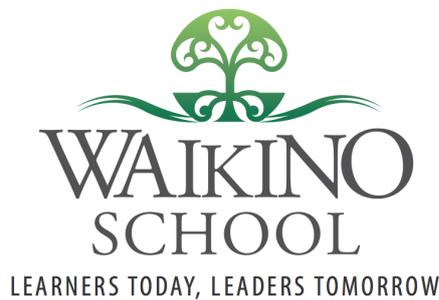


Waikino School Newsletter



Note from the Principal....

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome back to 2019 and a huge welcome to all our new and returning families. We are looking forward to getting to know you all as the year progresses.

This year we welcome two new members of our wonderful team - Mr Ben Ward, who has moved to Waikino with his lovely family will be taking Ohinemuri class, and Mrs Kirsty Smith, who is returning to Waikino School and will be taking Waitekauri class. They, and all the teachers have been working hard over the holidays getting their classrooms ready.

You will have already received a class newsletter with lots of information regarding each classes individual programme and also a link to a start of year survey for you to fill in for your child.

Please do take the time to fill this in as it helps the teachers and all staff at Waikino to ensure we are working to support your goals for your child.

As always we have an open door policy at Waikino so do please pop in anytime. I look forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks.

Ngā mihi nui
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Principal Waikino School

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COMMUNICATIONS

NEWSLETTERS

Our main form of whole school communications for 2019, will be our school newsletter which will be published fortnightly. This will be sent out to the email address that we have registered for each student. If you have additional family members that would like to receive this notice, please let us know *their email address*, and we can add them to our mailing list. It will also be available for viewing on our school website, with printed copies on display in the school office, and at the front gate noticeboard. If you require a printed copy for home, there will be a charge of \$5.

CLASSROOM COMMUNICATIONS

Other notices sent directly from the classroom teachers, via Class Dojo. Speak to your teacher if you need assistance with accessing this. Permission slip type notices may occasionally come home with your child, however, these will also be made available on our school website for you to print, should the original go 'missing in transit'.

FACEBOOK / TEXT MESSAGE

We will also communicate with regular updates on our school facebook page. Please give us a 'like' and follow us, to see glimpses of what the kids get up to at school, as well as receive reminders about upcoming events. When we need to get an urgent message out to you, we will send a text message.

ABSENTEES

If your child is absent from school please send a text message to 021 0869 3371 stating child's name and reason for absence, or speak to Jenni in the office.



Our value of the week is **Kakapo (Co-operation)**

ENVIRO UPDATE

We have had a great summer for our new gardens which are bursting with produce, which will be perfect for our garden to table programme to begin this term. The shipping container kitchen is nearly ready to use...just some plumbing and wiring to finalise before it is complete.

We have a working bee on Saturday 16th February, where we hope to relocate the tpee from the orchard and also erect the other tpee in the forest....Please do come along as there will be jobs to suit every ability and a sausage sizzle at the end. (Please let the office know if you intend on coming, or accept the event invite on facebook please - this will help us cater correctly)

SPORTS UPDATE

MARTIAL ARTS

There is a small martial arts group training in Taekwondo in Te Kauri, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4.30pm. Martial arts has a reputation for being expensive, however, the Waikino club is trying to make martial arts affordable for all. The instructors run the programme voluntarily, so costs are kept to a minimum. Taekwondo is a defensive martial art, which focuses on self-control and respect, and suitable for ALL ages. If you, your child, or someone you know is interested, come along for a look on Monday, or speak to Jenni for further details.

OTHER NOTICES

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

Optional Lunch Orders will resume on a weekly basis from next Friday (15th Feb). If your child would like to order a lunch time sushi pack, please send them to the office with \$5, prior to 9.00am on Fridays. The sushi gets made fresh, and delivered to school at lunchtime.

MUFTI DAY

Next Thursday, Waikino School will be taking part in the Heart Kids Mufti Day. Your child can wear mufti clothing on this day (14th Feb) in exchange for a gold coin donation please. Red/Pink/Heart theme.

SCIENCE UPDATE

A note from Mrs Lauren Bartram

I have begun work with Science Teaching Leadership Program run through the Royal Society - Te Apārangi. The program gives teachers hands on experiences with real world science aiming to develop and grow their understanding of the scientific process and what it means to be 'scientifically literate'. The program runs for two years. For the first 6 months I will be hosted by the University of Waikato Coastal Marine Field Station in Tauranga. During that time I will be involved in a variety of research, field work and lab work. Some of the current projects involve Tōheroa,

algae, invasive species, biosecurity, sponges and sea lettuce investigations. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences with you during my time away and when I return in Term 3. I would like to thank you for all of the support and encouragement I have received as I embark on this journey. Ngā mihi nui koutou. Lauren Bartram (Class Teacher)

