

Waipu Primary School Newsletter

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Tena Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents,

The first school holidays are upon us already after a very busy first term. Lots of learning as well as many outside activities like biking, swimming and camping have happened.

I hope that after a big effort at the Carnival on Saturday you will be able to use the rest of the Easter break to relax with an Easter egg or two and maybe a cold one?

Make sure you spend a bit of time with your children. They grow quickly both physically and intellectually. If you do not spend that time with them, you cannot ever get it back. Spending a lot of money is not necessary to give those experiences. You can do many free things in our community.

We are lucky to have beautiful beaches, places to fish, walk and explore. Libraries have free books to loan and the swap a book people are sure to be in Waipu at some stage. Playing with children is a great thing to do too. Their skills will improve and you will get a bit fitter. Did you know that if you get puffed five times a day your fitness will improve?

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

The construction of the multipurpose room will now be a tilt slab concrete design due to fire safety constraints on the previous plan. The group running the project have met a couple of times to finalize the plan. Doors have to be in the correct place because cutting holes in concrete walls later would compromise the strength of the building. Provision has been made for a future kitchen, toilets and a storage area. We cannot go ahead with this part of the build at this time, as it will cost approximately an additional \$200,000. Our aim is to get a big open area up quickly and in use. Construction should start in June. Pictures and a possible future floor plan are in the foyer for anyone interested.

PARENT APP INSTRUCTIONS

Have you downloaded the free Parent Teacher App onto your smartphone yet? It's a great way to keep informed about what is happening in our school. It has a free messaging system if your child is absent, the newsletter at your fingertips and notices or emergency alerts. Just go to the Play Store, search Parent Teacher App and install.

If you already have this app on your phone please remember to update it occasionally.

KAPA HAKA

Whaia Mina will be back to take Kapa Haka next term. Kapa Haka practice will be on Wednesday between 10.15 and 11.15am starting in the first week back. All students who have returned forms are expected to attend each week.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

We have had discussions with Whangarei District Council over parking at the front of the school. There will be some work done in the next few weeks that will help a bit. A new path will run in front of the school, parking will be improved and a pedestrian crossing will be put in.

It would help if as many children as possible used the bus. This is the safest way to get your child to and from school. It may help if some of you staggered the pick-up time from 2.30 to 2.45.

Once the Multipurpose room is built we will reassess pick-ups and the possibility of pick up and drop-offs in the school grounds.

RESCUE CHOPPER MUFTI DAY – 5 May

Our school leaders would like everyone to wear the colours of the rainbow 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 to join in.

ANZAC DAY

Waipu Primary recognize ANZAC Day by making children aware of the day and what the war meant to our country. Often we invite people with more knowledge to help out. Two of our school leaders also carry a wreath in the local parade. This year ANZAC Day falls in the holidays. Jack Brownlee and Emer Lea will carry our wreath.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME

Congratulations to those who trialled for this programme that is sponsored by Northpine. To reach the trials you have done really well. Unfortunately, not everyone can be selected.

Special congratulations to the students who have made the two Great White Shark (Gifted and Talented) programmes for 2017.

There will be opportunity for other students to be selected for our talent programmes and our Te Reo Wananga later in the year.

NITS

We have had a few cases of headlice recently. Please take time in the holidays to check your child's head and make sure they are free of nits. Keep up the regular checks as nits can easily spread in the winter when contact sports happen.

A reminder that anyone with long hair should have it tied back. Apparently, nits use long hair to swing onto others – a bit like Tarzan swimming through the trees!

PART TIME WORKER WANTED

Part time garden assistant needed on large Cove property. Mostly weeding and general property tidying duties. From 4 to 6 hours per week. Flexible times and days so can work around your family commitments. Good pay. Please write to PO Box 42 Waipu.

WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL COOKBOOK

Abby McLean has put together a fantastic cookbook for our school. Funds raised from the sale of this will go towards our school library. The official launch is at the Carnival but copies are on sale through the office. One copy is \$30 but there is a standing special of two for \$50. They will make great Christmas presents.

LEARN TO SURF-WAIPU COVE

We have just received funding to provide a free school holiday program both weeks of these holidays for 11-17 year olds :-). We will also be able to take younger siblings for \$25 per day. It is an awesome opportunity for kids who would not otherwise get the chance to learn; also of course, free childcare with fun activities for Mummy & Daddy's who have to work. There will be surfing every day and other beach games and activities. Look on your email for further information.

TERM 2

Term 2 starts on May 1 and ends on July 7. It will be full of learning and fun.

DRAMA AND MUSICAL CLASSES

It is not too late to enrol for our classes. In fact, there is no time like the present! Join our dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Email us today to book your child in. We have something for everyone, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz

ASB HOLIDAY FUN FOOTBALL 2017

For children aged 7-11 years Tikipunga Sports Park – Whangarei Wednesday 26th; Thursday 27th and Friday 28th April.

Players can register for either a full day (\$40)
OR just a morning or afternoon session (\$24)
The daily sessions are 9am to 3.30pm daily (half an hour for lunch). The morning and afternoon sessions are: 9am to 12 noon; 12.30pm to 3.30pm

Players will need to bring boots, shin pads, full water bottle,
Morning tea, rain jacket and warm clothing.

Each session includes skill-based training, so kids can learn the tricks and techniques to become better players. There are also plenty of chances to play football games in a fun environment, and experience the thrill of putting those skills into practice.

Register and pay on-line: www.nff.org.nz
OR copy the following link into your web browser:
<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=66066>

Call or email Christina for more information
09 437- 7295 / 021 795-074 christina.taylor@nff.org.nz

SWAP A BOOK

The BB Learning community will have swap a book days in the holidays:

- Waipu - Wednesday 19th April, 10am-2pm, @ Waipu Community Library (in the entrance to Coronation Hall)
- Ruakaka - Monday 24th April, 10am-2pm, @ Two Birds Café

Take a book along and exchange it for a different one.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

13 – Last Day of Term 1
15 – School Carnival

MAY

1 – Term 2 starts
5 – Rescue Helicopter Mufti Day
8 – PTA meeting 7pm
10 – Avondale College Visit
31 – BOT meeting 1pm

JUNE

5 – Queens Birthday
15 – Winter Sports Day at OTP
16 – pp for Winter Sports
21 – Wig Day
22 – Hiwi the Kiwi Show
23 - Disco

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 9: Riley Campbell, Tom Gwynne, Aria Verwijmeren, Kacie Cookson, Keira Stevens, Samantha Trist, Nate Amsterdam, Lucas Fawcett, Ash Macdonald, Issac Chapple, Gabriella Uphof.

Week 10: Jhazail Stephens, Tayla Ryland, Mack McCamley, Pippi Panui-Park, Ruby-Jae Bowater-Pene, Lauren Papworth, Harper Scrymgeour, Max Lewis, Ruby-Rose Harrington, Will Wigram, Amy Fraser.

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