

Waipu Primary School Newsletter

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Rebecca Brothers was an Olympic ambassador who visited our assembly recently. Rebecca spoke about how she came from a small country town where the pool made training difficult. She still set herself high goals and made the Olympic Swim team for the 2004 Olympics. After assembly she spoke in more depth to the Senior Team.

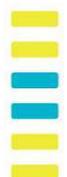


"Puss in Boots – Pet Detective" was the title of a production put on for the whole school in the Celtic Barn recently by the New Zealand Playhouse.

Oxford Sports Charity granted us funds to bring the show to your children.

In this scene Puss in Boots is asking the Princess a few questions in his investigation. The show included a number of characters from various fairy tales. All turned out happily in the end.

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents,

Playing is really important to children. They find out lots about themselves and others when they engage in play. That is one of the reasons we have break times at school. We know that a lot of social ties and relationships are set up during this time.

Last newsletter I talked about homework and why we like our students to do 15-30 minutes practicing reading and maths at home each night. Children also need to play at home both with their siblings and parents. This kind of play can help set boundaries, teach about personal space and family pecking orders!

People who study the brain have found the more time you spend playing with your child, particularly before they turn seven the better. In fact, they advise you to spend less money on children buying toys and things and more time playing with your child.

Inviting friends to play at home is really important in strengthening friendships at school. Hopefully the invite is reciprocated. If children have time before school to catch up these relationships become even stronger.

DAYLIGHT SAVING – 24 OCTOBER

Daylight Saving starts on Sunday 24 September. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour so you get to places on time.

WAIPU TENNIS CLUB

Opening Day for Senior members is Tuesday 26 September at 6.30pm. There will be a couple of Tuesdays after that where people can come and try then we will get into our season proper.

Juniors and Intermediates start on October 28. Kelly Sandford will get the season under way but helpers are needed here. Juniors and Intermediates are lucky enough to get free professional coaching for their subs.

Look for a newsletter in your letterbox for more details.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to John Allen. John welds plastic and has repaired the slide on our adventure playground at no cost. Our children are very grateful John.

CALF CLUB DAY – 18 SEPTEMBER

Staff will be available to supervise students who don't have parents at school on this day. This will happen during judging, while the Year 6 activities are happening and during prize giving. After prize giving those without parents will go back to class. Buses and OSCAR will operate as per usual. Year 6 activities include -Smash Alley, Pie Face, Mystery Box, Dig, Water Balloon Target, Bean Bag Throw, Lemonade Stand, Ring Toss, Chocolate grate, Balloon Darts, Gumboot throw.

There is a charge of \$5 that allows students to do each activity as many times as they want. A flyer about this has been sent home.

The Year 6 parents are also supplying food for the day so a few extra dollars for this will be needed if you want some of the yummy items they will have for sale. Presales available.

There is no floral day this year.

To date we will have over 90 animals being exhibited. A great effort given it is a school day and some parents won't be able to make it.

CALF CLUB DAY PROGRAMME 18 October

8.00 - Children register calves, lambs and goats.

8.30 - **ROLL CALL All children at usual assembly area Those without parents are assigned teachers to supervise Year 6 games bracelets are given out**

9.00 - Judging commences for calves, lambs, and goats
NB Judging may commence earlier once judges have been briefed.

CLASSROOMS ARE CLOSED FOR EVERYONE

All children assemble to watch calf, lamb and goat judging. The children showing animals have put in considerable time preparing for the day. We expect that all children will watch considerably and keep behind the barrier fence. There are seven rings for variety – 3 calves, 3 lambs and goats. Notices with approximate judging times are at each ring.

11.00 (approx.) Judging completed
Lunch taken – BBQ sausages etc
Fundraising activities by Y6 for their trip

1.00 (approx.) **Two bells indicate Grand Parade & Prize giving are starting and the Y6 games ending This is followed by a Father's Cake Auction then Prize Giving.**

1.45 (approx.) - Children go home with parents. If parents are not present children return to class and go home on the buses or to OSCAR

Please note Yr 6 children and parents will be selling continuous morning tea, drinks, popcorn, iceblocks and other goodies from around 8.30 am.

There is also a **PET** section for pets.
These pets are to be taken to the back of Rm 7, 8 & 9 from 8.00am.

PETS MUST BE:

In a secure cage or bowl
Supplied with water
Accompanied by name tag, pet owner.

GOOD FAIRY FUND

If you have been making payments in instalments to pay for a school camp or trip we often use the Good Fairy Fund to add to the contributions, you have made. Make life easy and set up an automatic payment or bring in some cash when you can.

If we can see you are helping yourself, we will help you.

As the good Fairy Fund relies on donations if you are in a position to help please feel free to donate to it and we can make sure the funds get to where they are needed.

