

Waikino School Newsletter



LEARNERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

A very warm welcome to all our new students and their families. We have had a fantastic start to the new term and the children have come back pack focused and are working hard.

This term the classes are exploring what they can use our 'Whare Manu- house of birds' for in their learning. Each class has times in the week where they spend time in the area creating and innovating. I know the teachers are on the lookout for parents who can come in during these times to share a skill they have with our tamariki. So if you can- knit, sew, crochet, build, cook, engineer or any other skills please let us know.

Nga mihi nui

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SCHOOL NOTICES

PTA MEETING

There will be a brief meeting after school on Wednesday, to touch base and talk about how we go forward. If you are interested in helping around school, but being on the Board of Trustees isn't your thing, pop along to this meeting instead.

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS

The Sushi Lunch orders on Fridays have been a great hit, so we are going to continue offering them this term. If your child would like to order sushi for lunch on Friday, send them to the office by 9am on Friday Morning to place their order. Cost is \$5.00, for four pieces of sushi. NOTE: There will NOT be a sushi order on Friday the 17th of May, due to Cross Country.

NETBALL

Netball fees are now due, as these have to be paid to the Netball Association. \$15 for Y1-4. \$50 for Y5-6.

Payments can be made to the office, or by internet banking. Please ensure these are paid by 11 May.

CROSS COUNTRY

Over the next few weeks, we will be training for our upcoming school cross country event. Please ensure that students have suitable footwear for running every day, as the practise circuit leaves our school grounds. Also, if they wish to bring a t-shirt to change into for their training, they are welcome to, so they aren't getting sweaty in their school uniform. Alternatively, we still have some of the school sports t-shirts available for purchase if you would like to buy a designated PE uniform.



Our value of the week is Tauhau (Being Friendly)

ENVIRO UPDATE

Over the holidays a lot of clearing work has gone on in the forest area. This is prior to re-planting the area with native trees. If you can help us to source native trees, plant them, or move mulch in to form pathways then let us know. We will also be having a forest planting working bee later in the term so keep an eye out for that date.

MEASLES

As you will all be aware there is a nationwide measles outbreak, including some in the Bay of Plenty area. As a result we wanted to make sure you are aware of the symptoms of Measles and what to do if your children display these.

First symptoms:

- * A fever
- * A cough
- * A runny nose
- * Sore and watery 'pink' eyes
- * Sometimes small white spots on the back inner cheek of your mouth.

Day 3–7 of illness

A blotchy rash which tends to start on your face, behind the ears, before moving over your head and down your body. The rash lasts for up to a week.

What to do if you or a family member has symptoms

If you think that you or a family member has symptoms of measles, it is important you ring your general practice or call Healthline on 0800 611 116, for advice as soon as possible.

It's important to call before visiting your doctor because measles is easily passed on from one person to another. Phoning ahead helps ensure steps are taken to avoid you spreading measles in the waiting room.

You should also stay away from work, school or public places, to help prevent putting other people at risk. This also applies if you or a family member aren't fully immunised and may have been in contact with someone with measles.

If the outbreak gets to the Waihi area we will be informed by Public Health and will then let you know.

DATES TO REMEMBER....

8 May	PTA Meeting 3pm at school
10 May	Mothers Day Assembly
17 May	Board of Trustees Elections

SCIENCE UPDATE

A note from Mrs Lauren Bartram

I hope that you have all had a restful and rejuvenating holiday period and managed to spend some time exploring outside. I spent the first part of the holidays at the Primary Teachers Conference in Wellington.

This conference was a brilliant opportunity to explore all areas of the curriculum through workshops and networking. William Pike attended the conference as a keynote speaker and his story is one of incredible tenacity, resilience and a justification for stepping out of your comfort zone. "Feeling uncomfortable is the first step towards growth." said L K Elliott. This opportunity has been one of incredible growth for me already and I can attest to being out of my comfort zone daily.

As this term begins I return to Wellington and to teaching, taking our science learning to a group of students from Thorndon School. Wish me luck! I hope that this term is a great one for you and your children and I look forward to seeing you in and around school.

PhD student Kelly is researching the heavy metal buildup in Eagle Rays in Tauranga Moana. We worked as a team to safely catch rays, measure them and take skin samples before releasing them. ✓

