Term 4 Newsletter

Waitakere PRIMARY SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK | **Week 5** | **Tena koutou** | **13 November 2019**

We are now nearing the half way mark through this term, with many wonderful learning opportunities and celebrations planned over the final few weeks. Please keep an eye on upcoming events that are listed on the front of the newsletter. At this time of year, we are thinking a lot about those students who are ready to move onto the next part of their educational journey. We often say this, and each time we say it, we mean it – We will miss this group of Year 8s, they are the best group we have had. Each year we look at the list of those going and feel a hint of sadness that we will be farewelling such a fine group of young men and women. The culmination of the year for the Year 8's is their formal dinner and then the graduation assembly.

Kapa Haka

What a spectacular day the recent Cultural Festival organised by Huapai District School was, with 10 schools participating. It certainly showed off the diversity of the schools in our Kahui Ako. It warmed the heart seeing the pride and passion our 2 groups (Tahurangi and Ngā Wherenga), put into their performances, a fact that other schools present commented on. A huge thank you to Matua Araz for his tutelage, and to the whanau that supported us on the day. Hopefully this event becomes an annual one.

Enterprise Day

There is a lot of trial and error; taste testing and market research going on in the Hive at the moment – all in the name of Enterprise. Yes, all of the students are working on products to sell on their Enterprise Day set for Tuesday 4 December. There is a huge range of items on offer, from beautiful hand-made Christmas decorations and a sausage sizzle through to hand made boiled lollies, cakes and biscuits made to secret recipes, and old fashioned lemonade. It is set to be an exciting day. The whole school community is invited to bring along some money, and enjoy the Hive's Enterprise Day.

Calendar Art

Last Wednesday, the replacement flier was sent home with each child's unique code on it. If the code has been lost, don't despair, we have kept copies of all the codes, and the office staff are only too happy to help you. Final orders have to be placed before Monday 18 November at 9:00am, so make sure you don't miss out!

Travelwise Award

Last week, our Travelwise Leaders along with Ms Thompson and Vicky, attended the Travelwise Award Celebration at Spark Arena Events Centre in the city. They left their car at Swanson and travelled to the city and back by train, walking from Britomart to the Events Centre. They certainly were showing the sustainable practices we encourage at Waitakere Primary School. They participated in some very interesting activities and had a fantastic day. It is down to our Travelwise Team and our school community effort who encourage our students to walk to school that we were awarded a Gold Certificate. We are thrilled to have been awarded a Gold!

Community Swimming Pool 2019 / 2020

You may pre-order a key with a deposit, or pay in full and collect your key before the pool season date if you wish.

Keys will cost $150.00, a $10.00 refund is given when the key is returned before the end of Term one 9 April 2020.

Date of pool opening for keyholders will be 3pm on

18 December 2019.

Welcome to our new students

Manaia Corker

KEY DATES

14 Nov—Crazy Hair Day

14 Nov—Awards Assembly 2pm full school
16 Nov—Kiwileles Festival
19 Nov—New Entrant Morning
19 Nov—Year 3-8 School Athletics at Moire park
20 Nov—BOT Meeting 7.20pm
21 Nov—Kids4Kids Choir
26 Nov—Year 5/6 Home learning trip - Parakai
26 - 28 Nov—Year 7/8 Camp
2 Dec—Parent Helpers M/T
3 Dec—Year 0-4 Home Learning Celebration
3 Dec—Helpers trip to Parakai - Invited students
10 Dec—Year 7-8 Home Learning Celebration
12 Dec—Awards Assembly 2pm full school
13 Dec—Walking school bus celebration 2pm - more details soon
16 Dec—Year 8 Formal
18 Dec—Year 8 Graduation Assembly

Term Dates for 2019
Term 4—14 October—18 December
12.30pm finish,
the school bus will run at this time.

2020 Start date Term 1
Monday 3 February

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Travelwise message

We are now a Gold Travelwise school! This means we will be working with Auckland Transport on road safety and making trips to school active, social and safe.

NEW ENTRANT MORNING

Waitakere Primary holds a New Entrant Information meeting each term for parents who have children starting school the following term. The last morning for 2019 is:
Tuesday 19 November, 9.30 am

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.
Enrolment packs will be handed out to all those who have not received one yet.

While parents are attending the information morning, the children who will be starting are invited to spend time between 9.30-11:00am 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.

Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

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.

Library Closing dates for 2019:

Monday 25 November - 29 November
- Library open, no issuing, returns only
Monday 2 December - 6 December
- Library closed (book returns to door only)
Friday 6 December Stocktake in progress — LIBRARY CLOSED

In Term 4 and 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.

Your child's unique code came home as a A4 flyer on the 6 November check your child/children's school bag.

But don't worry the office staff have a copy of every child's unique code and are happy to help if yours is lost

Examples of the calendars, diaries and cards can be viewed at the office. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Final orders will be due by Monday 18 November .

This year the profits that we make from the calendar art orders will go towards either a bike track or a flying fox.

abc language tuition

French and Spanish language classes at Waitakere school

Learn French or Spanish in our fun after school language classes.
Students learn the target language through songs, games and play, classes are open to all students.
Language tutors are native speakers and classes have small numbers which makes this a great learning environment.
Language classes are Tuesday and Wednesday after school from 3.15 to 4pm. Book now for Term 4
For bookings and information www.abclanguage.co.nz