and the keys are available for purchase this will be posted on Facebook or in The Citizen.**

Below is some information on lessons and pool safety from Caroline Eastmond.

## Buses

### Monday:

**Morning** - collection as per usual.

**Afternoon** - bus will be leaving Waiau School at 3pm and depart once all students are on board. So please be aware they will be home earlier.

### Tuesday to Thursday:

**Morning** - Buses will be running 15 minutes later than normal which will mean buses should arrive at school about 8.25am.

**Afternoon** - The buses will be arriving at Waiau school by 3pm and depart once all students are on board. So please be aware they will be home earlier.

The Sherwood run will be covered by Inland Rd run from Tuesday until Friday.

### Friday:

**Morning** - Buses will be running 15 minutes later than normal which will mean buses should arrive at school about 8.25am.

**Afternoon** - School closes at 12pm buses will leave at 12pm and depart once all students are on board.

Let us know if you have anymore questions.

## Lost Property

We have once again found our lost property box is overflowing. We will be laying out the closing for the children to go though today and tomorrow afternoon by the front gate do have a look through!

Any items not claimed will go into the second hand clothing bag. If anyone is interested in second hand uniform, come and see us first thing Term 1, as I think there will be quite a supply!

## Thank you from Waiau School

The staff & pupils at Waiau School would like to thank the community for all their support this year. Our School relies on the support of its community and we are all very thankful for all the extra help you have given us over the year.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy restful new year.

## F.Y.I

### Assembly

There will be no assembly this week.

## **Important:**

**Day 1 and every day in February** – please make sure your children bring their swimming togs and towel to school – regardless of the weather. It can turn out hot later in the day and don't forget **hats must be worn every day for Term 1.**

## **Waiau School New Enrolments for Term 1 2018**

Any NEW ENROLMENTS for the beginning of 2018 school year please come down to Waiau School on Monday 29th January at 11.00am to meet the Principal Peter Kay and enrol your child.

## **School Sores**

Please be aware school sores are doing the rounds. Please see your doctor for treatment.

Kind regards,  
Peter Kay  
*Relieving Principal*

## Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing emergency dental appointments on the **19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December** available at the following clinics:

Hornby Community Dental Clinic  
Northcote Community Dental Clinic  
Woolston Community Dental Clinic  
Aranui Community Dental Clinic  
and from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic:



**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

### ***New Year Clinic Openings***

An emergency dental service will also be offered from Hillmorton Community Dental Clinic and Northcote Community Dental Clinic on the following dates:

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

and

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (inclusive)**

You can phone and make an appointment for these clinics by ringing 0800 846 983.

## Waiau Swimming Lessons January 2018

Venue: Temporary Pool Waiau School

Who: School age children from Waiau and surrounding rural area up to Mt Lyford

Dates: January 2018 Tuesdays and Thursday 9-25<sup>th</sup> excluding Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> ( up to 5 sessions)

Times: Times available between 9.30 and 1200 for small groups working on confidence and skills

Cost: Free to Key Holders (although a donation to the pool rebuild fund is appreciated)

Tutor: Caroline Eastmond (Swimming NZ certified)

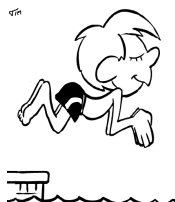
Contact : [mceastmond@outlook.com](mailto:mceastmond@outlook.com) 315 6173 or FB message

Those people who have commented on FB already –I have a list and will contact you.

Others who are still thinking about your summer plans -bookings before January 5<sup>th</sup> please so that I can organize groups and times.

Note: The temporary pool will not be available for general use during these times.

If there is anyone in the community interested in developing their skills in swim teaching for the future please get in touch –The next swimming NZ swim teaching course will be available in Christchurch 27/01/18



## Heading for the Pool this summer?.....

Summer is here and I am looking forward to catching up with lots of families down at the pool again. If you are heading to the shops to buy new gear for the swimming season just a few things to keep in mind:

- It is incredibly difficult to learn to swim when you are wearing loose baggy swimwear. Long shorts and rash tops are great for sun protection at the beach but they misbehave terribly when in the water. Big shorts fall down, loose clothing adds extra weight and resistance, clothing that needs constant adjustment is a distraction.
- Buy swimwear that fits snugly when it is dry. Chlorine and sun rot the fabric so the bad news is those togs probably won't last long enough to grow into if you have a keen swimmer.
- Heavy duty wet suits, are designed for snorkeling, diving, and water skiing-not learning to swim. Yes they will keep small bodies warmer for longer but they create a false sense of buoyancy and restrict shoulder movement, which is pretty important if you want to swim well. Lightweight spring suits with soft shoulders or fabric inserts are a good compromise for children who feel the cold and are absolutely fine.
- Goggles are a matter of choice, but they need to be well adjusted and not leaking. They don't last forever and may need replacing each year.
- Tie long hair back or practice using a swimming cap –learning to breathe when you are swimming is difficult if hair gets in the way.

Over the holidays, if you have the chance, it is great if younger children practice how to dress and undress themselves in the change rooms round at the pool, and use the toilet before going swimming - it just makes everyone's life a lot easier once school starts.



## SWIMMING TIPS FOR PARENTS

Swimming during the summer holidays is great family fun and you can make a big difference helping your child to develop confidence and basic skills in the water.

- Provide lots of opportunities for having fun -sprinklers in the garden,visit the river,lakes,pools and water slides .Don't forget the local pool-if children have been swimming in the temporary pool over summer it is much easier for them to adapt once school swimming starts at the beginning of the year.
- Ideas for reluctant starters and younger children: play in the water at the kitchen sink, help with watering the garden, blowing bubbles.....
- Provide positive role models-swim with your children, or if you don't swim take them out with people who do, other adults or older children.
- Give them heaps of support and encouragement-learning to swim takes time!
- Close supervision and remind them of water safety whenever you are out and about, especially in unfamiliar places and situations their lives may depend on it!
- Add a new pair of goggles, a pack of sinkers or a kickboard to the Christmas stocking.