

This term has certainly provided challenges for us all, but once again, our students have shown how resilient they are. Our learning spaces continue to be very settled with students focused on their learning. Each week we have a focus on the Waitakere Way – this week it is all about active listening and taking turns when speaking. Definitely something they can practise over the holidays.

Next term we are hoping for a more settled term. With our classroom renovations finishing over the holidays, we will get our hall back in time for the winter months. Our Year 5 and 6 camp is in Week 2 and we will have parent teacher student conferences in Week 3 and 4.

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 3 May - our thanks again for the support you continue to give our students and school in these uncertain times.

## 2020 Student Achievement

I think we would all agree 2020 was certainly a year we would all like to forget. Our students spent almost a term learning online and Term 4 was the only uninterrupted term we had. It is therefore pleasing to note that despite these challenges our students continue to achieve well.

Last year:

- In writing 81% of our students achieved at and above expectation
- In maths 82% of our students achieved at and above expectation
- In reading 90% of our students achieved at and above expectation

Achievement was limited to the core curriculum areas, with students showing awesome development of their self-management skills.

## Parent Teacher Student Conferences

These will be held on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:15 till 6:00pm am and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 3:15 to 8:00pm. These conferences are an opportunity for your child and their teacher to share the learning goals and progress is far. You will receive information on how to book your conference time early next term.

## Board of Trustees

Our Board meets on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Agenda items include property matters and policies and procedures.

## Term 2 Music Scholarships

Congratulations to Sydney Doogan (keyboard) and Tunoa Kaisala (guitar) for being awarded music scholarships for Term 2. They have shown great commitment in learning their chosen instrument. Ka Pai!

## 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.



Here are our selected Kaitiaki Leaders for 2021! We met last week and decided that our focus for this year would be to investigate plants that can be used for Rongoa (Māori medicine). What an exciting year ahead we have working with these amazing students!



## 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 this year. The competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. These are online competitions and are set for Week 9 in Term 2. The cost is \$9.50 per competition entered. Your child will have brought home an entry form that must be returned to the office by Wednesday 14 April. Certificates are presented for all participating students, and the top student in each competition receives a prize.

Monday 28 June – English

Tuesday 29 June – Mathematics

## KEY DATES

**16 Apr - Term 1 ends**

**3 May - Term 2 starts**

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 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

## Helpful Numbers

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## WESTGATE CHILDRENS COMMUNITY

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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

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Click login - select families Click join up



## 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](mailto: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!)

## Term 2 Science show

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

### Wednesday 5th May 2021

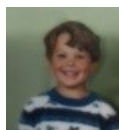
9.00: Science in a Van arrives and sets up in the hall  
9.45-10.30: The Wonderful World of Bubbles - Years 0-2  
11.35-12.20: Move It! Years 7/8  
12.15-12.45: Science in a Van packs up and leaves the hall

### 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



## Past pupil Achievements



Congratulations to Hayden Williams



Congratulations to Hayden Williams, who won the 2021 Midget Car title at Western Springs Speedway in March 2021. Hayden is officially the number 1 midget driver in NZ, quite an achievement.

## 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, 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

## WAITAKERE COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 29 July at 6.30pm  
All our Year 8 students and their parents are invited.

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

## Massey High School Open Night

9 August 2021

2 Sessions Available

3.30pm to 5.30pm  
or  
6.30pm to 8.30pm

## 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.