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A HUGE Waipu welcome to our new students Abel and Abram Rodrigue and their family.

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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

August	September
24 - Portfolios home	3 - PTA meeting 7pm
27 - Y6 Camp/Ag day meeting - Rm 1	3 - Red Riding Robin Hood Show
28 - Three Way Interviews - School closes 12.30pm	5 - School photos
31 - Daffodil Day and mufti day (yellow theme)	6 - Junior school Auckland trip
31 - R6 & R7 to Kids 1st	14 - Disco
	19 - BOT meeting 1.10pm
	26-27 - Senior production
	28 - Grandparents day
	28 - Last day of term 3



THANK YOU TO:

The Oxford Sports Trust for their ongoing sponsorship and support of our school. Without their support our children would not be able to experience such a wide range of wonderful events. We recently received full funding for Stardome entry fees (Auckland junior trip), the NZ Playhouse (Red Riding Robin Hood) play and the Senior Science Roadshow. Partial funding was also received for bus transport for the Auckland junior trip. **Thank you Oxford Sports Trust, we very much appreciate your support of our school and children.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Buses

We have had some questions about responsibility for the safety of students using the bus. To clarify, children are under the care of their parents or caregivers until they ENTER THE BUS in the morning. The school is responsible for ensuring their safe passage to school and that they get from the bus to class safely. In the same way, the school is responsible for the safety of your children until they EXIT THE BUS in the afternoon. Safe travel to and from the bus stop at either end of the day is the sole responsibility of parents and caregivers.

School Donations

Thank you to those who have paid their school donations. These donations are greatly appreciated and help cover expenses not covered by the operational grant the school receives.

Trips and Visits

Please return **named** permission slips to school promptly. We do not have the resources nor the time to call parents if slips aren't returned. Students are reminded by teachers frequently, but no return slip = no trip. If we do not get a slip back, your child will be required to join another class for the day/duration of the visit.

Thank you to Vinnie Whyte and Kylie Jacoby / New Helpers Needed

The Waipu Primary Teachers would like to thank Vinnie Whyte and Kylie Jacoby for collecting and putting away ALL the Junior School reading books and for putting away ALL the Senior School reading books.

Vinnie is retiring from this job due to increased hours at her paid work – thank you Vinnie for two and a half years of great service to the school. We are keen to find one or two more parent/s who would like to assist with this job. It is an easy job and only takes an hour or so a week and it can be done at any time during the week. If you are keen to take this on please see Glenice Andrews in Room 6 or phone the school (Ph 432 0135) and leave a message and Glenice will get back to you.

Waipu Agricultural Day Entry Forms Due

The last day to register goats and lambs for our Ag Day is tomorrow (Friday 24th August). If you are intending to have an animal but haven't got it yet, please fill in a form and send it back to the office with the details you have available. Confirmation and remaining details can be sent to the office later.

Look out for pet notices to be sent home next week.

Police Vetting

Police Vetting forms are still taking around 5 weeks to be processed so please make sure you get your forms in asap if you are going on camps in Term 4 please. Paperwork can be collected from Cindy at the office.

At their meeting yesterday, the Board of Trustees voted to pass an amendment to the Police Vetting for Parent/Caregiver Volunteers Policy. Effective from today, the following individuals are exempt from undergoing a police vet on the basis that they already have a current and verifiable police vet as a condition of their employment:

1. Current serving police officers, on provision of their badge number
2. Currently registered teachers, on provision of their registration number
3. Currently registered nurses, on provision of their registration number
4. Current employees of Waipu Primary School

The updated policy is available on the school website.

Three Way Interviews – Tuesday 28th August

Our online booking system is now closed. If you missed out on booking an interview, please contact your classroom teacher to arrange a time to meet with them on another day.

A hard copy booking form was sent home last week for those who do not have access to the internet or need to use the after school care option. These **should have been** returned to school by last Tuesday (21st August).

School finishes at 12.30pm and interviews will begin at 1pm. Buses will run early.

