

9th July 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa,

It has been a fabulous term, albeit a cold one! As we celebrate Matariki, we take time to reflect on the year so far and re-set for the next half. As I reflect on my first year at Waitati, I'm so grateful to you all for the warm welcome and encouraging words along the way. I have joined a wonderful team of committed Educators who truly want the best for our children. Thank you for being adaptable with the changes to learning conferences that the weather brought us. It has been encouraging to see the number of parents who attended the conferences and to hear great feedback.

Donations

Thank you for paying your 'donations' for swimming, activities, sports and camp (seniors). Without this extra funding, we would not be able to add in the extra activities. We are grateful for our trip to Puketeraki Marae and swimming this term. No more swimming until 2022. Soon you will receive an Educa update on your child's progress in swimming over Term 2.

Building project

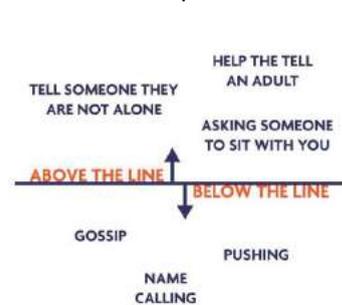
The upgrade of Kapuka will begin in the first half of Term 3, starting with the deck. Followed by window frame replacement in the Term 3 Holidays. Huatea and Mapounui are scheduled for the Christmas holidays going through to Week 2 of Term 1 2022.

Wellbeing Professional Learning

Starting with our staff, we have begun a learning journey focused on wellbeing. It is a researched programme created through the New Zealand Institute of Resilience and Wellbeing. Coming up Tuesday August 17th is a community session from 5pm until 7pm. Facilitated by Anne Kenneally from CORE education.

Above the Line

You might have heard children talking about 'above the line/below the line behaviour'. We are focusing on clear expectations and what acceptable behaviour looks like. We are celebrating with feathers which children are given for above the line behaviour and once a week we draw out several names to win a free lunch and prizes. Above the line behaviours are summed up in the Waitati School Values.



We also acknowledge that children are learning not just about ABC's and 123's but how to behave and how to get on with each other. When behaviour goes below the line, children can learn how to do things differently next time, by being given opportunities to listen to another person's point of view, to build empathy and to try and put things as right as possible with those they have upset. That is why we have been teaching about zones of regulation, so children have some ideas on what to do if they get frustrated, angry, sad or worried. During this process we take time strengthening relationships. When someone goes below the line, we maintain their mana (they are still great humans), and talk about what happened and how they can best fix the problem. This type of response to behaviour is called Restorative Practice. It is something we want to pursue and learn about as a staff, maybe you know about this already?

Here is a video clip I found which gives an [introduction](#).

Educa

This graph shows how well you are all doing using Educa. The main idea behind Educa is to give you in the moment reporting. Instead of just twice a year, you will see ongoing learning from your child or child's class. Tuakana, usually upload their own learning. In Teina, the teachers write learning stories for them. If you could make a point in commenting after a story, that would be really helpful. Can you add in more information? Maybe you have seen similar use of values /dispositions at home? Can you tell a backstory? Do you have any wonderings? We really value your input. Some parents are writing their own learning stories about their children at home. Thank you for giving this a go whānau.



Term 3

I look forward to seeing you at the Puaka Matariki Lantern Festival next term. We have the annual Cross Country in Waikouaiti in Week 3. Lots to look forward to. Have a good rest.

Ka kite ano

Tara O'Neill

Click [here](#) for the online calendar.

Friday 9th Jul Passion Projects
2pm Final Assembly at Waitati Hall

School Holidays 10th July until 25th July.

Term 3

Week 1

Back to school Monday 26th July

Friday 30th July 6pm Puaka Matariki Lantern Festival. Bring a plate for a shared dinner. All Welcome.

Week 2

Tuesday 3rd Aug Whānau hui 6pm. Korero on the history of school values and naming of buildings.

Week 3

Monday 9th 6pm - Invitation to a parent support group for children who are neuro-diverse thinkers, gifted or with extra needs.

Tuesday 10th Cross Country at Waikouaiti Domain

Week 4

Monday 16th BOT Hui

Tuesday 17th Community Engagement Workshop 5pm - 7pm. Shared meal to begin.

OUT & ABOUT AROUND THE SCHOOL

Like mushrooms appearing in a field, lanterns are popping up, tucked into every corner of the school as we prepare for Puaka Matariki Lantern Parade. As a Staff we would like to invite you to prepare a skit or a song, or a story to share at our open mic section of the celebration after the Parade.



Tree climbing and hut building remains very popular. This term, we are returning all the loose parts to a central place so everyone can begin again in Term 3. If you have any loose parts at home that you could bring along for Term 3 we would be very grateful, e.g. planks of natural wood, containers, drain pipes, rope, old mats, material, hooks, spoons, brooms etc. The children have rich playtimes in their huts.



This week two teachers from Windsor North School came to visit Waitati School. They had heard lots of great things and wanted to see the lovely environment. They really appreciated the visit and learnt a lot.



