

Waipu Primary School Newsletter

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

Right: The Staff made full use of their height advantage to win the student v staff netball match convincingly.

Below: All the Junior Rooms visited Tiritiri Matangi recently as part of their studies around native birds. A group celebrate their achievements at the light house.



Some of our BB Angels take their jobs seriously! We now have 10 of these angels giving up their time every week to help children with their reading. Thank you all very much.



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Tena Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is the time of the year where we are deciding teacher placements for 2017 and drafting classes for 2017 as well. Thank you to those who responded to this. Your requests have been taken into consideration but as usual no promises made. We are already on the ninth draft of classes and are continually tweaking them as students from other places enrol for 2017. If you are leaving please let us know as we need to factor this into our thinking as well.

Senior Staff (Mrs Andrews, Mr McDonald and myself) have made decisions around staffing. There will be some changes to where teaching staff will be found to accommodate some collaborative teaching we want to implement in 2017. This will involve classes working together in one curriculum area (reading, writing or maths). Classes will work with those of similar level/ability as listed below:

Room 1 – Mr McDonald	Y5/6
Room 2 – Mrs Hinton	Y5/6
Room 3 – Mrs Ramsay	Y4/5
Room 4 – Miss Smeehuyzen	Y4
Room 5 – Miss McLean	Y3/4
Room 11 – Mrs Anne Green	Y2/3
Room 9 – Mrs Butler	Y2
Room 8 – Mrs Anna Green/ Mrs Troost	Y1
Room 7 – Mrs Levell and Mrs McKay	Y0/1
Room 6 – Mrs Van Den Bergen	Y0/1
Reading Recovery – Mrs Andrews	

The Senior Team, led by Mr McDonald, will be Rooms 1 to 5. The Junior Team, led by Mrs Andrews, will be Rooms 6 to 11. There may need to be some movement of Year 1 students later in the year but we do not have enough students at present to have an eleventh class. There may still be some slight changes to the teams.

Collaboration teaching will link like this:

Rooms 1 and 2, Rooms 3 and 4, Rooms 5 and 11, Rooms 9 and 8, Rooms 7 and 6.

BOT SNIPPETS

The BOT held its first meeting of Term 4 on October 26. Reports on the Maths contract and Te Reo in the school were presented. Main discussion points were around:

- ❖ The Multipurpose Room. This is ready to go but the Dental Clinic needs to be moved. It was decided to put the Dental Clinic to one side while the Multipurpose Room is completed. This will allow the BOT to see if there is enough funding left over from the building work to bring the Dental Clinic up to the appropriate code required if it is relocated.
- ❖ The survey results from 45 returns will be collated and fed into the Strategic Plan. A big thank you to the parents who took the time to complete and return the survey, it was great to get your feedback. Congratulations to Keita Morrison from Room 3 who won the draw for the \$100 Pizza Barn voucher.
- ❖ A strategy to fund learning areas at school was discussed. The idea is to make sure we continue to be well funded even when the MOE reduce our operational grant.
- ❖ An application to Oxford Sports Trust for 10 iPads is to be made.
- ❖ Finance, Principal's and Health and Safety reports were tabled.

- ❖ The BOT then went in to in committee to discuss staffing and teacher funding for 2017. A ten classroom model was agreed on at an additional cost of about \$30,000. This amount is over and above any MOE allocations.

Our funding for 2017 has been frozen by the Government and we will need to use reserves and seek other funding just to maintain what we already have. Transport Network profits are down by \$30,000 as well, so currently we have a \$50,000 difference between income and expected costs for 2017!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Around this time of year we notice quite a few children start to change and do things they haven't done before. This is especially true of those moving on to College next year.

At school we watch for these signs and clamp down quickly on any poor behaviours that may result from this. As parents I would suggest you keep a good eye on your children, especially the older ones and make sure you know what they are up to at all times.

Not long after I wrote this we have had an incidence of a child going missing. Fortunately we found them 45 minutes later. They had detoured on their way home without telling anyone. You can imagine the anxiety they had caused their parent and the time we spent searching for them!

INTERNET SAFETY

John Parson will be visiting the school on Monday 28 November to talk about Internet Safety with children, teachers and parents.

All students in the Senior Team will have an afternoon session with John that covers:

- learning how to repel and report unwanted attention when playing online or using social media platforms
- empowering students to support each other in times of need
- how to communicate confidently on line
- learning to nurture and protect online identity
- future proofing for employment.

After school John will run a session for teachers along similar lines.

In the evening (7pm) we hope to have a session for parents/caregivers that will include:

- specific challenges children face when using IT
- informing parents and giving them tools to support their children in how to use IT safely and ethically at home and school
- guidance on behaviour management processes for parents in the practical situations they will face
- empowering parents for safeguarding their children

Please **call the office** if you are interested as we need at least 15 parents to make this feasible.

PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

Week 3 – Jed Green, Amber Ardern, Nate Amsterdam, Lucy Sharp, Zara Gordon, Kara Jacoby, Lucas Urlich, Chloe Jorna, Lawrence Reade, Maddison Hardy, Jhazail Stephens, Abby Thompson.