Oscar is open for regulars and care is being provided for those who have sent back the slip at the bottom of the booking form.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora whanau

We are not a team because we work together, we are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other - African proverb

I have been thinking a lot recently about what makes a powerful and connected team and I found the above proverb - which I love! It strikes me that effective teams are exactly as above. Each individual brings skills and talents to the team and collectively the impact is greater than it would have been otherwise. Have you ever been part of a team in which each member has been able to participate and contribute and from that came a sense of belonging, pride, achievement, learning and also a sense of happiness, of joy? It is a delight to be involved with such a group. I am sure you have also had the opposite experience, which is definitely not so pleasant! So what is the cause of two such different experiences? In thinking about this, it struck me then that one characteristic, arguably the most important, of a strong team must be empathy, empathy for the other people involved.

I recently read an article by Madeleine Taylor on building a culture of empathy in the classroom (something the senior school at WPS have focused on recently). She cites Daniel Goleman who says that empathy means having the ability to sense others' feelings and how they see things. You take an active interest in their concerns. You pick up cues to what is being felt and thought. With empathy, you sense unspoken emotions. You listen attentively to understand the other person's point of view, the terms in which they think about what's going on". He says that there are three kinds of empathy:

- 1) Cognitive empathy - the ability to see the world through another's eyes and to understand how best to communicate with them. It helps us to work with those who are different to us.
 - 2) Emotional empathy - this allows us to tune in to the other person and feel what they are feeling. This is how we notice whether we are building a relationship or damaging it.
 - 3) Empathetic concern - this is the demonstration of a person's concern for another. At
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school and in the workplace, this is about creating a safe space (to learn and grow) where people are supported to take risks and admit mistakes.

Madeleine Taylor talks of the damage done to children who have not developed empathy of others or who are unable to show it. There is a long list of risks including being disrespectful of others, lacking control or boundaries, impulsivity and relationship problems. She says, "research (and there is much) tells us that enhanced empathy skills lead to increased happiness (and scholastic achievement)".

Reflecting on my own personal experiences, I think she is right. I also think that perhaps it could be argued that empathy is one of the most vital aspects of building a strong, confident, positive, supportive, productive and proactive team. I include adults in this, though the article was written for teachers. There are adults walking amongst us that show a distinct lack of empathy for others - at some point in our lives, we have probably all experienced the impacts of this and the difficulty that it can bring. Building empathy in our children both at home and at school, and practicing and modelling it ourselves, is imperative if we want to support our children to 'ease' their way through life, rather than come up against the many sharp edges and difficulties that can occur when we have gaps in the way that we relate to others who are different to ourselves - and face it, we are all different, which is a wonderful thing that can enable a team to work powerfully together to achieve great things!

This fortnight, seek to understand (be curious and ask questions!). But don't make it too heavy, remember that empathy promotes happiness and joy!! If you are interested in this subject, there are a couple of articles at the front desk that you can take away with you.

Jo

WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Pictured above (top): Our 10yr+ girls place holders - Jaime 2nd, Rosie 1st, Tennessee 3rd **Bottom left:** Clark and Asher sprint for the finish line **Bottom right:** Our wee 5yr olds wait patiently for their turn to run.

Cross Country Results

We had perfect conditions overhead and underfoot for our annual cross country race. It was great to see all our kids participating and wonderful to have so many parent and grandparents supporting them. The top 5 in each age group were as follows:

5yr Boys 1st Sam Hoddle, 2nd Will Wigram, 3rd Ashley Ward, 4th Carter Hughes, 5th Caleb Spring

5yr Girls 1st Khalea Carson, 2nd Manea Raniera, 3rd Olive Jones, 4th Eliza McGlone, 5th Lily Gray

6yr Boys 1st Jed Green, 2nd Isaac Chapple, 3rd Sean Brookes, 4th Clark Chaves, 5th Asher Harrington

6yr Girls 1st Elise Doherty, 2nd Kara Jacoby, 3rd Maia Verweijmeren, 4th Amy Fraser, 5th Ella Fetelika

7yr Boys 1st Tom Wigram, 2nd Couper Greenbury, 3rd Tyson Abraham-Marsh, 4th Harry Hoddle, 5th Riley Heron

