



Tena Koutou Katoa,

January 2021

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura. Malo le toe foi mai i le aoga. Welcome back to school.

I hope you have had a lovely break. I have seen some of our Waitati students around the village and they seem to be having a fun holiday. The teachers have also had a fabulous rest and are all busy preparing for a new year and term. We think that 2021 is going to be amazing. We also appreciate your preparation in order to get your whanau back to school. It is no easy feat with clothing, shoes, stationery, and back to lunch making. If you have a young person who is feeling anxious, why not come along to school and have a play, have a look in the windows and talk about the new class/teacher and how the first day might go. As always, please don't hesitate to phone/text me if you have any questions. Tara - 0210266001

What you need to know at a glance...

Date	Event
Thursday 28th Jan	Office opens
Tuesday 2nd & 3rd Feb	Teacher Only days
Thursday 4th Feb - 9am	School starts - Mihi Whakatau for Autumn (new Kaiako) and our new families. You are all welcome.
Monday 8th Feb	Waitangi Day observed
Tuesday 9th Feb - 3pm	Parents Hui with Emily Phew - Keeping ourselves safe
Thursday 11th Feb Parent help needed 5 to 6 parents swimming. Bus from school with us or meet us at Moana Pool.	Swimming starts for the term. Free swimming lessons term 1. Running every Thursday at 12.45 until 2.30pm. Travelling via bus.
Tuesday 23rd Feb Parent help needed (5 to 6 parents)	Beach Education - Seniors (Mihiwaka & Kapuka)
Wednesday 24th Feb Parent help needed (5 to 6 parents)	Beach Education - Juniors (Huatea & Mapounui)
Wednesday 24th Feb	Cycle Skills - Year 6 & 7 (please bring your bike and helmet)

<p>Wednesday 17th Feb - 19th Feb Parent help required (5 parents per class)</p>	<p>Senior Camp Year 5-8 at Warrington Domain</p> <p>The Mihiwaka and Kapuka classes are planning a combined camp to Warrington beach.</p> <p>Dates:</p> <p><u>Kapuka</u>- 2 nights Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th Feb (2 nights)</p> <p><u>Mihiwaka</u>- 1 night Thursday 18th to Friday 19th Feb (1 night)</p>
<p>Futsal</p> <p>Y1-4 competition begins Tuesday 16th February & runs until the 6th April.</p> <p>Y5-8 competition begins Wednesday 17th February & runs until the 7th April.</p>	<p>Futsal - Parents responsible for taking children to Futsal. After school activity.</p> <p>See below for more details.</p>

Want to know more details? Read on.....

Our main theme to begin the year with is called **Keeping Ourselves Safe**. This learning is around all aspects of safety.

Emily Phew, a Police Educator who will come to our school and take 4 sessions on this topic per class. We are having a parent evening with Emily to let you know what this is about on Tuesday February 9th at 3pm until 4pm. Children may play outside.

Keeping with the theme of safety, we have swimming lessons each Thursday afternoon where the children will either bus in or car to Moana Pool. We need some adult support to make this happen.

This is paid for this term by Selai Letica's business which is detailed below.

Name of Business: Oranga Hau Ltd. Integrated Maori and Environmental Research for better outcomes.

"Reason for funding: Strong belief that money shouldn't be a barrier to learning to swim for akonga at Waitati Kura, because it is an essential life skill that can save lives. Whether it's at the beach, the river, or the indoor pool, water play is a cheap and easy way to entertain kids and keep them fit and strong in the process! Normalising swimming can help kids learn to respect water, rather than fear and avoid water."
 Nga Mihi Selai.

We will also be heading off to Warrington beach to take part in junior and senior Beach Education Safety days. It is disheartening to hear of the increase of drownings in New Zealand so we are really going all out to educate our children on how to be safe around water.

Cycle skills day is for Year 6 to 7. This exciting programme is aimed at delivering best practice cycle skills training. Riding a bike is a life skill just like swimming. With the right learning and experience, your child is

ready for a lifetime of getting around by bike. Each child will need a bike and helmet (let us know if you need to borrow one as we can help with this).

The Tuakana (senior classes – Mihiwaka and Kapuka) are heading away on a local camp in Week 3 to Warrington Domain. Here they will bring many of the Keeping ourselves safe messages together. The purpose of this camp is to build strong relationships between the teachers and students, to practice good safety, to work on collaborative and cooperative skills, and to build resilience. They need 5 parents per class to support them in camp. Please consider if you are able to attend. We will need to process your Police checks asap so get in touch with Chris or Mikaela if you can help.

Along with all the opportunities to learn about safety, each class will be continuing with reading, writing and maths learning. Kaiako begin the year by developing relationships within the class, they spend time developing routines. They will be developing learning goals with each ākonga (learner). During Term 1 we will be introducing Educa, an app where you will be able to view the goals, and learning. This will be available around week 5. I will hold some workshops on this. Further details to come.

Futsal



Hi

I hope everyone has had a lovely, restful, summer break & are rearing to get into 2021 futsal at the Edgar Centre. Once again Football South Futsal will be running their School Only Competition in term 1 for Years 1-8. This competition will run for 8 weeks.

Y1-4 competition begins Tuesday 16th February & runs until the 6th April.

Y5-8 competition begins Wednesday 17th February & runs until the 7th April.

Games will be organised between 4pm & 7pm

Cost will be approx. \$45-50pp

Practices will be held at school from 12.45-1.30pm on allotted days

As the season kicks off in less than 3 weeks (with registrations closing February 8th) I would like to know asap if your

child is keen to play so I can sort the teams



Please see the attached link below and complete as required.

[Form to show interest](#)

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get hold of me. My email address is becsdesfountain@waitati.school.nz

Many thanks,

Becs Sports Coordinator

Additional Notices:

- A BOT Election is coming up please, so insure that your address and other contact details are up to date with the school, call or email Cori
- Now is a great time to restart or to start automatic payments to the school, anywhere between 5 and 10 a week per student is a great way to keep ahead of typical school costs that you pay incur throughout the year like a lost school hat, swimming, Tech or school camps! All automatic payments should go into 02-0900-0000305-000
- Sunhats are required during term 1 and 4 if your child loses a sunhat I will contact you before charging your account for another (may give you a chance to find it!)
- If your child or children have grown out of their Waitati T-shirt return it to the school for a \$5 discount on your next t-shirt purchase
- Labeling clothes will help so much with the lost clothing pile that seems to accumulate at school, especially socks