

Waikino School Newsletter



LEARNERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

A Note From The Principal

Dear parents and caregivers,

We have reached the last newsletter of Term 1 and what a wonderful term we have had. Next week is a busy week with our Harvest Festival evening on Thursday 11th April. This kicks off at 5:00pm with the official launch of the new outdoor spaces, the shipping container kitchen and garden. The people from Schoolgen are coming down to help us launch this, which is a great opportunity for us to thank them for our \$10,000 that has helped to fund the solar panels.

Then on Friday 12th we have a celebration assembly at 9am followed by Toby Falconer from 'Wild Streets' games running a school games day. The Wild Streets community formed in 2015 from a call-out for game designers willing to design and facilitate games for an annual 'Festival of Play'. Since then, the community has run free outdoor events for families and adults, run games within other events and held regular game design meetups. It will run from 12pm to 2:45pm. Families are very welcome to come and take part in the fun.

Regards,

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ENVIRO UPDATE

If you get spare time during the holidays and want something to do with the kids we would love it if you came into the forest area and helped out with tasks such as:

- * Spreading mulch to dress the paths
- * Weeding out gorse
- * Digging out stumps

If you want to have a go at any of these just text me on 02102481354 and I will help you get the equipment you need

SPORTS UPDATE

On Tuesday our Year 5-6 netball team had their first game against Waihi Beach School. They played very well for their first time competing as a team and look forward to developing more as a team as the season goes on.

The Year 1-4 netball competition starts next term. If your child is interested in playing, please return the notice ASAP so we can enter the teams.

PIZZA

If you haven't already done so, please remember to RSVP for the Harvest Festival. Pizza Orders need to be submitted by the 9th, so we can make up enough pizza dough.

SUSHI FRIDAY

No sushi orders next Friday, as we will be having an early lunch to allow for the afternoon games.

ARLEEARNA'S CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER

Arleearna is raising money for Ronald McDonald House, and is selling cupcakes for \$2 each. Your child will have an order form. Please return order form with money to the office by 10th April. Cupcakes will be available at school on Friday morning.



Our value of the week is **Kaka (Humour)**

SCIENCE UPDATE

A note from Mrs Lauren Bartram

In the past 2 weeks I have been focused on understanding more about how fresh water, and marine environments are connected. This focus is one that brought me to be hosted at the Coastal Marine Field Centre and is a reflection of the importance to Waikino School of Te Waitawheta, Waitekauri, Ōhinemuri me te Waihou - our rivers, and their journey 'to the sea'. Within these environments there are opportunities for learning, for kaitiakitanga, and for action. I am working to understand the scientific opportunities that will allow our students to experience all three of these.

Attending the EnviroSchools workshop at the Blue Springs, Te Waihou with Mrs Smith was a real highlight last week.

Water is such an important part of all ecosystems and during the day we were able to explore this pristine, natural wonder with a critical eye and an awareness of the impact of industry and human interaction.

Have you read what Mrs Smith wrote about our day on Dojo? These impacts have formed the basis for some of the work that I have been involved in at my host placement. We have been collecting data in and around the Maketu estuary with the intention of being able to monitor the changes that 'bringing fresh water back' will have in this area as the Kaituna River is redirected. We are looking at a range of factors that could potentially be influenced by this work from fish life to microplastics.

As I move into the second half of this placement I am looking forward to building my knowledge and skills with learning at Waikino School at the forefront of my mind.



Setting fish traps and taking 'footfall' counts of juvenile fish species in Maketu Estuary.

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

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RSVP BY 9TH APRIL

office@waikino.school.nz or 07 863 7733

COMMUNITY NOTICES

If your child is interested in learning Ballroom dancing, or perhaps Latin, Jazz or New Vogue, following the recent intro dance session at school, Liberty New Zealand are starting classes in Term 2. For further details please contact them by email:

libertynewzealand@gmail.com or refer to their facebook page.

KEY DATES

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| 11 April | Harvest Festival from 5pm |
| 12 April | Last day of Term 1
9am - Celebration Assembly
12noon - 2.45pm - Outdoor Games (all welcome) |
| 29 April | First Day Term 2 |