



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 6
19 March 2020



Kotuku Museum Visit

UPCOMING DATES

Mar 20	Cup Cake Fundraiser. Discovery Centre.
Mar 26	Best Start. 11.30am-12.30pm.
Mar 27	Cup Cake Fundraiser. Discovery Centre.
Apr 1	Best Start 1.30pm-2.30pm.
Apr 3	Cup Cake Fundraiser. Discovery Centre.
Apr 3	Principal's Assembly 2pm.
Apr 9	Last day of term 1.
Apr 10	Easter Friday.
Apr 27	ANZAC Day observed. School closed.
Apr 28	First Day Back to School Term 2 2020.
May 8	Photolife. Individual & Class Photos.

WEEKLY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Kia Ora

We are in crazy times - and I encourage you all to go about your daily lives, armed with facts, not fear.

At this stage, the school will remain open; I will keep everyone updated as things progress.

As a group of Principals across Waihi, we met today, and have collectively decided that Cluster events (like sports), will be cancelled for now.

We will be encouraging our school teams to continue fitness and skill training at school however.

COVID-19 is an unknown to us on many levels, but we can control what we let our children watch, hear and how we speak about our concerns or wonderings.

There are many things online around how we can support our kids, Nathan Wallis has an excellent short explanation of how we can do this - check it out!



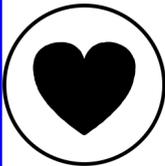
Google, Nathan Wallis, Corona and Anxiety - I will also share this on our Facebook page.

While its important to maintain high hygiene standards, washing and drying your hands, etc., it is also important to be kind, and look after each other. We have a fabulous whanau community, and now is certainly a great time to make sure you touch base with whanau and friends and encourage one another!

If you have concerns and would like to chat, please make an appointment and come and chat to either myself or Vanessa, or email principal@east.school.nz

Nga mihi

Briar



Be kind.



Wash and dry your hands.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES!
NAU MAI, HAERE MAI WELCOME.
We would like to warmly welcome our newest students and their whānau.
Lennox C—Discovery Centre

STUDENT ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

We've recently had a lot of students arrive at school before 8am. Wherever possible please do not bring children to school until 8.15am unless by prior arrangement with Ms Scott. Thanks for your help in this matter.

DICKEYS FLAT CAMP & SURF n TURF CAMP PAYMENTS

Camps are a very important part of your child's education and school life and they are also lots of fun! Great friendships are also formed at camp.

There are still a lot of camp payments outstanding for the recent camps for years 3—6. Year 5/6 camp to Dickey's Flat is \$70 and Year 3/4 Surf n Turf is \$50. Please pay to the office or online as soon as possible.

Weekly part payments are an awesome way to pay these off if you wish. See below for our Account number for direct payments.



Bank Account details for any and all online payments . Please use your surname as a reference.

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ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS

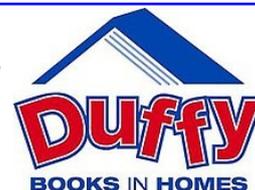
Our East School annual consent forms went home 2 weeks ago with every child and again yesterday with those who haven't returned them. Please read, fill out and return to the office as soon as possible.

PRINCIPAL'S ASSEMBLY

Ms. Scott's Principals Assembly is being held on at 2pm on Friday 3rd April to celebrate our awesome students. Either under the shelter or in the Hall. Weather dependent. All Welcome.

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

We were to be having a special guest **Jacqui Knight** for the Duffy Role Model Assembly on Wednesday 1st April but this has now been cancelled due to the best interests of the health and safety of our School Communities and loyal Role Models during this unprecedented situation.



DISCOVERY CENTRE MUFFINS

On Fridays in week 6, 7 & 8 the Discovery Centre will be baking chocolate chip muffins to raise money for outside play equipment.

We will be selling these at lunch times for **\$2** on these dates:

Friday 20th March, Friday 27 March, Friday 3rd April.

Please be aware there will be a limited amount available. These contain: milk, eggs, lemon juice, baking soda, baking powder, flour, sugar, butter, salt, cocoa powder and chocolate chips.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We serve breakfast every morning at 8.30am. We have weet-bix and fruit and toast. All welcome. Thank You to all the adults who give up their time to help run Breakfast Club.



BREAKFAST IDEAS

BANANA PANCAKES

- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp flour
- Pinch of salt

Whisk eggs, add banana and mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients until well combined. Using a non-stick fry pan on medium heat add large spoonfuls of mixture. Cook until golden. Serve with fruit and a dollop of low fat yoghurt



Developed by Sport Waikato 2019

SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL REMINDER

When scootering to school, scooters and bikes must be pushed through the gates of the school grounds, pushed to bike stands for storage during the day and walked back out in the afternoons.

There is to be **NO** scootering/ biking through the school grounds.