7yr Girls 1st Sophie Wheeler, 2nd Lucy Sharp, 3rd Jaylen Carson, 4th Saskia Martin, 5th Carissa Lynch

8yr Boys 1st Benjamin Porter, 2nd Liam Pether, 3rd Stan Dawson, 4th Max Kelly, 5th Riley Ward

8yr Girls 1st Samara Hall, 2nd Aria Verweijmeren, 3rd Kyla Mansell, 4th Charley Welford, 5th Samantha Trist

9yr Boys 1st Rory Doherty, 2nd Joseph Patterson Devine, 3rd Allistair Martin, 4th Ben Wigram, 5th Haydon Fraser

9yr Girls 1st Jessica Cowpland, 2nd Zara Gordon, 3rd Sophie Heron, 4th Amber Ardern, 5th Phoebe Cookson

10yr+ Boys 1st Ty Amsterdam, 2nd Josh McKay, 3rd Jamie Greateorex, 4th Alex Kite, 5th Ollie Buckle

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Life Choices

This week in Life Choices we are learning about Nehemiah. He is teaching us about using our initiative, working well together, showing persistence and having determination. Have a great week.

Wanted.....

- Artists or those experienced in using planning software, architects or builders - (anyone who can draw up plans!) who is able to produce professional looking, large scale plans/maps. We need to produce a very large plan of the school to use as a base for our vision map (and, if possible, an online version). This needs to be laminated (durable) and able to take stickers and white board pens being used on it. We would be really grateful for any support or ideas. Thank you from the school and clan leaders
 - A boat for our playground....does anyone have a small boat/dinghy they no longer want??
 - Lemons. Please bring any spare lemons to the school office for pickup on a Thursday morning. This is to make lemon syrup for the next school Easter Carnival.
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The Waipu Rugby Squash Club presents

SOCIAL TOUCH 2018

Thursday 18 October - Thursday 6 December
at the Caledonian Park, Waipu



JUNIOR MIXED

- 5pm – 6pm
- \$10.00 per school student per team
- Year 1 – 3 grade
- Year 4 – 6 grade
- 7-a-side (minimum of 2 females on field)
- 30 minute games
- Each team must provide a referee/ coach each week
- Fees must be paid in full on Thu 18 Oct 18
- Children 8 years and under must be actively supervised by a caregiver 14 years of age and over

SENIOR MIXED

- 6pm – 8pm
- Year 7+ school grade \$100.00 per team
- Family grade \$100.00 per team
- Super Social grade \$200.00 per team
- Social grade \$200.00 per team
- 7-a-side (minimum of 2 females on field)
- 30 minute games
- Family grade (minimum of 3 primary school players on field)
- Each team must provide a referee each week (points will be deducted if your team doesn't provide a referee)
- Fees must be paid in full on Thu 18 Oct 18
- This is a fun, family friendly, social event
- Alcohol is not permitted on Caledonian park property (only upstairs in clubroom)

Bistro and bar will be open!

To register contact Lisa Jones 021 163 0237 or dylan.lisajones@hotmail.com

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Principal's Special Awards

Congratulations to the following students for an excellent effort in demonstrating our Key Competency in week 4. (There was no assembly Week 3.) Our Key Competency was **Thinking**.

Room 1 – Jaime Grace

Room 2 – Aria Verweijmeren

Room 3 – Crestin Woollam

Room 4 – Kate Brownlee

Room 5 – Saskia Martin

Room 6 – Tommy McClelland

Room 7 – Lucia Mitchell

Room 8 – Manea Raniera

Room 9 – Stevie Heron

Room 10 – Aidan VanVeen

Room 11 – Lara Nops

Mrs Goodall - Marlie Abraham

Ms Brown - Ben Wigram

Sport and Cultural Successes

Huge congratulations to the following students who have achieved well in their sporting and cultural activities:

Rugby (POD) - Rohan Gooseman, Arlo Mitchell, Ava Pullan (Top Trainer)

Hockey (POD) - Thomas Robertson

Soccer (POD) - Aidan Westlake, Carl Lynch, Bream Bay 8th Grade entire team, Jasper Sutherland Pullan

Karate - Cohen Hunia (Karate Kid of the week)

Dance - Nia Owen & Ashleigh Whyte - very highly commended + 2nd Northland ballet and dance competition, Ava Mewett - 1st place Group dance, Kacie Cookson 3rd, Abby Whyte - Highly Commended

Clan Of The Week

Congratulations to our winning clan Argyll in week 4.