Week 4 – Rosie Wigram, Lily-Anne Spencer, Luke Campbell, Carl Lynch, Aiden Van Veen, Sophie Heron, Faith Turner, Lawrence Reade, Ryan Groom, Ngatiira Mead, Ruby-Rose Harrington, Angel Turner.

CALENDAR ART REMINDER – due Fri 18th Nov

Calendar art orders are due back to school by Friday 18th November. Trish will be collating the orders over the weekend and sending off on the Monday.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Term Four's focus for Physical Education is Athletics. Each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon your child's class will be practising a different event for the school athletics day, which is happening on Thursday 17 November. Your child will have the opportunity to practise each event before the big day.

The School Athletics day will begin at 9.20am with the running events. After this students are in age groups and rotate through various events. After lunch sprint finals are held. This is a good time to support your child and see some exciting racing. The day will finish at approximately 2pm.

It is important that your children stay at school until the end of the day.

The senior students have the opportunity to qualify for the Zone Athletics day. This is being held at our school on Thursday 24th November.

TASTER DAY – 18 November

All Year 6 students enrolled at BBC and all Year 5 students will attend this "Taster Day".

Buses will be at school to pick up students at 8.45am. Upon arrival at the College the Year 6 students will be taken to the Library where they will meet with the Principal and their Year 7 and 8 homeroom teachers for 2017.

Year 5 students will be in groups and will be doing activities in 45 minute sessions, these include, Computers, Science, PE, Cooking and Art.

Buses will return with students to your School by 1pm.

POOL KEYS

Pool keys go on sale from November 24 so be in early as we ran out of keys last year! Keys cost \$80 and \$10 is refundable if the key is returned by the due date. (This means we don't have to chase you for the key!)

An adult needs to pick keys up as they must sign an agreement.

If the pool cover is on the pool please do not attempt to remove it. Our caretaker will take it off each morning and a parent has the responsibility to put it on at closing time each night.

Remember our pool is heated to around 27 degrees so is always available for swimming even when it is raining. Teachers do use their discretion and only swim on suitable days.

KIDS FOR KIDS CONCERT

This is now on Monday 21 November. Children involved have been informed separately. Tickets need to be purchased from Ticketek.

CARNIVAL MUFTI DAY 25 November

Highlander condensed milk is required for this mufti day and the 4 Square have been informed. Apparently Highlander is best for the goodies (FUDGE) they make so please put it on your shopping list.

BUS ISSUES

Students' health and safety on the buses is a priority. If you see poor driving please fill out a complaint form at the school office. These forms are handled by our bus controller (Mr McDonald) who talks to Ritchies directly. It is their job to make sure drivers are complying with the rules. If you don't tell us we

won't know and nothing will happen. The more we hear and with good detail the more forceful we can be.

On the opposite side it would be good to have compliments we can pass on directly to drivers who deserve it or maybe you could give them a little note of thanks for a difficult job that is done well most of the time. Imagine having 20-40 children in such a confined space for 20-40 minutes!

PRIZEGIVING – 15 December -7pm –Early warning

Please keep this night free to come along and celebrate a year of learning with your child at school. All children are expected to attend in their school uniforms. At least 5 students in each class will receive awards for their efforts throughout the year. There are also Te Reo and Gifted and Talented Awards. A number of cups are presented to Year 5 and 6 students. Prizegiving is quite formal with speeches from BOT chair, PTA chair and the Principal interspersed with items from our students. We will have held practices so children know what to do and how to behave.



WAIPU EASTER CARNIVAL – 15 April 2017

Easter Saturday is later next year. Please keep this date free in your calendar as we need all hands on deck for this amazing event which will be the PTA's one major fundraiser for 2017.

Carnival Day is lots of fun for the whole family, it goes fast and it's a great way to meet other parents and members of the community. It is really important that school parents come forward with voluntary labour for the day as this day raises a significant amount of money that will benefit your child. This year some \$35,000 has gone directly to students for ipads, music equipment, reading books, maths gear and sandpit toys. \$5000 has been used to make a bike track and another \$20,000 is set aside for the shed that will be built soon. There are also 50 bikes available to use as part of this initiative. So you can see any effort you put in is worthwhile.

Any suggestions/feedback and offers of help welcome, please email waipecarnival@gmail.com Thank you for your continued support. The Carnival Crew

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

17 - Athletic Sports
18 - Y5/6 to BBC
21 - Kids for Kids Concert
24 - Zone Athletics here
25 - PTA mufti Day
28 -IT Safety-Parents

DECEMBER

5 – PTA meeting 7pm
6 – School Triathlon
7 - BOT meeting 1pm
8 - Portfolios home
9 - Year 6 shared lunch
14 -School Beach Day
15 - Prizegiving 7pm
16 - Last Day 12 noon finish

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 don't 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.

NEED A BABYSITTER?

Hi, my name is Adriana Stolwerk. I live in Waipu and am a Year 11 at Pompallier Catholic College. I would love to get a few babysitting jobs over summer. I am a reliable, fun, young adult with lots of experience. I have references available. You can contact me on [0220365754](tel:0220365754).

BEACH DAY 14 DECEMBER

Keep this free for a fun day for all (Seniors and Juniors) at the beach. Details to come later

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