



Waikaretu School

Continuously Thrive and Learn

Newsletter Week 3 Term 1 14th February 2024 Roll: 24 students

Tēnā koutou,

Welcome to 2024!

It is going to be an exciting year with already a few eventful activities on the horizon. One major event coming up is of course our Centenary. In the last week of this term we will celebrate 100 years of Waikaretu School with our Centenary celebrations planned for the **12th and 13th April**. Please remember to register for this to celebrate with us. Registration details are in this newsletter.

Last week, it was so lovely to see our students returning to school and also to welcome our new students, their whaanau and new staff. Everyone's been enjoying our amazing new deck built by Stewart Foote and his team, who went over and beyond their services to finish it in time to a high standard.

Our team of teachers are looking forward to the year ahead. We want our students to experience a balance between academic success, positive social interactions and full involvement in sports, cultural activities, the arts, science, and technology through fun and hands-on experiences. We want all our students to reach their potential as we continuously aim to thrive and learn. We will ask the students to be kind and brave, respectful and stand proud as a kaitiaki of our school. Waikaretu School students learn to exhibit the WAI-Way as they embrace their learning goals. All teachers are here to support your child's learning journey. If you need any support for your child, please don't hesitate to contact us. Together we are the 'village' to support our children and you never walk alone - he waka eke noa.

Today, looking at all our students' smiling faces as they run in their gumboots across our rural school field, I feel very proud and privileged, that after 8 years of being a teacher and a parent at Waikaretu School, I can now represent our school community as your new Principal. I extend my gratitude also to our wider community as many have expressed their support. Thank you and I am looking forward to what lies ahead.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Bernie Denton-van Loon



Happy Birthday

Riria turned 11 on the 10th of January
Stirling turned 10 on the 6th of February



PLEASE BRING A NAMED WATER BOTTLE AND YOUR OWN SPOON TO SCHOOL.



Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (Pie, sausage rolls, toasted sandwich etc) for lunch in the pie warmer. Please let them know to give their wrapped (not clingfilm), named food to a teacher in the morning.

NEWSLETTER LIST UPDATES



Do you want to be added to, deleted from or have your details updated for our delivered (via rural delivery) or emailed fortnightly newsletter? Perhaps you know someone new to the area who might like to receive a copy?

Please e-mail : admin@waikaretu.school.nz

Newsletter Dates Term 1

Wednesday 14th February, Wednesday 28th February, Wednesday 13th March , Wednesday 27th March, Wednesday 10th April

Important Dates

Friday 23rd February

Tuesday 27th February

Friday 29th March

Monday 1st April

Tuesday 2nd April

Friday 12th April

Cluster Swimming Sports Year 4-8 Glen Massey

Year 7/8 Technology Huntly

Good Friday (no school)

Easter Monday (no school)

School Holiday (no school)

School Term 1 Ends

Community Notices

Play Group @ Waikaretu School Library All pre-schoolers welcome!
1st and 3rd Monday of each month 9.30 a.m. Please contact Catherine
Hore: 021 1137770 cathhore@hotmail.com

ATHOL'S LAWN MOWING and HEDGE CUTTING



Ride on or Hand Mowing Chain Sawing Water
Blasting

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Garden To Table

Our school is looking for a volunteer who either is experienced or wants to learn about growing vegetables and using these to prepare food.

Every Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3pm our Year 6 to 8 students learn about food technology by growing their own vegetables and using these ingredients to create delicious meals.

If you would like to share your knowledge on gardening or want to learn more, please contact our school on 09 2333014. For more information about Garden to Table please visit: www.gardentotable.org.nz



Waikaretu School Working Bee

Thank you, Tom Whitford, Dan & Sian Knauf, Izak Gifkins, Arnya & Cam Dawson, Stacey Cox, Ray Walker and Abbey Marshall for having a working bee at the school over the holidays.

Jobs that got done were cleaning the spouting on the bus shed, tidying up around the pool area, digging holes for the new basketball hoops and assorted gardening.

Your help is very much appreciated.

Our New School Deck



Waikaretu School

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TE KAUWHATA CHILDREN'S DAY SPLASH N DASH

2024

TOI AKO
CREATIVE
SPACE

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH
10AM - 2PM
TE KAUWHATA DOMAIN

FAMILY
GAMES

BOUNCY
CASTLES

SLIPPERY
SLIDE

PRE-SCHOOL
AREA

**ALL FREE
ALL WELCOME**



NO DOGS, SMOKING, VAPING OR ALCOHOL. THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

WAIKATO BOP SCHOOLS XC MTB CHAMPS 2024

Sponsored by Evans Doyle Accounts + Advisors

Track suitable for all abilities - Open from Year 5 - Year 13
Enter through your school by Tuesday 5th March
NEW FOR THIS YEAR - TEAM RELAYS

**Thursday 14 March
Te Miro MTB Park**

Please email
temiromtbevents@gmail.com
for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash



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For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website



It's so nice seeing our students smiling and having fun. They have been thoroughly enjoying the playground and each other's company again after the holiday break.



Koowhai students taking maths outside.


Jay from Sports Waikato teaching the children cricket.


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1924 - 2024



CENTENARY

Honour the Past
Connect in the Present
Look to the Future

FRIDAY 12 APRIL - SATURDAY 13 APRIL
2024

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informed as plans
are finalised and
tickets go on sale.



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