



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 4 Week 9
10 December 2020



UPCOMING DATES

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| Dec 10 | Last newsletter for 2020. |
| Dec 11 | Year 6 Waimarino Trip. |
| Dec 11 | Piwakawaka End of Year Party at School. Pool Party. |
| Dec 16 | Prizegiving. |
| Dec 18 | Last day Term 4. 1pm close. |

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| Feb 3 | Office open for enrolments and uniform sales. 10am-2pm. |
| Feb 4 | Office open for enrolments and uniform sales. 10am-2pm. |
| Feb 5 | Office open for enrolments and uniform sales. 10am-2pm. |
| Feb 5 | Waihi College Powhiri for Year 7s. |
| Feb 5 | Teacher Only Day. |
| Feb 9 | First day 2021 for students. |

WEEKLY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Kia ora whānau,

As you will know, we have lots of exciting things going on for our children this week. It is so lovely that our beach trip planned for Term 1, for our Piwakawaka team, was able to go ahead - catching up from Covid postponements has certainly been a mission, and my thanks to the teachers for going above and beyond to take 100 children swimming is huge!! As you can appreciate, this takes hours of time, planning, risk assessment paperwork and stretches tired teachers further than they should have to - so THANK YOU!

It's also exciting to give our Year 6 children a final woohoo! We are off to Waimarino for our final trip together - and once again my thanks to these incredible ladies for making this happen.

Big thanks to all the whānau who come along and support our time together, providing transport and encouragement to our teachers and students - you guys rock!

****POOL NEWS****

We would love to have the pool open in the holidays, but sadly due to various complications this summer, the Board cannot guarantee all health and safety aspects or personnel availability for the pool to be open. We are looking at ways we can have the pool open after school for those who wish to use it, in Term 1 however. The pool will be locked over the summer holidays, and the electric fence will be on - please help us monitor the area if you are using the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding.



If you see things that don't look right or out of place, or our grounds are being misused, please call the police - many thanks for your help in keeping our school safe.

Only a few sleeps to go until our epic Prizegiving and send off for our year 6's! Please come and join us for an 11am start next Wednesday. Stay for a bite to eat and catch up before the end of the year.



To those that come up for certificates and trophies, we are proud of you! To those that are glad for their buddies when they do, we are proud of you! To those who come to school each day, even when it's hard, we are proud of you! **You are all stars that shine at different times and for different reasons - and we see you.**

Thursday (next week) will be the BIG shift, and classrooms will be moving around - if this is a cause of worry for your little ones, you would be welcome to start your holidays after prizegiving :-)

On Friday, school will close at 1pm so please make arrangements for your child to be collected then (or before) if they are at school that day.

Thank you for all you do whānau, thank you to those who check in on our teachers and make sure they are doing ok, and for your support as we help you grow your amazing children.

Ka Kite
Briar

2021 CLASS PLACEMENTS

DC - Mrs. Sarah Cannell and Ms. Caitlin Kneebone

Rm 8 year 1 - Ms. Maren Johansen

Rm 5 year 2/3 - Ms. Jude Fletcher

Rm 9 year 2/3 - Mr. Brendon Carroll

Rm 4 year 3/4 - Ms. Tammy Stevens

Rm 1 year 4/5 - Mrs. Neroli Matautia

Rm 2 year 5/6 - Mrs. Dorette Hartley

Rm 3 year 5/6 - Mrs. Jo Derham

Leadership structure:

Principal - Briar Scott

Deputy Principal - Vanessa Maunder

Kotuku Team Leader - Dorette Hartley

Piwakawaka Team Leader - Sarah Cannell

Your child will receive a letter on Wednesday to take home with the class they are placed in for 2021.

As we are still placing children and receiving enrolments, nothing will be finalised until Wednesday morning, so please hold any questions until Thursday, and email directly to Briar or Vanessa. We will respond before your child starts next year.

Many thanks for your help and patience.

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Kia ora Waihi East School Whanau. What a year we have all had! I want to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Trustees to thank the entire leadership team and all of East's teaching staff for the amazing job they have done throughout the year but in particular for the way that they dealt with the challenges of 'lockdown'. We are also super proud of the way the children and the wider school whanau adapted to the changes required to learn from home. So well done Waihi East School!

The board has also been busy behind the scenes this year organising different projects. A big thank you needs to go out to Emma Van der Hulst for successfully getting a grant to pay for the amazing shade roof that sits over the central deck in the Discovery Centre. It lowers the temperature in that area by several degrees and will help to protect our youngest children from the heat of the sun big time! I've noticed lots of parents waiting to pick up their young tamariki also enjoying the protection that this shade structure provides.



