

Waikino School Newsletter



Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a truly successful camp we had. It was a joy to see our tamariki trying new things and enjoying being together. I would like to extend my thanks, not only to our amazing teaching and support team, but also to you as parents and especially those of you who came along to help out at camp. You all worked together to make it a wonderful experience for all Waikino kids.

We have used a proportion of our Schoolgen money, won last year, to install our solar panels which are powering our shipping container and we are spending the remainder of the \$10,000 on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) equipment. This will be set up for classes to use in our tīpee. We would also love some big blocks of wood for kids to make and build with...if you can help us out by cutting, sanding, oiling some logs and blocks of wood or cutting even lengths of bamboo poles for this maker kit please let us know.

Also, just a reminder that school starts at 8.45am. Please endeavour to have your child here prior to that, so they can be settled before school starts. Late arrivals can be very disruptive for the morning classroom routines.

As always if you have any questions, concerns or just want a chat regarding your child's education please do pop in anytime

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BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Triennial Elections are coming up and the Waikino School Board of Trustees has set the election date for Friday 17th May 2019. We will have 5 parent representative positions available for election and we invite you all to consider if you feel you can help make a difference for our school.

Basic Competencies that the New Zealand Trustee Association (NZSTA) identify for board members are:

- * Strategic/analytical thinkers
 - able to see the big picture for our school
- * Practical
- * Good communicators
- * Team Players

Desired skills/ experience that support an effective board:

- * Financial understanding
- * Legal experience
- * Risk management/ health and safety
- * Knowledge of education
- * People management

Waikino School preferred skills:

- * Environmental awareness
- * Time and commitment
- * Honesty, integrity, courage
- * Focus on raising achievement

For information on becoming a trustee please visit <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>
Or pop into the office to get an information booklet



Our value of the week is Piwakawaka (Positivity)

ENVIRO UPDATE

We have made amazing progress with our container kitchen and pizza oven area, and there are only a few more tasks to do prior to our launch night on Thursday 11th April. If you can help with any of these tasks, please do let us know:

- * Setting up equipment- labelling new equipment
- * Cleaning and setting up donated fridge
- * Emptying and organising staff room equipment to be moved to container kitchen
- * Weeding and sowing seed in gardens by container
- * Moving split wood to stack neatly under pizza oven
- * Making an L shaped box planter to divide the container from the car park

SCHOOL NOTICES

As part of the Waihi Community ANZAC Day commemorations, Waikino School will send some students (Y4-6) to help erect ANZAC crosses on the morning of 5th of April, near the Pumphouse. If you could help out with supervision of a small group of students and transport, please speak to Jenni or Jo Wheway.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

For children aged 5 -13 years old

For further details, contact Kelly on 027 5369038 or waihibeachkidsclub@gmail.com

SCIENCE UPDATE

A note from Mrs Lauren Bartram

It was lovely to see many of you on camp and to spend time reconnecting with school and our fantastic students. I was energised and enthused and have taken that energy this week into a very intense, residential leadership course at the University of Otago in Dunedin. This week has been full of information and has been an opportunity for me to deeply consider the values that underpin our school focus and local curriculum.

During our time here we were able to explore Tunnel Rock, a dramatic place where volcanology and the marine environment come together. While being away from home is not always easy it has been an opportunity to reflect and to see things with new eyes.

Rafael E Pino said "The way we see things when we look at them from a certain distance allows us to appreciate their true value".



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019

*Waikino School invites all family, friends and
Waikino community to celebrate our bounty*

Thursday 11th April 2019

5.00- Official opening of the container kitchen, pizza oven and gardens

5:30pm Swap meet- produce, jam, chutney, kids clothing season swap

5:45 Bring food to share and buy a slice of Pizza from our oven!

6:00pm Bonfire is lit

6:45pm Bonfire toffee and marshmallows round the fire

RSVP BY 9TH APRIL

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