Waipu Four Square Classroom Award

The winning class for this month's Waipu Four Square morning tea goes to Room 5 for awesome behaviour and role modelling for others. Well done! Room 5 will be presented with their award next Thursday.

UPDATES

Clan Leaders Lowdown & School Leadership Group Update

Both these groups met together this week to collect information from around the school for different purposes (see our last newsletter). Once this information has been collected, we will publish our next task - how we are going to achieve our vision(s) - each group has a vision for the school that they have started to work on, these are works in progress.

Communities of Learning

The lead principal of our Bream Bay Kahui Ako (Community of Learning group), Marilyn Dunn of Ruakaka Primary School, visited our WPS staff meeting this week. Marilyn updated us on the progress of our achievement challenge discussions, to talk further about possible cross school teaching positions and to answer any questions we had. We continue to be excited about the possibilities of improving the educational pathways of our tamariki across our cluster of schools.

Enviro News

We have a number of groups in the pipeline and next term have a focus on conservation. We will be looking at finding a number of students interested in forming a

conservation group to support what we do in our local community - looking after the Fairy Terns and dune planting for example. If you are interested in conservation projects and/or would like to participate, watch this space.

The meeting we had at school with Waipu Evolution was informative and exciting. Thank you to everyone who attended. We will be doing some work with the Men's Shed in Waipu and also Habitat for Humanity in Whangarei in the future. This work will involve a closer look at waste and what we can reuse and/or up cycle.

Bus Leaders Brief

As promised, here are our rules for using the bus. These rules fit with the rules of the bus network and the rules of the other schools that use the bus. Next time we will publish our code of conduct for the bus monitors.

1. Sit down and face the front. Stay in your seat unless you are asked to move by the bus driver OR a bus monitor from our school. Stay in your seat until the bus has completely stopped. **Fill up the bus from the FRONT to the BACK**
2. Place ALL bags on your lap or the floor in front of you - **take them OFF your back please.**
3. Only 2 people to a seat, unless you are told otherwise
4. Keep all walkways free of bags and body parts
5. Keep your hands and feet to yourself and your feet off the seats
6. Use inside voices
7. Always use your manners and be polite to other bus users and bus monitors

The bus monitors are here to help you. Please make sure you listen to them. All bus issues should be recorded in the bus monitor book in Ms Brown's office.

Property

We will be pruning many of the trees on our school site shortly. Some of these trees have been here for a long time and will be looking forward to a bit of a haircut. As we need to remove some trees, due to rot mostly, we will be replacing them with natives or fruit trees.

Please be careful using our school driveways. These are in a very bad state of repair and are something we are trying to address in the near future. Funding to fix these issues is hard to come by and we thank profusely those members in our school parent and caregiver community who have come up with ideas for ways to do this.

REGULAR UPDATES

Newsletter Content

If you want to advertise any events/items in the newsletter, please email Jo Brown - jo@wps.school.nz. If you want to take up a paid spot let Cindy know - cindy@wps.school.nz.

Office Payments

Only small cash payments for lunches/mufti days are taken through classrooms. Any large cash payments are to be made directly to the office by parents please. We now have EFTPOS available for your convenience (credit card payment fees apply). All other usual methods of payment other than cash or EFTPOS will be accepted.

Worm Tea - Liquid Plant Fertiliser

For Sale at school office, great for plants.
\$5 - 2 litre, \$3 - 1 litre.

Newsletter News!

We have moved from a paper newsletter to an electronic copy only. If you would like an email address added to the distribution list please let the office know. A paper copy will be available at the school office for you to collect if required.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Buses

Any bus issues should be reported to Jo Brown either directly (jo@wps.school.nz) or via the school office.

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, please consider giving this to Kylie as the 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 Wednesdays between 8:00am and 9:30am.




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