

We are fortunate to have so many parents who support our school in many ways – last week at our Board of Trustees meeting we met with members of the PTA, Sustainability group and Runanga. All of these groups work tirelessly to enhance the educational opportunities we can offer our students. We shared a meal together- a delicious hangi meal prepared by our very own hangi master Rewi Spraggon, and talked about our achievements and goals for the coming year.

We are increasingly hearing in the media about the need to build resilience in our children. Andrew Fuller a clinical psychologist from Australia, who has worked with our staff in the past, describes resilience as “the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life – to rise above adversity and obstacles”. Too often we jump in to rescue our children when we need to work alongside them to develop the skills to cope with these pitfalls.

2 tips he has to help are:

Nurture a positive self-view – help children remember ways that they have successfully handled situations in the past and how this can help future challenges. Help them to learn to trust themselves to solve problems and make appropriate decisions.

Self-discovery – change and tough times are often when children learn the most about themselves - help them see that this is a good time to find out what they are made of. Change can be scary for young people – help them see that change is a part of life.

This newsletter contains information about:

- Our Puanga Matariki Hangi
- Parent Teacher Student Conferences

Upcoming events: Matariki Hangi

This year to overcome the fact that we have natural springs at school, we will be preparing the food onsite but the cooking will be completed offsite, taken to a specially prepared “waterproof” pit. Thanks to the Hangi Master, Rewi Spraggon.

- * Order forms have been sent home, check your child’s school bag.
- * More forms available at the office and eftpos also available.
- * You can also order your Hangi meals from the Kindo website.

Te Rūnanga O Te Kura O Waitākere Presents...



Parent Teacher Student Conferences

This year we are holding these conferences in the last week of this term and your child is a vital part of these. They will be sharing their learning and goals - a shift away from a more traditional parent/teacher interview. All the current research shows that students need to have a “voice” in their learning – the more we give students choice, control, challenge and collaborative opportunities the more motivation, engagement and achievement are likely to rise. These interviews are collaborative with all participants having the opportunity to share. Information about the structure of your child’s conference will be sent to you by the class teacher prior to the interview.

Our parent teacher student conferences will be held on Tuesday 2 July and Wednesday 3 July. These conferences are a valuable time for your child and their teacher to share successes so far and set goals for the rest of the year. As in previous years we will be using an online booking system for the interviews.

Please book a conference time online <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> School Number **5vxpt**
If you do not have internet access you are welcome to contact the school office to book a time.

A reminder that on Tuesday 2 July, the interviews will start at the earlier time of 1.30pm. **The buses are ordered for 12.40pm that day, there will be no buses at 3.00pm.** The walking school bus will run only at 12.40pm, with walkers leaving then. Please advise the school of the arrangements for your child on that afternoon using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/y5vbbhwu>

If we do not hear from you we will supervise your child at school till 3.00pm. Please bring your child along to their conference—they will have work to share and goals to discuss with you.

KEY DATES

- 10—14 Jun—Road Safety Expo - set up in hall
- 18 Jun—Year 7/8 Speech final
- 20 Jun—Visiting Performers - NZ Playhouse
- 24 Jun—CEM Maths competition 9.30am Y5-8 students
- 25 Jun—CEM English competition 9.30am Y5-8 students
- 27 Jun—CEM Science competition 9.15am Y5-8 students
- 27 Jun—Annie the Musical Year 5-8
- 2 Jul—Parent Teacher Student Conferences 1.30—6pm
- 3 Jul—Parent Teacher Student Conferences 3.30—8pm
- 5 Jul—Term 2 finishes

22 Jul—Term 3 starts

Welcome to our new students



Harry Bamford-Bagguley
Jackson White

Term Dates for 2019

Term 2— 29 April to 5 July
Term 3—22 July to 27 September
Term 4—14 October—18 December
12.30pm finish,
the school bus will run at this time.

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Term 2 Visiting Performer

This term we welcome NZ Playhouse Theatre on Thursday 20 June who will be performing 'The Tortoise and the Hare' for our Yr 1-8 students in separate Junior and Senior shows. Playhouse delivers educational, inspirational and extremely entertaining theatre to over 450 schools across NZ and Australia each year and is always very popular with students and teachers when they visit WPS.

After beating the Gingerbread Man in the finals of 'Who's the Fastest Of Them All?' everyone knows The Hare is the undisputed 'Master of Faster' and if they don't, they soon will, thanks to the Hare's boasting and gloating about their momentous momentum. In fact, the only creature the harebrained Hare hasn't beaten in a race is the Tortoise, but why bother when everyone knows it would be a walk-over and a run-over. Or maybe not. For some strange reason the Gingerbread Man thinks the Tortoise could beat the Hare and for some very strange reason so does the Tortoise! Perhaps it has something to do with the very very strange piper dressed in pied clothing with a German accent who's just arrived to escape the rat-race... This adventurous and interactive adaptation of Aesop's beloved fable will have our students laughing and learning about diversity, kindness and how to be a real winner.

Cost of the show is \$6.50 per child and is complimentary if school donations have been paid. Please send money to school by Wednesday 19 June. Thank you.

Holly Marston
Performing Arts Teacher

Thank you to Manaia, Rome and their Mum Waira who delivered some very delicious cup cakes for the staff to enjoy, and also donated \$186.00 toward staff well being.



Maths is about discussion

How many times have you started to solve a complicated maths problem and found you needed to talk to someone to check you understood the question or needed to check you worked it out correctly?

Research has shown that the best way to learn new concepts in maths is by talking to others and working collaboratively. In doing so, students communicate their ideas, compare ideas, justify their answers, and come to an agreement. This allows them to see new concepts or ways of doing things that they had not thought of before.

Help your child by allowing them to talk to you about a maths problem. Ask them questions that will help them come to an understanding, like "How did you work that out?" "Why do you think that?" "Can you explain that to me in another way?" "How could you show that using materials or a picture?" "So, you are saying ..."

Ma te wa
Jackie Still
Mathematics Specialist Teacher

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Books have been sent home to families who did not use the opt out form or advise by return email.

If you do not want the book please return to the office promptly.

Thank you for your support with this fundraising opportunity.

Change of Clothes

With the winter months ahead—mud, rain and wind—it is timely to remind students to bring a change of clothes. If your child does not have a change of clothes we will have to phone you to bring some down.



Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

Monday 24 June CEM Maths 9.30am
Tuesday 25 June CEM English 9.30am
Thursday 27 June CEM Science 9.15am
Year 5-8 students

WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAY

STARTING IN TERM 3



THE HUB STARTED IT, THE YEAR 3-4 TEAM FOLLOWED. NOW THE WHOLE SCHOOL IS JOINING THE 'WRAPPER FREE' MOVEMENT! THE AIM IS TO ONLY HAVE BIODEGRADABLE ITEMS IN OUR LUNCH BOXES EVERY WEDNESDAY. ARE YOU READY?

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Centennial

This is a heads up that our school's 100 year celebration is in 2021. If you would like to be part of the organising committee please leave your name and contact details at the office.

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OPEN EVENING
Thurs 25th July 6.30pm
Meet the Principal, Teachers and talk with Students while enjoying a guided tour of our facilities.
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