

Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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2017 What's Happening

Change of date
Thursday 14th December
Prizegiving 7pm

Friday 15th December
End of School Year



Rotherham School Visits

We had a great day formally welcoming Rotherham School yesterday to develop the Maori value of whanaungatanga by developing connections and sharing our waiata and doing some fun activities with them.



Student of the week

(24th Nov - 1st Dec)

Cassarla - Marie Kreisler

Cassarla - Marie has made huge strides in her confidence at school. She has developed her independence and is actively involved in our classroom and with her peers. Well done, we are proud of you!



Mid-Term Board of Trustees Elections - Results

Waiau School Board of Trustees Election Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Duncan, Emma Harris, Annabel

Signed
Liv Pinckney
Returning Officer

Temporary Pool

We are aiming to have the temporary swimming pool filled and ready to go before the end of term. Below is some information on lessons and pool safety from Caroline Eastmond.

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Assembly

Assemblies will be held at 9am to 9.30am on Friday mornings, on the 1st and the 8th of December, in Room 1. Parents and visitors are most welcome. Come along and see children receive certificates from class teachers, and find out who our "Student of the Week" is.

Prizegiving - Change of date

The Waiau School prizegiving for a variety of reasons has been changed to Thursday **14th of December at 7pm.**

Library Books

Please return all library books by next Tuesday the 5th December as we are doing stocktake next week.

Kind regards,
Peter Kay
Relieving Principal

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.