

Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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2018 What's Happening

Monday 29th January
Wai Swim, 2 weeks

Tuesday 6th February
Waitangi Day - School Closed

Wednesday 7th February
BOT Meeting

Thursday 8th February
Meet the Teacher night

Tuesday 13th February
Trailride Meeting 7pm
School Library

Date Change to:
Thursday 15th February
Waiau Swimming Sports
(pp23rd Feb)

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

Friday 2nd March
O'Malley Cup

Saturday 3rd March
Amuri Show

Tue 6th - Fri 9th March
Wellington Camp Yrs 4-6

Mon 12th - Tues 13th March
Life Education Van Visits

Saturday 17th & 18th March
Trailride Weekend

Tuesday 20th March
Soft Ball /Tee Ball
(pp 22nd March)

Friday 13th April
End of Term 1



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very warm welcome to the 2018 school year. The emphasis is certainly on the word 'warm'! I do hope that you all managed to enjoy some quality family time over the break and it is wonderful to see all the children back looking tanned, refreshed and a little bit wiser!

The Kay Family spent some time in Auckland and Northland which was just wonderful and we even caught some fish. I then spent ten days in Colorado, U.S.A. with a few friends and enjoyed the wonders of snow!

The Board of Trustees very kindly installed two air conditioner units for the two classrooms which have been immensely popular and each classroom now has an impressive Apple tv which is an amazing teaching resource.

On Thursday 8th February we will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' at school followed by a picnic where the school will provide 'Fish and Chips' for the community. It would be terrific if all the community were able to attend and I look forward to catching up with your family news. The key details are outlined below;
Room 2: 5.45p.m. - 6.30p.m. (Meet the Teacher and discuss the upcoming camp)
Room 1: 6.00 - 6.30p.m. (Meet the Teacher)
6.30 - 7.30p.m. Dinner in the school grounds
The children will be supervised during this time at school.

Following Wednesday's BOT meeting I will be sending home the updated Waiau ICT Code of Conduct which will need to be signed by all parents and students. Your child's teacher will discuss this further at the upcoming Meet the Teacher evening.

All the best for a productive and enjoyable 2018.

Sincerely,
Peter Kay



A warm welcome back to **Caroline & Lachy Catton**. We also welcome **James & Emma Wallace** to Room 2 and Anikalee Legget, Noah Pemberton and Akeila McIntyre to Room One. We are really excited to have you part of our school.

Swimming Term 1

Yrs 1 - 4

Wai swim take a 30 minute session in our school pool in the mornings and then they are in the school pool for half an hour in the afternoon.



Yrs 5 & 6

The children will have a lesson with Wai Swim in the school pool every morning and will be travelling to Rotherham pool once or twice a week. In order to make this happen we will need some parents to assist us with transport to and from Rotherham pool. The first session will be this Friday departing at 1.45p.m. and returning by 2.50p.m. Please return the slip sent home so that this can go ahead.



Room 2 cooling off during Wai Swim Programme today

Swimming Sports

We only have **11** days swimming instruction before the school swimming sports - providing the weather is fine. Please make sure your children have their swimming togs and towel **every day**, regardless of the weather when they leave for school in the morning – the weather can change a lot. If they can't go swimming ie: open wounds or diarrhoea, please send a note or better still write your note in your child's homework book.

Waiau School Swimming Sports – Thursday 15th February

These will be held at 1.00pm at the Rotherham Pool. All children will be swimming so do come along to support and encourage them.

Parents Relay: If you wish to swim 1 length of freestyle in the parents' relay teams, please fill in form (this will be sent home Thursday). We need 6 parents for each house. Remember you belong to the same house as your children. So if they belong to Lyndon, you will swim for Lyndon etc.

All the children are involved in at least 3 activities. The beginning swimmers give an exhibition in small groups of what they are able to do; the next group compete in width races and the capable swimmers swim length races. We have a championship event competing for the Black Cup (girls) and the Burbury Cup (boys) involving four races: medley, freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke. The highlight of the day are the relays with the parents relay being an amazing splash and dash. This is a great afternoon to see how your child is doing and how you can help them further their progress.

If weather is unsuitable we will contact you via Text and the PTA ringing list on Thursday 15th in the morning.