NETBALL

Waihi Netball have postponed the start of the 2020 netball season to **May 2nd** at the earliest due to the COVID-19 situation. A coach is still needed for our Year 6 team. If you are interested, please see Mrs Matautia.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to our Waihi Cluster swimmers who were living our school values at Swimming Sports. We have 14 swimmers who would've qualified for North Cluster. Well done. A huge Thank you to the parents who helped out on both swimming days. We couldn't run days like this without all your help!

We have just heard that the North Cluster Swim event has been **cancelled** due to COVID-19.

BEST START PROGRAMME FOR NEW ENTRANTS

If your New Entrant child has enrolled this term, or will be enrolling this term, please contact Briar about securing your place in our awesome workshops.

Best Start Waihi East

Week 7 **Thur** 26 March 11.30am

Week 8 **Wed** 1 April 1.30pm

Contact Briar on principal@east.school.nz or 863 8693.

If you have a child to be enrolled to start in 2020 or know of a family who wants to enrol, please contact Briar or the office.



Waihi East School Policy

Infectious Diseases

The school community is susceptible to a wide range of bacterial and viral infections throughout the year. To minimise the spread of infections, our school encourages basic hygiene practices amongst students and staff at all times. We use heightened hygiene practices as appropriate when there is a known presence of, or risk of, a highly contagious and debilitating infection (e.g. influenza virus or norovirus).

Basic hygiene measures

Waihi East School promotes basic hygiene measures to help stop the spread of infectious diseases. This includes key messages such as:

- wash your hands regularly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- cover your coughs and sneezes.

Hand hygiene

Hand hygiene is the best way to prevent the spread of infections – this means washing and drying your hands really well. Reminding students and staff how to wash and dry their hands effectively will help to keep everyone well. It is important to wash and dry your hands after you have been to the toilet, whenever your hands feel dirty, and before eating or preparing food.

Follow these steps:

1. Wash your hands under clean running water – warm water is best if you have it.

2. Put soap on your hands and wash for at least 20 seconds.

TIP: Singing happy birthday to yourself twice takes about 20 seconds.

3. Rub hands together until the soap makes bubbles, rub on both sides of both hands, and in between fingers and thumbs, and round and round both hands.

4. Rinse all the soap off under clean running water.

5. Dry your hands all over for 20 seconds. Drying your hands is as important as washing them.

TIP: Using paper towels is best (or, if at home, a clean, dry towel).

- Ministry of Health: [Hand washing](#) (see High Five for Clean Hands poster)

Coughs and sneezes

We remind students and staff to cover their coughs and sneezes. This means using a tissue (and disposing of it immediately), using the inside of your elbow ("the Dracula"), or cupping your hands over your mouth/nose and then washing your hands straight away.

Staying away from school

To stop sickness from spreading, students should be kept at home when they are ill. How long they should be at home depends on their illness.

In the case of some illnesses, the decision about whether to **exclude** students or staff will be made by the Medical Officer of Health.

The Ministry of Health gives advice on when students and staff should stay away from school when they are unwell with a more serious infection/illness.

More serious illnesses/infections include campylobacter, chickenpox, conjunctivitis, cryptosporidium, gastroenteritis, giardia, glandular fever, hand, foot, and mouth, hepatitis A & B, influenza, measles, meningococcal disease, mumps, norovirus, pertussis (whooping cough), skin infections (e.g., school sores, ringworm, scabies), and typhoid.

- Ministry of Health: [School exclusion](#) (includes link to a helpful Infectious Diseases poster)

Outbreak or risk of outbreak

Heightened hygiene practices

We use heightened hygiene practices when there is a known presence of, or risk of, a serious infection/illness (e.g. influenza virus or measles). This will be signalled by Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health advisories. Heightened hygiene practices include:

- informing parents about the situation and what they can do, and what action the school is taking
- reiterating basic hygiene measures
- watching out for symptoms
- limiting times when large groups of people are together (e.g. no school assemblies), and encouraging social distancing where possible
- stepping up school cleaning practices – this applies particularly to hard surfaces, e.g. sinks, handles and door, railings, table tops:
 - *clean surfaces with a neutral detergent, followed by a disinfectant
 - *Clean surfaces that are touched frequently every day.

If someone at school shows symptoms of a serious infection/illness, they are separated from others while waiting to be taken home. Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice.

Anyone with a serious infection/illness should not attend school while they are infectious. Anyone who is not immunised against the relevant infection/illness and has potentially been exposed to it should also stay away from school.

Immunisations

In the case of an outbreak of a serious infection/illness, it is useful to know who has been vaccinated against the infection/illness. Our school keeps a record of immunisation information to help identify students at risk. We encourage parents to keep the school up to date with any immunisation information.

