

Welcome back – its great to see our students so well rested and ready for the term ahead.

Our school was a busy place over the holidays with our property work continuing. We finally have all classes back in rooms. We look forward to our hall being available later this term – it is currently storing resources as 2 resource rooms are being redeveloped. There are a large number of safety fences erected around our school currently as the work continues.

Our Year 5 and 6 team are really excited about their upcoming camp at Marsden Point next week – we hope the weather is kind to them. A huge thanks to the teachers for all their hard work in organising this camp.

Our Year 1 and 2 team are also off to the zoo! We look forward to hearing of their adventures.

Thank you all for the continuing positive feedback and support for our kiss and drop off procedures in the morning which we will continue. A reminder you are welcome to both drop off and pick up students on our school site, and are able to visit classrooms without appointment. We request that you please scan or sign in for contact tracing purposes, as well as considering how many people are in a classroom before entering to maintain the safe distance aspect of our nationwide level 1 approach. Scan in posters are stationed outside all classrooms and entry points around the school.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

Our parent teacher student conferences will be held on Wednesday May 19th in week 3 from 1:15pm till 6:00pm and then Tuesday 25th May the following week from 3:15pm to 8:00pm. Students will be sharing their learning and goals during these conferences. These interviews are collaborative with all participants having the opportunity to share. A link below will take you to the booking page. Please make sure you book an interview time.

Here is the link to book your time www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Our school code is **rhb7k**

If you do not have internet access you are welcome to contact the school office to book a time.

A reminder that school finishes early on the Wednesday at 12.40pm - the bus will also run early - the Walking School Bus and Wairere Bus at 12.40pm, then the Bethells Bus at 1:00pm.

Please advise the school of the arrangements for your child on that afternoon using the following link [Click here](#)

Board of Trustees

Our Board meets tonight Wednesday 5th May 7.20pm. Agenda items include property matters and policies and procedures.

Sick children

A reminder that if your children are sick please keep them home. If they have vomiting or diarrhea they need 48 hours with no symptoms before they return to school. Please make sure your children have a change of clothes at school, we no longer hold clothes at school which means you will be rung if your child needs them.



Kiwi Competitions:

Once again we are able to offer the Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions set by the University of Canterbury to our Year 5-8 students.

The competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

Entry has now closed, and below are the test dates.

Monday 28 June – English
Tuesday 29 June – Mathematics
Wednesday 30 June – Science

Welcome to our new students

Kenzie Tavita
Emily Perri
Noah Wilcox
Theo Richards
Malachi Smith
Charlie Llewellyn

KEY DATES

5 May - BOT Meeting 7.20pm in staffroom

5 & 6 May - Science in a Van

11 May - Yr 0-2 Zoo trip

11 May - PTA Meeting 7pm in staffroom

11-14 May - Y5/6 Camp Marsden Point

19 May - Parent Teacher Student

Conferences 1.15 - 6pm

25 May - Parent Teacher Student

Conferences 3.15 - 8pm

7 June - Queens Birthday

8 June - Teacher only day

- NO SCHOOL

Term Dates for 2021

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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Monday – NO FOOD AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL.

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

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Thursday – MUFFIN BREAK Order Muffin Break online with Kindo,
close off is 8.30pm Wednesday night

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

Cash and Eftpos are not available for the above service.

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For those of you who 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

Term 2 Science show

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

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



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

During this interactive show, 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.

Massey High School Open Night

9 August 2021

2 Sessions Available

3.30pm to 5.30pm

or

6.30pm to 8.30pm

MEET: In the Bruce Ritchie Performing Arts Centre
We look forward to welcoming you and your family.



Netball

Would your child like to play netball this year? If so, please click this link to fill out the online registration form before Friday 16th April:

<https://forms.gle/bpQBK1YbDDfxQKLH9>

All children are welcome - Years 1-8, boys or girls. We are ALWAYS on the lookout for coaches, managers and umpires too, so if you can help with one of those, or know someone who can, please also fill out the form or email Tracey at netballwps@gmail.com

Jaime Marinkovich
Netball Coordinator



As a Silver Enviroschool we have Trash Free Tuesday and Wrapper free Wednesday every week.

We encourage all Waitakere whanau to pack delicious lunches free from wrappers every Tuesday and Wednesday, (or even better, all days!).

Ice cream containers urgently needed.

Please bring clean, empty containers to the office, thank you in advance



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 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.