The drainage contractor has been busy this week! Thanks kids!

BOOK FAIR 2021



What a great outcome we had for our annual Scholastic Book Fair. We have had families, children, grandparents and friends visiting us from around the bay and even Dunedin exploring the wide range of books and craft sets provided by Scholastic. We sold items worth \$1,398! 30% of the profit (\$419) will go towards new reading resources for the classrooms at Waitati School. We are very excited and happy to be able to choose new books for our tamariki. We couldn't have done it without the community's generosity.

Thank you :-)

Thank you so much for your support Blueskin Bay Community-we couldn't have done it without you.

WAITATI SCHOOL PTA

Our mission is to raise money for the school and also build and strengthen the school community as we do so! Term 2 has been busy with our fundraising sausage sizzle. A huge thanks to the parent volunteers who have been on the BBQ each Friday lunchtime! We'll let you know how much money has been raised after our final sizzle today!

The PTA will be hosting the annual Quiz Night next term at the Waitati Community Hall – date in August to be confirmed! This is a great social evening for the Waitati community, get your quiz team organised and come join in the fun.

We will be asking for Parent volunteers to help with the night (drinks and nibbles to be served) and also will be asking each family to donate a "wrapped bottle" for the famous bottle auction on the night. "Bottle" can be defined as alcoholic or non-alcoholic, toiletries, oils, confectionary – anything that can fit in a bottle! This night is a key fundraiser for our school.

New parents/caregivers are always welcome at our PTA meetings (held once to twice a term) and you can keep in touch with all the happenings on our Waitati PTA Facebook page – please be sure to "Like It"!

Short on time but wanting to support our fundraisingdonations can be paid into the PTA account 03-1726-0008823-000

New Raffle - Be in quick these raffles often sell out within a week. Thank you to Lisa Norbury for organising this. If you are interested in learning more about Thermomix, Lisa is the one to see. She holds demos.

Only 199 tickets!



Win a Thermomix!

\$25 per ticket

To purchase your ticket email thermie.mixers@gmail.com with your full name and contact number. You will be supplied a bank account number and once payment is recieved - the ticket is yours.

Ticket sales will close and a winner will be drawn when all 199 tickets are sold.

Prize valued at \$2,469. All profits will be donated to Waitati School PTA to develop a bike track around the playground.

Any tickets purchased are non-transferable and the tickets and prize are non-refundable and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Entry open to New Zealand residents only and the Thermomix will be sent to a New Zealand address.




To enter email thermie.mixers@gmail.com

NOTICES



Skool Loop App for Absences

Remember you can still use the Skool Loop app for the remainder of the year. If you download the app to your phone, you can quickly send us information directly about absences.



After the successful trial in term two, Blueskin Nurseries Cafe will continue to offer the lunch service in term three. They are working on a five week menu. So all you have to do is choose what your children want, drop the order form into the cafe, where you can pay by Eftpos or cash. More information to come next term.

HAVE A GO DAY! Dunedin Synchronised Swimming are running a Have a Go Day! The purpose of a Have a Go Day is to provide our tamariki with the opportunity to participate in a sport and to give it a go. On the day, coaches will teach a variety of fun and exciting synchronised swimming skills such as sculling, floating, simple figures and will finish with a basic routine with music. Please see the information below required for the day:

When: Saturday 17 July 2021 at 9:30am - 11am

Where: Moana Pool (60 Littlebourne Road, Roslyn, Dunedin 9010)

Who: Any age is welcome - tamariki who are interested must be confident in deep water and must be able to swim a minimum of 200m.

Cost: Entry fee for Moana Pool is required upon entry.

Gear: Togs and drink bottle.

Those attending must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver during this session.

If you have any tamariki interested in participating or if you have any further questions please get in contact with Phyll Esplin directly on phyllesplin@gmail.com or 027 696 0408.

Miniball Competition Coming in Term 3

Three Peaks Miniball Competition will be starting on Monday the 23rd of August for the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 children at the Event Centre in Waikouaiti.

More information to follow in the first few weeks of Term 3.

LOGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL
Te Kura Tuarua o Kapua o te Raki

An invitation to our Parents/Carogivers, Whanau and Students

LPHS OPEN DAY
Sunday 1st August 2021, 11am

11am Welcome in the Auditorium (come 10:45am for 11am start)

- Guided Tours of the School Campus
- Subject Displays
- Student Activities
- Opportunities to meet our students and staff

We look forward to seeing you

Peter Aitken and Kirsten Mount
Co-Principals

Enrolment Closing Date - Thursday 19th August

Online Enrolment form link: <https://bit.ly/34q9uJx>
(Physical copies are available from the School Office)

Become an in-home help volunteer!

Plunket is looking to offer this service in East Otago.

We need Volunteers to make this happen!

Parenting can be challenging. The Home Help service is a programme that offers free and practical support to families of young children in our communities.

We are looking to offer this service in Waikouaiti, Warrington, Waitati and Karitane

We are looking for people who are:

- Reliable, honest and caring
- Open-minded and wanting to make a difference
- Open-minded and respectful

If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you!

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