Another productive project has also recently been completed at the Discovery Centre. In line with the new Enviroschools journey East has undertaken, we have planted an edible feijoa hedge along the school boundary. There are 3 different feijoa varieties mixed in to give the children access to the fruit throughout the entire harvest

season. Also, thanks again to Emma and to the other parents who helped out finishing the native planting and the spreading of mulch throughout this area.

There were two big maintenance jobs that needed to be completed this year. One was the repairs and maintenance that was required to keep our large fleet of bikes safe and reliable for the kids who use them. Michelle Burr got to work on this project and secured a grant from the Valder Ohinemuri Charitable Trust to help cover the costs of this job. Jason from the 'Bike Clinic' set up shop on the school grounds and got to work. He spent over 2 days on the job and was also able to offer the school some great advice on how to continue to care for our bikes.



The other big maintenance job was the rebuild of the 'School Fort'. I was the lucky person who ended up getting this job. Apart from the original posts and framing joists the fort was largely rebuilt and the slide replaced with a shiny new one. All of the railings were replaced at the correct heights to make the fort a much safer place for our tamariki to play. This amazing structure should last for another generation of children to enjoy.

I have to say it was a real privilege to be able to work on the school grounds for several weeks and witness the school and particularly the children at play and work. They all



seemed to feel right at home which as a board member makes me feel proud of the job the school is doing to make our children feel safe and secure. On that note on behalf of the Board I want to wish the entire school community a very 'Happy Christmas'.

Noho ora mai.
Nga Mihi,
Shane Rush.

PB4L News - Positive Behaviour for Learning

As we move towards the end of our school year our kaiako are working hard on supporting our tamariki to achieve their goals and to live by our school values;

Respect - Whakarangatiratanga Responsibility - Tutika
Caring - Manaakitanga

As we all know, some tiredness and excitement can kick in around this time of year, so we are working on ways to be kind and supportive to each other. If you have any concerns about your child's well being, please come and chat with their class teacher so we can support them in the right way for them at this time.

Kia ora - thank you for all your loving support. Aroha nui, Sarah and the PB4L team.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW! HINTS and TIPS

- Plan appointments and family holidays for after school or during school holidays.
- Stay involved in your child's life. Ask about their day, their friends, teachers, dreams and aspirations.
- Keep in regular contact with your child's teacher. Attend Parent Interviews and show interest in your child's achievement.
- Ensure you let the school know if your child is going to be away or late for any reason. A phone call or text is all it takes.
- Ask for help and support if you or your child need it. Talk to your child's teacher or the Principal if there are any circumstances that may affect your child's behaviour or impact on their attendance.

DON'T LET THE DAYS ADD UP 1 or 2 days each week doesn't seem like much but...

When your child misses	that equals...	which is...	over 13 years of schooling	which means the best level your child can perform at is...		
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1 1/2 years	Your child	[Red bar representing 1.5 years]	equal to finishing in Year 11
				Other children	[Yellow bar representing 11 years]	
1 day each week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 1/2 years	Your child	[Red bar representing 2.5 years]	equal to finishing in Year 10
				Other children	[Yellow bar representing 10 years]	
2 days each week	60 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years	Your child	[Red bar representing 5 years]	equal to finishing in Year 7
				Other children	[Yellow bar representing 7 years]	
3 days each week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years	Your child	[Red bar representing 8 years]	equal to finishing in Year 4
				Other children	[Yellow bar representing 4 years]	

ATTEND + ACHIEVE = SUCCESS



MUSICAL SHOW AND TELL.

11:30 TUESDAY

THE 15TH.

WHANAU

WELCOME.

WORD
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2021 OVERNIGHT CAMPS

If you are thinking of attending any overnight camps with your child next year we need a Police Vetting form filled in.

No form, then no overnighing at school camps.

Please see the office for your blank form or send in your child.

These need to be back at school for processing before the end of the year. Thanks in advance.

Year 3/4 30th-31st March. Surf n Turf.

Year 5/6 Early Term 2.

HEALTHY SWAPS!

A little time spent preparing food at home allows you to make healthy choices, no label reading needed!

LABEL READING



Biscuits 	Cheese & grainy crackers 	Muesli bars 	Homemade fruit muffin 
Bag of chips 	Plain popcorn 	Fruit string 	Fruit 

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HAURAKI DISTRICT LIBRARIES CELEBRATE SUMMER READING

Hauraki District Libraries are happy to be offering a fun summer reading programme at our libraries this year.

