

# Waipu Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

A family is a great little unit and 99% of the time everything goes along happily. Occasionally you will find your children squabbling over something that is generally not very important in the big scheme of things. As you can imagine with a large number of students at school there is always the possibility of arguments and scraps between various individuals.

The question that arises is how do we handle this? The answer is quite easy. We focus on the positive things that children do. Focusing on the positive tends to eliminate the negative things. The guide is generally to have at least 7 positive points to one negative. We also have firm guidelines and expectations of students.

These are reinforced regularly at assemblies and in classrooms. The "Waipu Way" is talked about a lot. The Waipu Way is about how we do things around here and how we look after others who come into our school.

Obviously focusing on the positive doesn't work all the time so there are consequences for behaviour that is inappropriate.

Sometimes being positive is to have a carrot dangling at the end of a stick so the reward for being good is obtainable.

### **CAMPS**

As you know all children will be involved in class camps before mid-March. Oxford Sports Charities have helped us out with grants totaling \$3690 for Senior Team camps and R10/11 camps. These funds are to be used for children, so we have different prices for students and adults. The funding has reduced student costs considerably for these groups. Thank you Oxford.

It is essential that children attend their class camp so they can be part of the team and have the same knowledge and experiences so that follow-up work is not an issue. Teachers are assessing students in a different environment from the classroom. All camp sites have been checked out thoroughly by the teachers going and safety guidelines put in place. If everyone follows the guidelines there are unlikely to be issues other than minor injuries like blisters/cuts etc.

Returning forms is important. Please do this as quickly as you can. Money for camp needs to be sent in by the due date too. Doing this will save a phone call from the office. Having to call people takes time so look after our office staff and reduce their frustration by getting your fees in on time. Best way to do this is online as this can be put directly into our system.

### **MARCH THREE-WAY INTERVIEWS**

It is time for early birds to book their March Interview time with your child's teacher. For all students this will be a goal setting time and a catch up for parents to see how your child has settled in and how well they are working. Try to be involved as the three-way process is very powerful.

To book your interviews go to:  
[schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://schoolinterviews.co.nz) school. The interview code is **m94cn**

**We will send home paper forms closer to the date.**

### **BRAINFOOD**

Most classes stop for a break around 9.30am. We call this a brainfood break and the food eaten should be as close as possible to its natural source. Fruits, vegetables, nuts and popcorn are ideal. No processed foods are allowed. We do this because children need refuelling regularly and it is quite a while since they have had breakfast. Putting the right food in your body is important as it helps the brain to function correctly. A child's diet is important and their food should be as close to natural as possible. Lots of water is needed and children are encouraged to drink this at school.

Children need refuelling with high octane food so they are always at their best and behave well.

### **SEESAW**

Seesaw is an app that can show parents where children are at with their learning at school. For many busy people this is an ideal way of catching up with your child's learning. This year we will be formal with what is put on Seesaw and are moving to have it as part of our reporting to you.

By the end of term there will be a video of your child reading, doing maths and showing off some of their writing. There may also be other group activities. Make sure you link yourself up when the code comes home so you can see what your child is doing.

All work put on the Seesaw app is checked by teachers. By the end of the year this will be like the report portfolios we send home but in digital form.

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### **LIFE CHOICES**

An email was sent out in Week 1 indicating that Life Choices would start on March 1 and end on November 29.

### **PHONING SCHOOL**

We have a new VOIP phone system in place so you should find it easier to get through to school. Remember to call earlier than 1.30pm if you have an emergency bus change.

Many thanks to Anthony Uphof who did a lot of investigation into a suitable phone system in our school.

### **WELCOME**

A huge welcome to the following new students and their families:  
Bryley Westlake, Olive Jones, Ethan McAulay, Mason Bell, Blake Ford, Tait Scrymgeour, Ella Green, Jasper Sutherland Pullen, Noah Paringatai Rowsell, Israel and Eden Rodrigue, Daisy Winters, Phoenix Butcher, Ella Fetelika, Caleb Spring and Carter Hughes.

### **CHANGES AT HOME**

If something changes at home for your child please let us know. Things like a break up with your partner, a death in the family or even a pet dying can affect children at school. It is best we know about these things as it helps us understand what your child might be going through.

### SCHOOL GARDEN

If anyone has a workable wheelbarrow and tools e.g. rake, trowels, forks they no longer need, we would love to use them in our school garden.

Stacey is also requiring empty clean milk bottles for her abundant worm tea. The Worm Tea is available to buy at school and will also be sold at the Carnival.

### WAIPU RUGBY SQUASH CLUB

Junior Rugby Rally Dates: Thursday 8 March and Thursday 15 March, 5-6pm upstairs in the clubrooms. If you are new to the club or to rugby, then please bring along a copy of your birth certificate or passport. Every player will have their photo taken and players U9 and over will be weighed in.

Junior rugby training starts Thursday 22 March from 5-6pm at Waipu Rugby Squash Club.

First game is Saturday 5 May. Grades U7 (Rippa) to U13s will play at Kensington Park on Saturdays (excluding scheduled Club days).

A copy of the 'Whangarei Junior Rugby Weights and Grades for 2018' is available on the websites below.

Contact details for Waipu Junior Delegates:

Dylan Jones 021366960 or Lisa Jones 0211630237 Email: [dylan.lisajones@hotmail.com](mailto:dylan.lisajones@hotmail.com)

Keep up to date on our Waipu Rugby Squash Club Facebook page or Sporty <http://www.sporty.co.nz/waipurugbysquash>

### PUKA PUKA PARTY

Please note this event is now on March 17. The change was made to avoid clashes with another even in Whangarei. The Puka Puka Party is a free literacy event for all Bream Bay children. They have to complete a number of literacy activities and receive a pile of goodies and food for doing so.

### NEW PRINCIPAL

As you know Jo Brown will be taking over the role of Principal in Term 2. Her official start date is April 30. Over this term Jo is meeting with me on a regular basis as well as attending BOT and Community of Learning meetings so she has some idea of what is happening at Waipu Primary. This is unusual and only happening due to the flexibility of Jo's current employer and Waipu's willingness to help with succession planning.

### COMING EVENTS

#### February

19-21 – R10 camp  
21 – BOT meeting 1pm  
22-23 – Junior School Camp  
26 – Senior Swim Sports  
28 to 2 March - R1 and 11 camps

#### March

5 – PTA meeting 7pm  
5-7 - Room 4 Camp  
7-9 – Room 2 Camp  
12-14 – Room 3 Camp  
14-16 – Room 5 Camp  
15 – Zone Swimming Sports  
17 – Puka Puka Party  
20 - Goal Setting Interviews  
31 - Carnival

### UNIFORM SALES

**Second hand uniforms are available from Kylie Jacoby. Phone Kylie on 02102693876 to see what she has available. If you have a uniform, you do not need consider giving it to Kylie as money from second hand clothing comes back to the school.**

**The uniforms are held at school but you need to arrange a time with Kylie to view on Wednesday between 8am and 9.30am.**

### PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

**Week 1:** Adara Lunjevich, Carissa Lynch, Chelsea Stuart, Bryley Westlake, Maci Hutchinson-Griffin, Serenity Brewer, Isaac Tate, Rohan Gooseman

**Week 2:** Kingston Mills, Haydon Fraser, Lucas Urlich, Lucy Troost, Carl Lynch, Bobbie Dawson, Eva Cullen, Ava Mewett, Khalea Carson, Mason Hansen, Ryan Groom.

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