In an outbreak, those who haven't been immunised may need to be excluded or quarantined.

- Ministry of Health: [Immunisation](#)
- [Immunisation Advisory Centre](#) (0800 IMMUNE)

Information for parents

If parents are unsure about their child's immunity (or anyone in their family) to a particular infection/illness, they should check with their family doctor. They can also ring 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) or Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice.

WHO WE ARE

Name: Maren Johansen
Discovery Centre Teacher



A fave teaching moment is:

- any reading time activities ... sharing books, teaching reading skills, library time, and helping in any way to enhance the enjoyment of reading.

What makes me happy:

- I'm a "People Person" so being with friends and family, colleagues, kids, and in great social situations means I'm in a happy place!

What I'd bring to a deserted island:

- food plus gardening equipment, seeds, fruit trees, milking goats, a water storage tank and house building materials ... and family to help me.

My most treasured possession is:

- Photograph albums and framed photos.

If I had a magic wand I'd:

- wave it all over the place to make the world a diverse but harmonious, safe and positive place with food security, good housing, and fair governance.

In my spare time I like to:

- read, garden, shop, and share time with family and friends.

Name: Jude Fletcher
Room 8 Teacher



A fave teaching moment is:

- Seeing a child's face light up when they realize that they can do something for the first time that they couldn't do before.

What makes me happy:

- The Warriors winning a game.

What I'd bring to a deserted island:

- Dave

My most treasured possession is:

- My health and family.

If I had a magic wand I'd:

- Make sure every child felt loved and wanted.

In my spare time I like to:

- Spend time with family, watch league, go for walks, do Sudoku and plan our next holiday.

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When should I wash my hands?

Wash your hands regularly, especially at the following times:

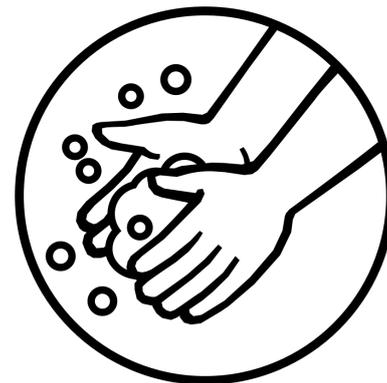
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- After visiting a public space, including public transport, markets and places of worship
- After touching surfaces outside of the home
- After touching money
- Before, during and after caring for a sick or vulnerable person

Before and after eating.

Always wash your hands at the following times:

- After using the toilet
- Before and after eating
- After handling rubbish
- After touching animals and pets
- After changing babies' nappies or helping children use the toilet

When your hands are visibly dirty.



POLICY REVIEW - RECOGNITION OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Policy for whanau to review - have your say! For parents and caregivers

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website <https://waihieast.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
1. Enter the username (waihieast) and password (eastpolicy).
2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
6. Enter your name (optional).
7. Submit your ratings and comments.
8. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Seasons for Growth - Enrolments for Term 2

When a child is grieving it is natural to want to support them. Yet, we often feel very uncertain about how best to do so. Perhaps you feel uncomfortable about discussing loss and grief, worried whether your child's behaviour is normal, and unsure what you can do to help.

Seasons for Growth is an 8 week, school based, grief support program for children and young people aged 6-14 years. Seasons for Growth offers children a safe place to come together in small groups, and share their experiences. The program is led by trained facilitators and takes place during school time for approximately one hour per week.

Participants learn that they are not alone in their experience of change, loss and grief, and are able to build their communication, decision making and problem solving skills. Peer support is a key element of the program and confidentiality is strongly emphasised.

The program is free for participants.

For more information or to enrol, visit our website www.seasonsforgrowth.weebly.com or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pg/SeasonsforGrowthKatikati



COMMUNITY NOTICES



YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OPEN DAY AT THE BOYD ROAD THEATRE

SUNDAY MARCH 22ND 2PM - 4PM
THE THEATRE, 21 BOYD ROAD, WAIHI EAST

CHECK OUT YOUR COMMUNITY THEATRE & TRY YOUR HAND AT ★ACTING! ★MAKEUP! ★SOUND & LIGHTING!

ALL AGES WELCOME (YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

 or info@waidrama.co.nz or 021 678 588 for more info

WAIHI DRAMA SOCIETY INC.

WAIHI DRAMA—OPEN DAY

This Sunday students and families have the opportunity to dress up as pirates or wood creatures and come frolic at the community theatre- Boyd Rd Theatre- 21 Boyd Rd, Waihi East.

There will be sound and lighting boards to have a go on and make-up and scripts to play with.

There are three set backgrounds on the stage and visitors can take photos of themselves dressed up and posing their hearts out.

There is a sausage sizzle and free tea and coffee.

Come along, you might just enjoy it! It's all free and just to show the community what the Boyd Rd theatre is all about...



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