

Thank you all for your support during the change of alert levels last week. Having our procedures in place allowed for a seamless stress free transition between alert levels, it is great to see our systems working and our students being so adaptable and resilient. We are now back to level 1 and the procedures we had in place before will be reinstated. Our kiss and drop policy will continue in the mornings and you will be able to access the school grounds in the afternoons, please wait on the courts for your child/children to come to you at 3.00pm. Please stay off the decks so our children can maximise their learning time. If you would like to see the teacher please email them and make an appointment, they will be more than happy to meet with you. The Ministry of Health continues to ask that you scan when you come onto the school grounds and if you are coming into any school buildings please sign in. As always if you need to discuss anything with school management please make an appointment and come and talk to us. If you have any complaints we do ask that you follow our [complaints policy](#).

Board of Trustees

BOT will be meeting tonight Wednesday 24th at 7.20pm in the staff room.

Meet the Teacher

With the current uncertainty around the covid situation, we are re-evaluating the format of this event, more information to follow.

Home Learning Challenges

Students at Waitakere Primary School complete home learning challenges throughout the year at home. This year's home learning challenges will be coming home soon.

Property

By mid next week Rooms 9 & 10 will be back in their renovated classrooms and Rooms 7 & 8 will be in the hall while their rooms are refurbished. Accessibility modifications are continuing with work currently being undertaken on the bottom field.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate 2 ex pupils from our school Emily Moran and Samuel Dykes Head Boy and Girl of Waitakere College

Congratulations to these Year 8 students who have been chosen as our Waitakere School Leaders for 2021! Ka pai!



KEY DATES

24 Feb - BOT Meeting 7.20pm in staffroom
25 Feb - Y5/6 Camp parent helpers meeting 6pm
2 Mar - PTA Meeting 7pm in staffroom
4 Mar - Awards Assembly 2pm (TBC)
9 Mar - Y5/6 Camp Marsden Point Christian Camp
16 Mar - NZ Morning 9.30am
23 Mar - BOT Meeting 7.20pm
25 Mar - Tough Kid challenge
2 Apr - Good Friday
5 Apr - Easter Monday
6 Apr - Easter Tuesday
8 Apr - Industry Introduction Day Y7/8 Exhibition Day
15 Apr - Awards Assembly 2pm (TBC)
16 Apr - Term 1 ends
3 May - Term 2 starts
5 & 6 May - Science in a Van

Term Dates for 2021

Term 1

Wednesday 3 February - Friday 16 April

Easter Holidays 2 to 6 April

Term 2

Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July

Teacher Only Day 8th June

Term 3

Monday 26 July - Thursday 30 September

Mid Term Break 30 August

Teacher Only Day 1st October

Term 4

Monday 18 October - Thursday 16 December

Teacher Only Day 26 October

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PTA Meeting - Tuesday 2nd March 7pm in school staffroom.

The PTA invites you to join us for our first meeting of 2021. We are a small friendly bunch of parents across all year levels. We have a lot of fun together, and it's a great way to get to know other parents and school staff. With year 8 moving on to high school, we have seen a few parents depart these past few years, so we

encourage parents of younger students to get involved.

You don't have to attend every monthly meeting to be involved. We also don't require high levels of commitment, just help when you can - many hands make light work. With a new year ahead we'll be planning events and looking at what we can fundraise towards for the school. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Monday – NO FOOD AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL.

Tuesday –



Order Muffin Break online with Kindo,
close off is 8.30pm Monday night

Wednesday –



Order Pita Pit online with Kindo,
close off is 9am Wednesday

Thursday –



Order Muffin Break online with Kindo,
close off is 8.30pm Wednesday night

Friday –



Order Pita Pit online with Kindo,
close off is 9am Friday

Cash and Eftpos are not available for the above service.



Many of you are already using our online ordering system for lunches.
For those of you that haven't used our online ordering system before,
you will first need to register, go to: www.kindo.co.nz
Click login - select families Click join up



In Term 1 children and Staff wear
a wide brimmed sunhat when
outside of the classroom. Please
ensure that your children have
hats at school and are named.

