

Waipu Primary School Newsletter

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WAIPU GAMES

Late in Term 1 we held our own Commonwealth Games.

Mr McDonald organized the day and sorted students into teams representing various countries. Teachers chose or invented some special activities for the day.

Left: Bowls proved a tricky activity but this team seem to have mastered it. Balloon volleyball was enjoyable.

For the record, Kenya took the Gold medal, Australia took Silver and Scotland took the Bronze



Welcome to Term Two at Waipu Primary School

Hello everyone. I am your new principal, Jo, and I would like to officially welcome you all back to the Autumn term. The term has got off to a great start and will be another busy one, containing events such as our Great White Sharks music week (May being the month to celebrate New Zealand music across the country), the Life Education Trust visit the week of the 6th of June and the school disco on 22nd June!

I would like to thank all of the students, staff, parents and caregivers who have been so very warm and welcoming. I already feel part of this wonderful school community and, though I have some big shoes to fill, I feel confident that together we can continue our journey in to the future and produce positive, enthusiastic and productive citizens of Aotearoa.

To support your child over the course of the term, please support them with daily reading and basic facts or mathematics work. Remember this does not just have to be sitting down home 'doing homework' but can be taken out 'on the road' to have fun with. If you would like to explore ideas for activities, come and talk to your child's class teacher.

The senior students are beginning to take more of a lead role in the school and, as such, there is an expectation that they will model the Waipu way for the younger students. This includes looking after our school and community environment.

Have a very happy term ☺

Jo Brown

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term of learning at Waipu Primary. I am sure you have had a great time with your children over the holiday break and have noticed how much they have grown academically and perhaps physically as well.

Classes will be learning plenty in Term 2 in all the core areas. In maths teachers will be doing some extra work for those who aren't quite where they should be using a programme called ALiM. Please support your child if they are in this programme.

Penny Goodall will be running a gifted and talented programme for students from OTP, Ruakaka and Waipu Primary Schools from 14-18 May. The following Friday we are asking that children bring a gold coin to support the Rescue Helicopter Fund. School leaders have asked children to dress as a famous person on this day.

The Life Education Caravan will be here from 6 June through to 15 June. Students will have a couple of sessions learning about various health topics. Oxford Sports Charities declined our first application. Cindy is currently applying again.

On June 22 there will be another disco in the Northpine Hall. Make sure your child attends and helps support fundraising for the Year 6 camp. Des Hunt (an author) will also visit to tell us about his writing.

The final public event for the term will be the Waipu 150 Speech Finals. Make sure you come along and support those that make the finals.

WAIPU COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Many thanks to the parents who supported this day last term by either getting children dressed in their country colours or coming along and watching. Pity it was the coldest day of the year but children enjoyed the day anyway. See the pictures on our Facebook page.

BUS ISSUES

Please call the office the next day for any issues arising on the buses outside office hours. A complaint form is filed and Jordan McDonald, our bus controller, will deal with your complaint and get back to you within 24 hours. For emergencies or when you can't get the office listen to the office answerphone for a cell phone number to call.

RESCUE CHOPPER MUFTI DAY – 25 May

Our school leaders would like everyone to dress as a famous person to support this day. We never know when we may need the helicopter in our rural areas and getting a hurt person to hospital quickly may save a life. Bring a gold coin or even something worth more to join in.

SPECIAL DEAL ON COOKBOOKS

It is a year since Abby McLean put together a fantastic cookbook for our school. We have reduced the cost of these. Funds raised from the sale of this will go towards our school library. We still have plenty of these for sale at the school office and they are something that should be in all your homes as well as those of your relatives.

One copy is \$25 but there is a standing special of two for \$40. They will make great birthday or Christmas presents.

POWHIRI FOR NEW PRINCIPAL

The Board of Trustees invites you to a Powhiri to formally welcome Jo Brown to our school. The Powhiri will be held in the Northpine hall at 1pm on Friday 4 May. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We celebrate weekend successes at Monday morning assembly. If your child has done well at sport, cultural or other events make sure they are prepared to tell us.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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)

GIFTED AND TALENTED MUSIC WEEK

Penny Goodall will be running this week and it will be held in the Northpine Hall. Eight Waipu students will be selected by Penny to take part. They will join 8 students from One Tree Point and another 8 from Ruakaka for the week.

After a week of things musical they will present a mini concert for parents on the Friday afternoon. Keep Friday free if your child is selected or you just want some free entertainment.

WAIPU 150 SPEECHES

All classes in the Senior Team (Rooms 1-5) visited the Waipu Museum this week to help with students decide on the topic for their Waipu 150 speech. All students need to write a speech and parents are welcome to help them at home. Later in Term 2 classes will hold their speeches. From class speeches semifinalists in each age group present their speeches to the whole team. Twelve finalists (4 each from Y4,5 and 6) are selected for the finals that will be held on July 3 at 7pm in the Celtic Barn foyer.

