

Waikino School Newsletter



LEARNERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

We are having an excellent start to 2019 with lots of great learning going on across the school. I have seen that this learning is being shared with you via your child's Class Dojo portfolio and it is nice to see how many of you are sharing what your child gets up to at home as well. If you haven't yet connected and you need some help to get to grips with the technology please do pop in and we can help you get set up.

On a similar note an email has come home with a survey asking for your input on what workshops we can run as a school to help you as a parent, so do please fill that in. If you have not received the survey by email, it can be found at the following:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSehD1UAVyKA0Brtrqq0ZuOHhBaTMpyZvomSMtPLxf4dIF5Sw/viewform>

We have camp next week and we are all getting very excited to be spending so much time having fun together as a school.

On Thursday 21st March we will be closing the school at 12:30pm- this is to allow us to attend a union meeting regarding the MOE's latest offer to teachers.

We welcome a few new faces to Waikino School this week- Adriana and Seamus. We look forward to helping you learn and develop.

Nga mihi nui

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TOMORROW'S SCHOOL REVIEW

As part of the national Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga, the Government is reviewing Tomorrow's Schools – the name given to the reforms that dramatically changed the governance, management and administration of our schools nearly 30 years ago.

After more than 200 meetings with people interested in education, the Independent Taskforce reported its findings to the Minister of Education in November 2018. Their report: Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together | Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātitini has now been released for public consultation.

The report covers eight key issues: Governance; Schooling Provision; Competition and Choice; Disability and Learning Support; Teaching; Leadership; Resourcing; and Central Government Agencies.

The Taskforce report makes a number of significant recommendations for changes to the current education system. Stakeholder feedback on the report and its recommendations will be critical to inform Government decision making in 2019.

View the report and supporting information below:

Full report: Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together | Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātitini

Report Summary in English and Te Reo Māori. The report summary is also available in eight other languages on the Resources page.

Frequently asked questions

Cabinet paper: Tomorrow's Schools Review: Report of the Independent Taskforce

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Have your say

An online survey is now open for you to provide feedback on the key issues and recommendations. Written submissions or queries can be emailed to tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz Taskforce-led consultation meetings will take place in February and March

2019. <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/have-your-say-today/>

Consultation closes on 7 April 2019.



Our value of the week is Tauhau (Being Friendly)

ENVIRO UPDATE

HARVEST FESTIVAL PREPARATION

We have had the amazing Sheree working away splitting wood for our pizza oven, Adrian has installed the flue for the oven and Daniel has been busy boxing in the edges for the pizza oven space.

Things we still need to get done by week 9 are:

- Collect 2 trailer loads of gravel from waihi beach to go into the area under the pizza oven
- Paint the trim inside the shipping container
- Label and set up all the new equipment for the container
- Erect two slab wood benches as prep surfaces

If you can help with any of these tasks, please let us know.

SCHOOL NOTICES

MUSIC LESSONS

If your child is interested in learning guitar, ukelele, keyboard/piano, these can be arranged during school time, with Meryl Bennett from NZ Modern School of Music. A cost applies for these lessons. To register your interest, please see Jenni.

WAIKINO PLAYGROUP

Waikino Playgroup will be kicking off for 2019, on Friday 22nd March. If you have a pre-school child, please come along for a fun, relaxed child-led play session from 9.30am - 11.30am. This is open to any pre-school children, so invite your friends to come along too. The more, the merrier.

THANK YOU....

Waikino School would like to show our huge appreciation to Helen Wilson from the Waikino Whisper, John Wilson at Harcourts Waihi, and Chris A'Court from Tall Poppy Real Estate for their donations towards our school camp.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WAIHI JUNIOR YOUTH RUGBY

NEW SEASON MUSTER for Rippa (3/4yrs- 6yrs) – U13s
Friday 8th March 5.00 – 6.30pm @ the Waihi Rugby Club, Kenny Street.

Pay fees at registration/muster night and receive a free rugby ball!
First in first served. No holds, No orders. (This includes those who have pre-registered on Sporty)

Socks and shorts combo will be available again for \$20.

New Registrations please bring a recent photo and a COPY of child's birth certificate

For more information contact Matt 021438758 or Andrea 0211787438

DATES TO REMEMBER....

13 - 15 March School Camp at Waihi Beach

21 March School closes at 12.30pm
Teachers attending union meeting. School van will run at the earlier time.

22 March Waikino Playgroup kicks off

SCIENCE UPDATE

A note from Mrs Lauren Bartram

Kia ora te whanau, it has been a busy two weeks for myself and my fellow participant teachers. We spent four days in Wellington for the first of three workshops.

The first half at Tapu te Ranga Marae learning how te au Maori fits with traditional teaching in science. We then spent two days at the Royal Society - Te Apārangī fitting science knowledge with exploration and discovery. The week has given me much food for thought.

In this past week I have spent 5 days at Ripiro Beach in Northland with Team Toheroa. We have been collecting data relating to bird predation of toheroa, size and distribution of toheroa and disease infection.

We have also worked as archaeologists looking at the size of toheroa shells contained within middens that have been exposed by 4WD vehicles and sought out stories from locals alongside the teams anthropology student. All of this work is building my understanding of how scientists think and of how science works and already my head is full of ways that our students can contribute to scientific discovery.

I am looking forward to sharing more of my journey with you and also to seeing many of you on camp.

Ngā mihi koutou.

Surveying for toheroa a Ripiro Beach, Northland. ✓