Swimming Pool Keys

A huge THANK YOU to Brenda and her staff at Brenda's on Lyndon for managing the sale of the pools keys over the summer break. With the high temperatures we have experienced it is not surprising that the pool was popular over the summer. Once again - THANK YOU Brenda, we really appreciate your support of our school.

Stationery

Your child will have their stationery issued at school and will bring home an account for what is owed. Please could this be paid by Wednesday 7th February either online or by cheque. The school bank account number can be found on the stationery form. We buy the stationery as cheaply as possible and don't try to make a profit from it. We just want to provide an easy solution for everyone.

School Bus Driver Contacts

It is very important that you contact the appropriate driver if your child is not going to be on the bus in the morning:

Leslie Hills	Lee Cleverley	0211635999
Inland Rd	Ann Hillyer	0273158391
Sherwood Rd	Danette Moriarty	0273150225
Cheddar Valley	Peter Black	0277144091

Trail Ride

The Trail Ride will be held on: **Saturday 17th March 2017 & Sunday 18th March.**

Trail Ride Entries:

Entries open on **Monday 12th February** for this year's trail ride - we hope the weather continues to favour us this year.

Trail Ride Parent Help:

The donation and volunteers forms were sent home Monday. All parents/caregivers are expected to help in some way with our fantastic fundraising event. We will require the form back promptly so start thinking and discussing with your family what jobs you can do on this fun weekend.

Trail Ride Meeting - Tuesday 13th February:

There will be an open Trail Ride meeting in the Library on Thursday 8th February at 7.00pm. All welcome. Any queries or questions contact Chris Scarlet - Trail Ride co-ordinator on (03) 315 6113 or email: leebrookscarlet@gmail.com Trail Ride co-ordinator.

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Assembly

Assembly is now held at **9.00a.m. on a Monday**. You are most welcome to join us and have the added bonus of air conditioning!

1. **Sunhats:**

Must be worn at school everyday for this term.

2. **Sunscreen:**

It is expected that you will have applied sunscreen to your child before school. We reapply sunscreen later in the day to ensure the children still have a good covering.

3. **After School Activities:**

If your child/ren are involved in regular after school activities (ie: Swimming, Cricket etc) and will not be travelling on the bus home that particular day each week, please write one note stating that they are involved in cubs, scouts etc and we will note it on the bus cards. Then you do not have to send a note or telephone each week. You will have to telephone or send a note if they **are not going** to their after school activity though, because unless we know differently that is where they will be sent.

4. **Homework:**

Every child has a homework book that goes home every school night.

Every child at Waiau School should have a book to read at home every night (be it a school reader, journal or library book).

Parents:- The children are expected to read **EVERY** school night. The name of the book is to be written in their homework book and signed by a parent **after** they have done their reading. If a book isn't coming home please ask your child why, and if necessary, contact the teacher so the problem can be fixed.

I can't stress enough the positive value of your child reading each night will have on their learning.

Year 1 and 2: At first parents, then children write in the name of the story

Year 3 -6: Children write the name of the story and pages read. For example 'The B F G' pages 14-19.

Generally children should read for at least 15 minutes from Year 3.

Your child may also have a small amount of other homework which supports the teaching from that day.

5. **School Records:**

We like to be as accurate as possible with all the information we have at school regarding pupils home contacts, emergency contacts and medical notes. Your child will be bringing home a letter/form with the current information we are holding at school. Please check carefully, make any changes necessary and return to the school office the next day.

(Student Confirmation letter)

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Thursday 8th February 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Kay

Relieving Principal

MAKE MEGA BUBBLES!



WAIAU Sunday 11 Feb, 10.30am- 12pm

For fabulous outdoor fun at parties or whenever, making magical bubbles together brings everyone out to play – kids and adults alike.

Belinda Meares and friends will show you how easy it is to make your own pair of wands and a simple bubble mix. Then we'll create wondrous rainbow-hued bubbles and send them forth!

Venue: Waiau Hall. Cost: 1.5 TimeBank Hurunui credits or \$5, (\$10 per family), plus \$5 pp for materials. Registrations essential: 03 314 3406 or tbhlearningexchange@gmail.com