

Waikino School Newsletter



A Note From The Principal

Tena koutou, Tena koutou, Tena koutou katoa
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we head into the last week of term 2 it is timely to reflect on what we have achieved so far in 2019. There has been lots of hard work for teachers and learners as they develop their abilities to evidence their own learning through continuous reporting via their Class Dojo portfolios. It is great to see so many of you commenting on the students posts and get feedback that this is helpful for you to know what you can do to support your child's learning.

This coming week we will have a final assembly, hosted by Ohinemuri, at which we will farewell Mrs Johnstone, Mrs Gilbert and Mr Ward.

Over the holidays I will be working with our new team to ensure we start term 3 with a shared focus for our tamariki.

Thank you for all your support and I hope you enjoy some quality time with your wonderful children over the holidays.

See you all next term

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SPORTS UNIFORMS

If your child has been issued a school sports uniform for Cross Country, Tapu Ae, Netball or any other events during the term, please wash these and return to school. A lot have gone home in school bags, and not come back, and we will need them ready for Term 3. We do also have sports t-shirts available for purchase, if you would like to have a sports top to keep, rather than borrowing a school one.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a LOT of lost property accumulating again. Please make sure uniform (or any other items) your child brings to school is clearly named, so your child can easily recognise it.

ROADS

Please drive with courtesy and caution on the narrow roads around Waikino. There have been some 'close calls' reported recently.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS

Please return you pool key to the office by the end of term please.

VAN

Reminder that there will be no van service next week (final week of Term 2)



Our value of the week is Tieke (Resilience)

BEANIE'S

The lovely Judi Cotton, an ex-student from Waikino School has been a very busy beaver. She has personally hand-knitted special beanies, one for each and every child at Waikino School - to keep their heads warm on these cold winter mornings. Thank you Judi, for your kindness. We really appreciate it. These can be kept in their school bags, so they can be used at home as well as at school.

HEALTH

It's that time of year, and there are lots of bugs doing the rounds - colds/flu/tummy bugs and strep throat. We have also heard that there may be a possible case of measles reported in the Waihi region, so we are asking that if your child shows signs of illness, please keep them home. The first symptoms of measles are a cough or runny nose or sore red eyes, and a fever. After 1-4 days a red blotchy rash appears.

MATARIKI VIEWING, BONFIRE & WORKING BEE

We're combining the bonfire we couldn't do at harvest festival with our annual matariki dawn viewing. This will be followed by bacon butties and a school working bee/ planting session so please come along and help our wonderful school out. SATURDAY 29 JUNE at 6.15AM.



SCIENCE UPDATE

A note from Mrs Lauren Bartram

Kia ora te whānau, I can hardly believe that phase one of the Science Teaching Leadership program is coming to an end. This experience has been one that I will treasure, I have learnt so much. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have generously supported not only me but my family during this time. Firstly Jo and the Board of Trustees, this opportunity is not for the faint hearted and requires commitment and vision. From the people who have provided dinners, picked up Pippa and looked after William to the amazing teachers who have already begun the science journey with our kids. To the parents and students for the daily encouragement, smiles and hugs. I am grateful to have all of you and to be a part of this incredible community.

While this is the end of my time away from school, it is the beginning of the second phase of the program in which we build science into our local curriculum. This phase is officially 18 months long and I really look forward to working with you all on this.

I hope that you have a fantastic, well deserved holiday break. I will see you all in Term 3.

Ngā mihi maioha koutou



Last week was my final trip to Ripiro, Northland where we collected data for the Toheroa mortality study that adds information to the 'Oyster Catcher vs Clams' debate. I am holding juvenile Toheroa.

DATES TO REMEMBER....

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| 29 June | Matariki Viewing, Brekkie, Bonfire Working Bee |
| 5 July | Celebration Assembly & Last day of Term 2 |
| 22 July | School Resumes 8.45am for Term 3 |