

Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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2017 What's Happening

Tuesday 12th September
School Photos

Tuesday 19th September
Kiwisport (pp 21 September)

26th - 27th September
Learning Conferences Yrs 4-6

Friday 29th September
Term 3 Ends

Monday 16th October
Term 4 Begins

Wednesday 25th October
Pet Day

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Waiau School teachers spent an excellent Teacher Only Day on Friday fine tuning our behaviour procedures with Tim Heidmann (RTL) and coming up with some new actions.

As you are all aware, Waiau School is learning about, and implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). One of the cornerstones of this Ministry of Education Sanctioned Programme is the use of DATA to inform the decisions we make. Our data is telling us that the majority of the behaviour incidents that occur at our school are during lunchtime and mostly happen during the last fifteen minutes of our lunch break. Therefore, for the remainder of Term 3, we will be trialling a 45 minute lunch break in an effort to reduce these incidences of inappropriate behaviour.

We will also be sending out messages to you each week letting you know our priorities so that you know what we are doing and can give us that super important support from home.

Our message this week is "Keep your hand and feet to ourselves" as 43% of the incidents this year have been physical incidents, and of those incidents 88% involve boys.

Teachers are increasing their PE/Physical Fitness content in their classroom teaching time to ensure that the children will still have the 15 minute lunch break but in a supervised, structured way with lots of fun and enjoyment.

A safe, positive environment is important to students achievement and wellbeing and ensures everyone is included. Real change happens when students, staff, parents and whānau share responsibility for making our school a respectful place. We are all very positive about the changes making a difference.



Student of the week Tom Galbraith

Tom has been working extremely hard in class. He is respectful and loves to help out with a big smile.

School Photos - Tomorrow 12th September

Fotographix will be here tomorrow to take the school photos for this year. Each class will have a class photo taken, then all children will have individual photos and siblings will be photographed together.

If you have preschoolers and you want to get a family photograph taken please arrive at **1pm**. School photos will take place at **1.30pm**.

After the holidays Fotographix will send small proofs of your children photos, you will be able to select what you want and then they will print the photos selected by you.

Could all children be in winter school uniform please.

Pet Day - 25th October

Pet day is next term. We would love you to bring along a pet for Pet Day. If you do not have a family pet please remember it is not a problem. Children are welcome, and encouraged to bring along a plant or a teddy instead.

Kiwi Sport - Tuesday 19th September

This is for all Year 1 - 3 children. Please be aware we will be requiring parent transport on this day so if you can help with taking a vehicle it would be much appreciated. More information to come home soon.

Parent Night with Tim

Thank you to all of those who made it to the parent night - what a great turnout. We hope you enjoyed the night and all took away some inspiration. It is great you now have a better understanding of our PBL initiative.

Student Led Conferences - 26th - 27th September

These are for Room 3 - Year 4 - 6 only.

They will be held on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th of September.

They will commence at 3.15pm each afternoon and conclude at 5.00pm

Appointments are 15 minutes each.

Please Note:

If you are late your interview will still conclude at the appointed time.

Appointment Times:

Please complete the attached form and return to school by Thursday 21st September. You need to be very clear as to what times would be appropriate for you as we are unaware of your personal time commitments. Please note you may not get your first choice in time it will be first in first served.

HURUNUI JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Registrations are now open for the 2017/18 season for children in Years 3-8 wishing to play Saturday cricket

Visit canterburycountrycricket.co.nz and follow the link from "Junior registrations", or email hurunuicricket@gmail.com for full instructions

Enquiries to Gill Dalmer 315 6681 / 021 1508790 or Marty Kelly 315 6590

New for 2017! We would love to field a girls team (teams are currently mixed) - please contact hurunuicricket@gmail.com or Wally Jamieson 0274775645 if you are keen.

Pre-season muster

Saturday 16th September, 2pm at Waiau Oval

Informal get-together and hit out for Junior players

Please come along so we can get back into the swing of things, meet the coaches and get an idea of team numbers.

Barbecue available - BYO food and drink

Superstar Cricket Academy

Basic skills and fun games for younger / new players - this will run on Wednesdays in Term 4. Further details nearer time or contact hurunuicricket@gmail.com



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Amuri Area School September 2017

Reading Together Workshops

Dear Parents of Amuri Area School, Rotherham School, Waiiau School and Polkadots Preschool.

We would really like you to consider taking part in our Term 4 **Reading Together** workshop programme for parents. I am sure you will find it of great help for yourself and your child(ren), as you support their education. We all know how important reading is for children to succeed. One of the things that really helps children to become good readers is support from home. The *Reading Together* workshops will show you best how to do this. A huge number of parents nationwide have already attended these workshops and have found the programme very helpful.

The programme consists of **four** workshops – each 1 hour and 15 minutes. **To make the most of this opportunity it is important that you attend all the workshops.**

These will be held in our Junior Te Kooti Block on:

- ❖ Tuesday 31st October 7.00pm-8.15pm For parents only (*Light Food provided*)
- ❖ Tuesday 7th November 6.00pm-7.15pm For parents and children (*Dinner Provided*)
- ❖ Tuesday 14th November 7.00pm-8.15pm For parents only (*Light Food provided*)
- ❖ Tuesday 21st November 7.00pm-8.15pm For parents only (*Light Food provided*)

The programme is FREE! We can even help with childcare costs if you need it and it will REALLY help your children to become much better readers. In particular, it helps children to UNDERSTAND what they are reading, and helps you to form strong bonds and make reading a positive family experience.

Please see <https://www.readingtogether.net.nz> for more information and the significant positive research on this programme. We are looking forward to your participation.

Please register by calling our school office or emailing james@amuri.school.nz and should you need more information I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

James Griggs

Principal

BRIAN GEE

Master Hypnotist

"A Night of Comedy
and Laughter"

"Extremely
Hilarious"

Saturday, 14th October

Waiau Community Hall - 7.30pm

Fundraiser for The Waiau Rugby and Amuri Toy Library

Bar Facilities Available • Light Supper Provided

Tickets: \$30 Single / \$50 Double

It is your own choice if you want to be hypnotised

Tickets Available From: Waiau Hardware • Biddy Lott • Hamish Galletly
Michelle Forbes • Blaise Davison • Liv Pinckney