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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora koutou,

A huge shoutout to the wonderful volunteers who turned up for our recent working bee! Thanks to your hard work, our PE Shed is now fully completed with shelves and a ramp; Our students are already loving the easier access for their ball bin and can't wait to stock the shelves with all their PE gear. Our fleet of school bicycles has been sorted out too. We now only need a volunteer to help us get them pumped up, oiled and minor repairs done. If you know of someone that can help us with that, please let us know. It will be great to see the bikes going again. The buildings and grounds are looking clean and tidy and it doesn't go unnoticed that community working bees like this make a tangible difference to our school, and we truly appreciate your time, tools, and effort.

Our annual Cross Country is fast approaching! As an interschool event, this is not only a highlight of our sporting calendar but also a vital fundraiser for our school. An event of this scale takes a tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes organisation. I want to extend a special thank you to the staff and volunteers who work quietly in the background to ensure everything runs like a well-oiled machine. They carry a significant mental load to manage all the logistics, and their dedication ensures our events run safely and smoothly for everyone.

If bad weather forces us to postpone the cross-country event, we will make the call shortly after 7:30 AM on the morning of the event. The rain date will be Friday, August 21st. Any updates or cancellations will be sent as a bulk message via the Skool Loop app, so please keep a close eye on your notifications.

If the event is postponed, students should come to school for a regular school day. Our bus services will run as per usual regardless of the weather. Please remember to notify the school office if your child will NOT be on the bus on that day.

In the classrooms, our students are currently adding the finishing touches on their speeches. Public speaking takes courage, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work they have poured into researching, writing, and practising their presentations. We invite you to join us on Thursday, August 27th to hear them share their ideas. We hope to see many of you there to support our young speakers!

Ngaa manaakitanga,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal / Tumuaki



WAIKARETU SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Waikaretu School is hosting the cross country run on Friday the 14th of August.

This is one of our most celebrated annual events that we organise for the Huntly West Rural Schools Cluster. It is also an important fundraiser event for us and we require parent help for marshalling, food cooking/selling.

A huge thanks to Anna & Tom Mandeno for letting us use their land for the course.

IMPORTANT PET DAY INFORMATION

As we prepare for Pet Day, we ask families bringing poultry to help us keep all birds, animals and people at the event safe. New Zealand is well prepared to respond to H5 bird flu, and it is important that we remain alert and know what to look for.

Before bringing poultry to Pet Day, please check that your birds are healthy. Signs of illness may include unusual tiredness, reduced appetite, a droopy head, swollen or darkened combs and wattles, breathing difficulties, nasal discharge, tremors, paralysis or sudden death.

Please do not bring unwell birds to the event. Avoid touching sick or dead wild birds, and report groups of 3 or more to MPI on: 0800 80 99 66.

For the latest advice, visit the Ministry for Primary Industries bird flu information page.

IMPORTANT DATES

10th August - 13th August
SwimSafe Huntly

Friday 14th August
Waikaretu School Cross
Country

Tuesday 18th August
Yr 7-8 Technology Huntly

Thursday 20th August
BOT Meeting @ 5:30 pm

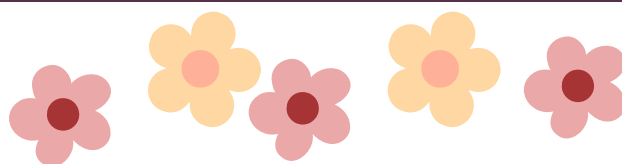
Thursday 27th August
Waikaretu School Speeches
9:15 am

Thursday 10th September
Cluster Speeches

Thursday 24th September
Last Day Term 3

Friday 25th September
Teacher Only Day

Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (pies, sausage rolls, toasted sandwiches 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.





Community Notices

Waikaretu School Board of Trustees Meeting Change of Date:

Please note that the Board of
Trustees meeting has been
postponed until
Thursday 20 August at 5.30 pm.

SchoolDocs

School Policies Review

All school Boards review their policies throughout the year to ensure legal compliance, improve student safety, and adapt to community needs.

At any time, as a community member, you will be able to have a say on currently reviewed policies by going to:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/login>

Find Waikaretu School in the drop down list, and log in with the following details:

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WAIKARETU PLAYGROUP

Bring your Tamariki along for a play. Have a chat and coffee and make lasting connections with the other mothers, fathers, or caregivers at the school. Please contact Catherine Hore 021 113 7770

**Annual
Trivia Night
Fundraiser**

**At the Te Akau Waingaro
Community Complex**
On Friday August 28th
Doors Open @ 6:30pm
7pm Start
Teams can be made
on the night

**Teams of
6
\$25 per
person**

**Bar Open
with Light
Supper**

**Great
Auction
Items and
Raffles**

**Bring
cash for
Raffle**

**Help Support
the PONY,
TURF and
RUGBY CLUBS**

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Swim Safe Huntly

For four mornings this week, our whole school is visiting the Huntly Aquatic centre to follow the Swimming Waikato SwimSafe programme. This is a comprehensive water safety initiative providing essential aquatic skills to Year 0-8 tamariki across the Waikato region. It meets the Health and Physical Education Curriculum standards while ensuring our students gain critical water survival skills. The SwimSafe programme aims to grow confident, capable students thriving in any aquatic environment.



Assembly & Awards 31st July



Sienna and Libby received their WAI Way bands.



The WAI Way prizes went to Sienna and Libby

Kind Cooperative

- I can share and take turns
- I can work in a team
- I am an important member of my community



Ayla, Lincoln and Margo received the WAI Way assembly certificates.

Assembly & Awards 7th August



Libby, Mia, Amelia and Aria received the WAI Way assembly certificates.



The WAI Way prizes went to Eli and Aria.



Miss Cassidy's gorgeous little girl Wren came for a school visit.



Mac and Caeley received their WAI Way bands.

Garden to Table



With such a bitterly cold wind across the garden we planned a session to keep out of it. Caeley, Jasmine and Will made great lemon muffins and Libby and Aria made a quick lemon and mint drink for us all.

We had grapefruit, navel orange, tangelo, lemon, lime and mandarin to taste -all from private gardens and extra delicious.



Everybody bravely tried a piece of each fruit - even the lime and lemon with various degrees of 'sour face' reactions.

We each had a good top-up of Vitamin C!



**GARDEN
TO TABLE**  GROW,
HARVEST,
PREPARE,
SHARE



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