

Newsletter Week 7 Term 1 13th March 2024 Roll: 23 students

Kia ora koutou,

Already the end of the term is in sight; time flies when we're having fun! The students have been busy creating some ideas to share with our community during our Centenary celebrations. All students are starting to look forward to the big celebrations and there is a definite buzz in the air as the community is preparing for the festivities.

On another festive note, we had new carpet installed in both classrooms due to a Government initiative. It is looking and feeling great! During the installation the students had the opportunity to have two days of outdoor learning provided by their teachers on our brand-new deck. It was quite a novelty to study in the open air all day.

Together with students and their families, we had a lovely Meet the Teacher event. It was an opportunity for our families to meet our new staff and to see their child(ren)'s workspace. It was also an opportunity for us to share new legislation changes from the Ministry of Education. We presented our new school's charter for the coming two years and consulted with our school whaanau about their aspirations and feedback for learning at our school. The new school charter can be found on our website.

Unfortunately, the weather has deteriorated to the point we have to announce that this week is our last week of swimming as our pool will close. A big thank you to all parents and school staff who have been checking and treating the pool on a daily basis to give all students the opportunity to learn water confidence, pool safety and more swimming skills. Our year 4 to 8 students were able to successfully show off all their water skills at the Senior Swimming sport event in Glen Massey.

Looking forward to term 2, our yearly Leadership Camp is scheduled for mid-May. We are fundraising for this event by selling Whittakers' Chocolates again. Your support will be much appreciated! Lastly, don't forget to register for the Centenary event; details can be found in this newsletter.

Ngaa mihi nui, Bernie Denton-van Loon Tumuakí - Príncípal 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.

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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 : <u>admin@waikaretu.school.nz</u>

Newsletter Dates Term 1

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

Important Date

Thursday 21st March Tuesday 26th March Friday 29th March Monday 1st April Tuesday 2nd April Friday 12th April Saturday 13th April BOT Meeting @ 6:30pm, Waikaretu School Technology @ Huntly Year 7/8 Good Friday (no school) Easter Monday (no school) School Holiday (no school) School Term 1 Ends – Centenary Celebrations Centenary Celebrations

Happy Birthday Flynn who turns 8 today, the 13th of March



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 <u>cathhore@hotmail.com</u>



60th WAIMAI BUSH SPORTS

Reeves Paddock (Waimai Road) Easter Monday April 1st, 2024

<mark>9.30am – Warm up Jump</mark>

One of the few original old type horse events left in the country – a mix of games and jumping for ALL ages. There is one event for tiny tots before lunch time.

Cost – a donation. Plus bring coins for a Gold Coin donation towards the Air Ambulance. Food for sale will be available. CASH ONLY.

Riding helmets and riding boots must be worn by all riders. No horse may be entered twice in any one event. A rider can only ride one horse in one event. Entry forms at secretary's tent. No Dogs Allowed.

Enquiries to Sue 07 825 4433

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Please contact the school office if you would like to pick up a box to sell chocolates for our fundraiser.

ATHOL's LAWN MOWING and HEDGE CUTTING



Ride on or Hand Mowing Chain Sawing Water Blasting



Please phone Athol Berry 09 2333278





School Assembly Friday 1st of March



Libby, Lincoln, Riria & Mason received the WAI Way certificates.



Mac & Will were the WAI Way Prize Draw winners.



Jasper, Libby and Levi came 3rd in various swimming events at the Glen Massey cluster swimming sports.

School Assembly Friday 8th of March



Riria & Eli were the WAI Way Prize Draw winners.



Theo, Stirling, Mac & Ayla received the WAI Way certificates.

While the new carpet was being laid, students got to set up their classrooms on the new deck. What an experience to be able to do this.



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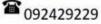


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