

Waikino School Newsletter

Note from the Principal....

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to those of you who have filled in the Parent Aspiration survey. We have been looking through your responses to support our work with your children in 2020.

From my perspective, I have been reading them with my Principals hat on to see how we can ensure at a strategic level, that we are providing clarity around your child's journey at Waikino School. I can see from some comments that developing our visuals for the Waikino School Model of teaching and learning and our Waikino School Local curriculum, has started to give clarity around what we do. However, the Why? and the How does that look for my child? needs greater clarity.

To help you understand how and why, I am going to target more of my newsletters to giving transparency around what we do and why. This newsletter has an attached sheet "Waikino School - how our assessment and reporting to whanau works" and we will be developing videos that will explain this further to share with you in the future.

[An overview of how our model of learning has developed....](#)

In 2017 our team started to use 'kid speak goals' as a trial to see if it helped children to engage more deeply in their learning. By the end of 2017 it was evident this was having an impact so we developed a plan to continue and deepen this into 2018. Throughout 2018 we were supported by a literacy contract with MOE (Ministry of Education) facilitators who helped leaders and teachers to use and develop a visible learning focus - in layman's terms...helping kids to know what they need to learn and support them to show how they learnt it. It was this year that we started using our Forest as part of our curriculum, which then developed into our Local Curriculum Model. During 2019 we continued to be supported by MOE and also through Core Education - an organisation that works at the cutting edge of educational research and development.

In 2020 we continue to be supported by Core Education and have various other researchers working with us on our Model of learning. As a school that is pushing the boundaries of education, in order to provide an education that focuses not only on academics, but on whole child development and success, we are at the forefront in what we do. As a leader, my role is to always seek for information that shows that what we are developing has the expected impact for our tamariki and to access expertise that supports our journey.

As whanau you can be assured that everything we do is evidence based and is constantly evaluated to ensure we are making a difference. We welcome you asking questions, popping in, commenting on your child's dojo posts and all other forms of interaction you would like in your child's journey.

"Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe, me he maunga teitei ""Seek the treasure that you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain."

Nga mihi nui

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SCIENCE SPOT

Are mosquitos driving you mad? Catch them and send them to Te Papa!

Te Papa are running a nationwide mosquito census to find out which native and introduced species live where.

All of the details can be found here

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/science/new-zealand-mosquito-census>

We have had lots of fun trying to catch some in our bush class sessions and we'd be really interested to compare the species you have at home with those here at school. If you catch one and send it to Te Papa they will reply, letting you know the species. Send that information along with your child and add it to the chart that is in the window of Waihou Class. Happy hunting!



SPORTS NOTICES

Thank you for returning all the permission slips for the sporting activities coming up. Term 1 definately is busy with all the sports on offer.

CRICKET

Next Tuesday (4th March), Thames Valley Cricket will be holding coaching sessions for our Year 4, 5 and 6 students, in preparation for the Cricket Smash on the 16th.

RIPPA RUGBY

If your child has signed up for RIPPA this year, this kicks off next Wednesday 4th March), at 3.30pm at Waihi East School.

GENERAL NOTICES

MUSIC LESSONS

Meryl Bennett will be offering private and small group music lessons (ukelele, guitar or keyboard) through Waikino School again this year. Lessons can take place during school hours, or after school hours by arrangement. If you are interested, please pick up an enrolment form from the office. There is a charge for these lessons.

TAEKWONDO /SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

These take place on Monday and Wednesday's from 5pm at the Waikino Hall. For further information, see Jenni in the office.

PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP

Held weekly on Tuesdays 10am -12noon during school terms at the Waihi Resource Centre. Come along to connect, share and learn over a cuppa. Ph 07 863 7555 for more info, or just turn up on the day.

Keep an eye on facebook for more photos from today!



SWIMMING SPORTS

Thank you to all the parents and whanau who came along to support our students today at the swimming sports events today. It was great to have so many of you come along to cheer the kids on, and help out! We couldnt do this sort of thing without you.

DATES TO REMEMBER....

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| 2nd March | 9am Powhiri to welcome our new students & their families |
| 4th March | Waihou/Ohinemuri Beach Day |
| 5th March | Waitawheta/Waitekauri Beach Day |
| 13th March | 2.15pm School assembly at Waikino Village Hall |
| 9th April | Last day of term 1 |