Guitar, drum, keyboard lessons Term 1 2021

If your child is interested in learning an instrument
this term, now is the time to email as lessons are
filling up fast. Please contact the teacher directly -
CHERIE KAUSHAL (keyboard/piano)
- aucklandpianoteacher@gmail.com

DAMIAN HAUWAI (guitar, bass, beginner key-
board and drums)
- dhauwai@gmail.com

GEORGI DOBREV (drums, guitar, bass)
- kkcapone@hotmail.co.nz

Term 2 Science show

The cost for this show will be \$5.00 per
student (complimentary if school donation
has been paid).

Wednesday 5th May 2021

9.00: Science in a Van arrives and sets up in
the hall

9.45-10.30: The Wonderful World of Bubbles
- Years 0-2

11.35-12.20: Move It! Years 7/8

12.15-12.45: Science in a Van packs up and leaves the hall

Thursday 6th May 2021

9.00: Science in a Van arrives and sets up in the hall

9.45-10.30: Move It! Years 3/4

11.35-12.20: Move It! Years 5/6

12.15-12.45: Science in a Van packs up and leaves the hall

The Wonderful World of Bubbles (Y0-2)

This experience facilitates exploration of identifying, classifying and
investigating materials. Students will get an understanding of mixtures,
how they can separate and how they can come together to create a
reaction! During this show, we journey together through the scientific
process of guessing (predicting), trying it out (testing) and seeing what
happens (observations).

Move It! Exploring the laws of motion (Year 3-8)

During this interactive show, your students will learn what Newton's
three laws of motion are all about. They will then apply that knowledge
to fly Space Chick Steve across the school hall! This show will get you
thinking about how and why things move. Cleverly it introduces the
concept of fair testing while exploring forces.



Basketball will start at the YMCA week this week.
Your Managers have hopefully touched base to
advise of your training day.

Anyone who still has a uniform from last year please
return to your previous Manager. At this stage

Waitakere Primary does not take a bond on the uniform but we may
have to introduce this if we don't get singlets returned.

The fee for season 1 & 2 is \$136.50 per player, please pay this to
Jeanne in the office or by bank transfer to Waitakere Primary School
bank account number is 12-3085-0314327-000.



As a Silver Enviroschool we are
reintroducing Trash Free Tuesday
and Wrapper free Wednesday as of
next week. We encourage all
Waitakere whanau to pack delicious
lunches free from wrappers every
Tuesday and Wednesday (or even
better, all days!)



NEW ENTRANT MORNING

Waitakere Primary will hold a New Entrant Information meeting each term for
parents who have children starting school the following term. The dates for 2021
are as follows-

Tuesday 16 March, **9.30 am**

Tuesday 18 May, **9.30 am**

Tuesday 17 August, **9.30 am**

Tuesday 16 November, **9.30 am**

This is a great opportunity to meet other new parents, some of the staff,
including our Principal Heather Atkinson and learn about Waitakere Primary
School.

We will start our morning with a guided tour of the school led by our Year 8
student leaders. We will return to the staffroom where you will be given a brief
overview of school life and some ways that will help you prepare your child for
school will be shared. Enrolment packs will be handed out to all those who have
not received one yet.

Please let the office know if you will be attending.

While parents are attending the information morning, the children who will be
starting are invited to spend time between 9.30-11:00 am in a N.E. room. Your
child will need to bring a bottle of water and a snack (cut up fruit or veggies in a
small container) to have at Brain Food time.



Township Park Playground
Community Event

TOWNSHIP PARK PLAYGROUND

Free Community Event 🌞

Saturday 27th Feb, 10am-12pm

8 Township Rd

Please join the Waitakere community to celebrate
the upgrade of your local playground with activities
for families and light refreshments with support
from Waitakere Ranges Local Board

New playground equipment

Face painting by the Waitākere Kindergarten

Open day with activities at the Waitākere Kindergarten next to the playground

Coffee cart and light refreshments

Get up close with the Waitākere Fire truck

Outdoor games

Pop up exhibition by Waitākere Kindergarten