JOHN DEERE TOY RIDE - ON TRACTOR RAFFLE

The Year Fives are selling tickets for a Toy Ride-On John Deere Tractor, kindly donated by Cervus. The money raised is to help towards the cost of our Year Five camp. The tickets are available at school. Room Three children will come around the classrooms each morning for sales. Cost of raffle is \$2.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets will be available for purchase at the school office during the day. - Katy Hinton and Margaret Ramsay

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TAKE CARE

We have been advised that a new subdivision is being constructed at the end of Argyll Street. Work on this project will start soon and continue until next March. If you are dropping off or picking up children take care as there will be additional heavy traffic on Argyll Street. The developers have asked contractors to observe a 30kph speed limit outside the school.

LEARN TO SWIM

Whangarei Swim Club Learn to Swim; toddler pool level and stroke development in competition pool, please contact Head LTS Coach Skip 4388222 for more details.

GOT A YEAR 6?

If your child is in Year 6 you should be thinking about enrolling them at a High School. You have to do this –it is not an automatic rollover from Primary School. Already this year Huanui and Otamatea have offered invitations to Year 6 students to visit or enrol. Bream Bay College have held an open evening.

Make sure you check out the options. Don't rely on what you hear through the grapevine. Go and visit the school and discuss options with the appropriate staff.

SKIPPING

We are having a skipping Day on Thursday 28th

September between 11.10 and 12.30.

Come along and see the skipping skills that your children have been learning during their P.E. time.

As it is Book Week the library will be open so you are able to purchase books if you would like to.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Our multipurpose room is nearing completion. The subcommittee have had to make some tough decisions within a very tight budget to get the building completed to a point where it will be able to be used. Painting of the interior of the building (approx. cost \$8000) and installation of heating/cooling (approx. cost \$10000) have both been put on hold for the time being. This will give us the opportunity to 'road test' the building for 12 months or so, to better determine the priorities for future spending

Our budget has been very tight despite the voluntary work that has gone into the building.

We are fortunate that the PTA have offered \$45,000 outside the building budget for the fit out. So far this money has been used to put in a sports floor, data projector and screen and a sound system.

Watch this space for a date for a pre-dawn blessing and an official opening in the near future.

Come along and look at what has been created. People who have had a quick preview are impressed.

TEACHER ONLY DAY -30 October

We are holding a Teacher Only Day on Monday 30 October. Please make arrangements for your children to be cared for on this day. Teaching staff will be engaged in planning for 2018.

Buses will not run for Primary students and OSCAR will not be operating. Thank you for helping out with this.

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

22 – Northland Cross Country

24 – Daylight Saving starts

26 – R6,7,8 and 10 to Akld

26-29 – Book Fair Week

27 – BOT meeting 1.10pm

28 – Skipping Day 11am -12.30

29 – End of Term 3

29 – Book character Dress up

day

OCTOBER

16 – Term 4 begins

18 – Calf Club Day

23 – Labour Day

27 – Mufti Day

30 –Teacher Only Day

NOVEMBER

1 – BOT meeting 1pm

6 – 10 – Y5/6 Camp week

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.

Please make sure you return all notices on time so you can be included in photos, interviews, trips etc. It is essential we have things back by the date due as it makes life difficult for our staff at this end organising the various events. If your child is absent, please check with school to see if you have missed anything. Check newsletters, the website, parent app or Facebook first.

CARNIVAL UPDATE

The PTA voted in August to retain the carnival within the school and PTA. A HUGE big thank you to the "Original Carnival Crew" for their years of hard work that has made our school carnival what it is today! These people have left a huge legacy for all of our current children.

A new carnival crew has formed, and lead roles are filled however there are plenty of other jobs we still need helpers for. If you are keen to be involved bring your ideas and come along to our next meeting 27 September at 7pm in the staffroom. If you have any contacts for possible sponsorship, please contact Ceri 021623753. And if you are planning on being away carnival day March 31st, we have some small jobs to be done term 4 that we would appreciate your help with, contact Michelle 0211494456.

MUFTI DAY –Friday 27 October

The Carnival Crew are holding a mufti day. New or unused items for the Lucky Dip are required. Be great if you can help out.

Two other Mufti Days are planned for Term 4 to help get the Carnival up and running.

PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

***Week 7** – Carl Lynch, Harper Scrymgeou, Tyler Clapham-McAulay, Amy Fraser, Millie Backhouse, Mia Turner, Kimberley Boniface-Vaile, Jazmine Mazlin, Sophie Heron, Olivia Papworth, Lily Gray, William Latimer.*

***Week 8** – Sam Hoddle, Tom Wigram, Lily Clare, Chloe Warren, Rylie Malone, Charlie Winslow, Keita Morrison, Isobel Weir, Sophie Laurence-Goss, Dan Limmer, Jema Walsh.*

BOOK FAIR - Waipu Primary School Library

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