

Waikino School Newsletter

Note from the Principal....

Kia Ora e te whanau

The term is flying by with lots of fun learning happening in classes. We are so lucky to have such dedicated and passionate teachers at our kura.

Lately, we have been working with the children on showing respect - for self, for others and for property. I have seen a rise in the amount of lost property around school that isn't labelled and ask that you please name every item of your child's clothing- including forest school clothing. That way we can make sure these expensive fleeces, raincoats, uniforms etc get returned to you. And if you are missing anything at present, please come and have a rummage through the mountain of lost property we have accumulated.

We have also been talking to the children a lot about making good choices both in class and during playtime as many are struggling with social friendship issues.

As a Board of Trustees we are dedicated to making Waikino a safe place for all tamariki and their whanau. This term will see the launch of a bi-annual survey with which we will gather anonymous data to help improve school-wide culture and practices. Below is a link to information to help you as a parent to support your child to identify what bullying is, what it isn't and what to do to get help.

As always we have an open door policy and we want you to let us know of any concerns. Your first port of call is always to talk to the class teacher so they can help settle any concerns you may have.

Nga mihi nui
Joanna Wheway
Principal

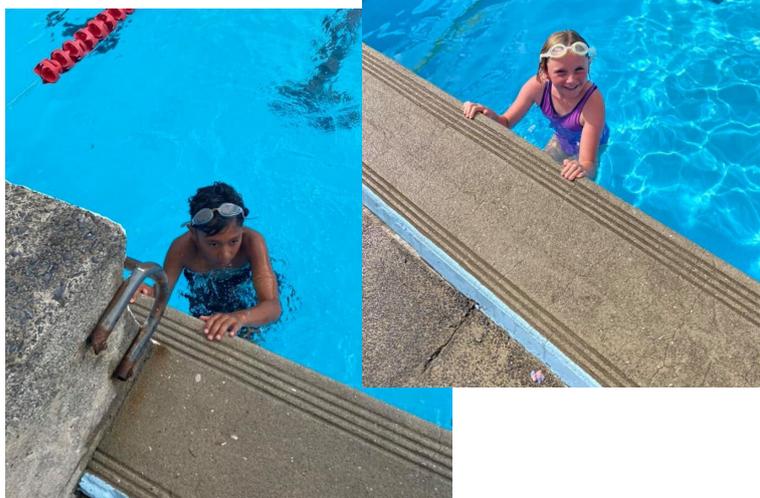
Bullying Information sheet for parents:
<https://forms.gle/4WYkAoS33qsQopNb8>

SWIMMING CLUSTER

by Sianna White

Swimming cluster is an event that you swim in and you verse other schools. You do breaststroke/ backstroke/ butterfly and freestyle. Our school does it to help us with some of our skills. Waikino School is a sporty school, especially our year five and sixes. 7 of us went to the College pools last Tuesday for the competition. We did well and had fun!

Josua (below) and Sianna (right) at the Waihi Cluster Swimming Event



SAVE THAT DATE!

Mark the 3rd April 2020 in your calendars, and keep that evening free! We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival, and seasonal swap meet, and you're all invited! It will be a fun and informative evening that you wont want to miss. Further details to come soon.

SCHOOL BANKING

Thanks to those who have registered interest in school banking. It really a fantastic way to teach your kids the benefits of regular savings, and helps set them up with positive financial habits for the future! Please contact Sheryn Morrison at Westpac Waihi, to set up an account for your child. I believe she is away at present, but once you have met with her, let us know, and we will organise weekly banking systems at school.
sheryn.morrison@westpac.co.nz or 863 6552.

DATES TO REMEMBER....

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| 16 March. | Cricket Smash |
| 17 March | Hockey Big Day Out - Ngatea |
| 28 March | Earth Hour - SAT 8.30-9.30pm |
| 9th April | Last day of term 1 |

SPORTS NOTICES

WAIHI JUNIOR RUGBY

Waihi Junior Rugby Club Muster:

Friday 13th March 5-6pm, Kenny Street.

U8 to U13 teams. Pre registration emails have been sent out. If you have not received one or are new to the club please go to the Waihi Junior Rugby Club sporty page and fill in the form.

JUNIOR CRICKET SMASH

Good luck to the players attending on Monday. Thank you Adrian Holmes and Lisa Wilton for transporting and supervising on the day.

HOCKEY

Hockey Big Day out is finally upon us, the 17th of March. Thank you for your patience regarding the date change. If your child is attending, or you are driving, please be at school for 8.20 so we can brief you about the day and assign students to drivers.

SPORT UNIFORMS

We are looking for sponsors for new sets of sport uniforms for our teams competing in cluster events. We bought new sets in 2018, which are being well used and really look smart, however we don't have enough to kit out all of our teams for upcoming sports - particularly netball. If you would like to sponsor a teams kit, or if you know of a business that would help us out with team sponsorship, please see Jenni in the office.

GENERAL NOTICES

EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour was started as a symbolic lights-out event in Sydney in 2007, and is now one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment. Held every year on the last Saturday of March, Earth Hour engages millions of people in more than 180 countries and territories, switching off their lights to show support for our planet. But Earth Hour goes far beyond the symbolic action of switching off - it has become a catalyst for positive environmental impact, driving major legislative changes by harnessing the power of the people and collective action. As a school, we will be engaging Earth Hour actions on the 27th March, and we encourage you take part at home by turning off your lights on Sat 28th March from 8.30 - 9.30pm. For further details, and great conversation starters, check out: www.earthhour.org