Look for a time to come and hear your child deliver their speech.

PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

There were no awards in the last week of term 1 and due to the Powhiri tomorrow there will be no awards this week.

HONEY FOR SALE

Waipu Primary Honey is now for sale. 500ml for \$8. Limited supplies. Contact Mr McDonald (jordan@wps.school.nz) for your honey or send \$8 in an envelope to Room 1. This honey is from the hive tended by our Year 6 group. Tahī Honey supervise this group.

WAIPU JUNIOR SQUASH

(Primary and Secondary school)

Location - **Waipu Rugby Squash Club**

Commences - **Friday 4th of May 2018 and every Friday noon.** Primary School Students 3:00pm – 4:15pm

(Parent or Legal guardian is required to be present for the duration) Secondary School Students 4:30pm – 6:00pm

ANZAC PARADE

Well done to Olivia and Tremarn for representing the school well in the Waipu ANZAC parade in the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Clan Argyll for being the winning clan of Term 1. All Argyll students have earned a free mufti day on Friday 11th May.

POLICE VETTING

At the last Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting the board voted to introduce compulsory police vetting for all parent/caregiver volunteers at Waipu Primary. All parent/caregiver volunteers will be required to have a valid police vet from term four 2018, in time for senior camps. The purpose of police vetting is to minimise the likelihood of students being put at risk and is aligned with the WPS Health and Safety policy and the Vulnerable Children Act 2014. The full policy and procedures are available online at the school website or you can request a hard copy at the office.

To assist with the implementation of the Police Vetting policy, the BOT will manage initial applications for police vets. During the first five weeks of term two, Y5/6 parents/caregivers may apply; during the second five weeks of term two Y3/4 parents/caregivers may apply. Y1/2 parents/caregivers may then apply from the beginning of term three. This will help the transition to be completed smoothly prior to term four camps and excursions.

The BOT now invites any parents/caregivers of year 5 and 6 students who wish to be a volunteer on school trips/camps to apply for a police vet at the school office. The cost of a police vetting check is \$8.50 + GST which will need to be paid at the time of lodging the application; we are in the process of getting EFTPOS set up in the office to assist with this. Two forms of approved ID will also be required to be sighted at the time of lodging the application. The police vet is valid for a period of three years.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the introduction of the Police Vetting policy at Waipu Primary School, please contact any member of the BOT.

COMING EVENTS

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
4 – Powhiri for Principal 1pm	6-15 – Life Education Van here
7 – PTA meeting 7pm	22 – Fund raising disco
14-18 – Gifted and Talented Music Week	27 – BOT meeting 1pm
25 – Rescue Helicopter Mufti Day	29 – Des Hunt (author) visiting
30 – BOT meet 1.10pm	July
	2 – PTA meeting 7pm
	3 – Waipu Speech Finals

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.

WELCOME

A huge welcome to the following new students and their families:

Tommy McClelland, Jet Griffiths, Daniel Couper, Jax Richmond, Leila Fetelika, Tyler Lunjevich, Noah Britton, Lucia Mitchell, Bentley Krietch, Freya Beaton.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who contributed to my farewell last term. Well done to staff, children and the BOT for their organisation and kind words.

Special thanks to Catherine, Donna, Cindy, Melissa, Jenny and Louise who reliable sources tell me were the main core of organisers/workers.

Thank you to David Moon for piping us in and the Kapa Haka group for welcoming us so well after limited practice.

A lot of you thanked me in person or gave a variety of gifts or notes. These will all be well appreciated.

Work hard, have fun and be positive. All the best for the future. Paul and Margaret.

SOMETHING FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora whanau

I am Jo Brown your new Principal. I am excited to be at the wonderful Waipu Primary School and to be working with such an awesome group of staff and students. I feel honoured to have been chosen to fill the very large footsteps of Paul Ramsay, the previous long term principal of the school.

I am originally from the UK and have been in New Zealand for the last 17 years. My family are still in the UK but I am lucky in that we keep in close contact and are able to visit each other often.

I have worked with students of all ages over the course of my 25+ year teaching career. I have spent most of my time in primary schools but have been very fortunate to have worked in intermediate schools in the last few years. I have found it valuable to understand where your children are headed once they leave the bubble of primary school, and am looking forward to supporting the Year 6 students through the transition to high school.

I believe students are able to reach their full potential when they are happy, feel safe and are well within themselves. I have high expectations for behaviour and academic outcomes and my job is to fully support staff, whanau and the students themselves to enjoy and make the most of their time at Waipu Primary School.

I very much look forward to meeting with all of you and the wider school community over the course of the term. I have an open door policy so, as long as the door is open, please feel free to pop in and introduce yourselves and say hello. Jo



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