The programme, created by E.C.READ'N is designed for children aged 5 to 12 years, and includes incentives and library events (such as Lego sessions) to encourage and reward children for the reading they do over the summer break.

Children who wish to participate will need to visit any of our libraries (Ngatea, Paeroa or Waihi) to register and collect their programme folder. Numbers are strictly limited.

Families who are not library members are welcome to join the library prior to signing up for the summer reading programme. Information about joining the library can be found on our website: <https://library.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/how-to/join-the-library/>



Year 3/4 Waihi Touch
Rugby Champs 2020



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SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2PM

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waihidrama@gmail.com

Kia ora Family/Whanau and Friends

In light of the Corona Virus and currently the country being on Alert Level 3, then lower, we are all living in a time of great uncertainty and we may experience, fear, worry, stress, anger and a range of other emotions, depending on our circumstances.

We recognise that Family Violence and Sexual Violence (which can include children) can happen or, already be happening.

Know that there is help available for all involved if this is happening to you, or someone you know.

Everyone deserves to feel safe at home.



Family Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention

Family violence and sexual violence services are essential services and will remain available at Alert Level 3 and lower Alert Levels, even if services need to be delivered in different ways.

The Government and the Police continue to take family violence and sexual violence very seriously. Violence is a crime at any time.

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Your Safety

It is okay to ask for help if you or someone else is in danger. If you think someone could be harmed or may harm themselves, call the Police on 111, even if you're not sure.

If you think you may use violence seek help from one of the Helpline Numbers.

Stay as connected as you can, and keep an eye out for the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Talk to friends, whānau and neighbours if you need support, or to see if they need help. Use social media to keep in touch and check-in with each other.

Help lines are available

If you are a victim of family violence, sexual violence, or if there is someone that makes you fearful, threatens or harasses you, seek help as soon as possible. You have the right to be safe.

The following Help Lines continue to be available for people needing help:

Immediate danger Police – 111

Child/Tamariki at risk – Oranga Tamariki, 0508 326 459

Locally

CAPS Hauraki

07 868 8644

Free Call Number: 0508 2277 28(CAPS CU)

Family Safety Services

07 8688320

Whangamata Resource Centre

07 8657065

Waihi Resource Centre

07 863 7 555

Whitianga Social Services

027 303 5303

CILT Coromandel

07 8668358

Colville Social Services

07 8666920

Safe to Talk Sexual Harm Helpline – 0800 044 334,

text 4334, email support@safetotalk.nz

Rape Crisis –

0800 88 33 00

Women's Refuge -

0800 733 843

Shine Domestic Abuse Services free call 0508 744 633 (9am and 11pm)

Hey Bro Helpline – For men who feel they're going to harm a loved one or whanau member. 0800 HeyBro (439 276)

Family Violence Information Line to find out about local services or how to help someone else 0800 456 450

Mental Health Support from a trained counsellor: 1737, Need to talk?

Free call or text 1737

Youthline – 0800 376 633, free text 234, email talk@youthline.co.nz

Shakti - For migrant and refugee women – 0800 742 584 – available 24 hours

Elder Abuse Helpline 0800 32 668 65 – available 24 hours

Te Puna Oranga – whānau crisis line – 0800 222 042 – available 24 hours

Let's care and support each other so we can get through this together in the healthiest way we can.

An advertisement for the HeyBro helpline. At the top, it says 'New Zealand Police'. Below that, a text box reads: 'During the lockdown period, we know that things are going to get anxious and that this will cause tensions in whanau. If you feel like it's getting too much, then call 0800 HEYBRO (439276) to talk.' The background of the ad shows a close-up of a man's face. At the bottom, it says 'KEEPING WHĀNAU SAFE' and 'THIS NUMBER IS SETUP FOR MEN WHO FEEL THEY'RE GOING TO HARM A LOVED ONE OR WHANAU MEMBER'. Below that, it says 'WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT 24/7 TO LISTEN AND TO HELP' and 'SO GIVE US A CALL NEXT TIME YOU'RE ON THE EDGE!'. At the very bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFO VISIT <https://www.hewakatapu.org.nz/services/0800-hey-bro>'.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WAIHI BLUE LIGHT VENTURES
BIG SLIDE DAY**

When: Friday 18th of December 2020, 3-5pm
Where: Beside the lower pavilion at Waihi College field
Free event
Supported by Waihi College, Waihi Police, Fire & Emergency and St Johns

For more information - Waihi Blue Light Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Waihi-Bluelight-Ventures-265639120176448>



The *REXITE* and the *REASON*
BOOK LAUNCH!
at Waihi Library, Rosemont Road
Saturday 19th December at 11am

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