



24th September 2021

Behaviour Update

We have a high standard for behaviour at Waitati School, like most schools throughout New Zealand. Our values which guide our behaviour expectations, are physically represented by four beautiful feathers standing proudly in our driveway. These values, with their many meanings, are spoken about regularly at school. Each week, I set a challenge, focusing on one of the values. On Friday, at a school meeting, the teachers give out 'feathers' to children who have shown one of our values. They share what the child did and link it to the value. They stand proudly and receive these beautiful words. Many children stand up each week. I can say that 100% of Waitati children regularly display our Waitati values.

Safety at School

The Board and staff work hard to implement a robust set of standards, procedures and safety guidelines along with a researched way of restoring behaviour. The staff continue to learn about managing behaviour. This year we have taken part in a Ministry of Education workshop called Safe Holds. We have started to discuss the why of behaviour. We have begun to implement explicit teaching every week on the zones of regulations that teach children how to regulate when they are feeling angry or frustrated. We are creating a new step by step procedure for supporting behaviour. The Ministry of Education funded Gemma from ReThink to come into our school once a week for the last two terms. She has been working alongside many of you. I have heard great feedback from you about the encouraging perspective she can give and the practical ways you can help at home and school with helping children to learn how to behave.

Children

It is important to remember that we work with children. Their brains are developing and they are not adults. Children are generally good observers, but need our help to interpret situations. School is about learning. Academic, social and emotional learning. We work in partnership with you to teach children how to behave in the variety of situations that school presents. At Waitati School we use our Waitati values as a guideline or baseline in which we measure what is acceptable and what is not and what we are aiming for. We want our children to behave above that line. We want them to show us acceptable behaviour as much as possible. Almost 100% of the time, there are two or more parties involved in any dispute at school. The reason restorative practice is so powerful is that it enables both sides to learn empathy and reflect on what happened and know that they have an opportunity to fix the situation as best as they can and move forward together. Restorative practice includes consequences within the process.

Values

Antony Deaker, our Board Chair, recently shared with our Māori Whānau Ropu, where these came from. That is they came from the community. They came from Waitati, they came from you.

Here they are:

Kotahitanga - all aged learning, anyone at any age can learn.

Rangatiratanga - courage to be yourself.

Turangawaewae - wellbeing.

Manaakitanga - diverse, inclusive, welcoming to all.

What amazing values. What an amazing school with generous, beautiful and understanding families.

Coming up in Term 4

Year 7 & 8 Programme 2022

Chris and Tara would love to meet with whānau to plan this exciting programme for 2022 in Term 4.

Introductory Structured Literacy Workshop for Parents

Those interested in reading and writing will want to attend this amazing workshop run by Bex, Mikaela and myself on our journey around structured literacy we have been undertaking this year. We will let you know a date for Term 4.

Understanding Behaviour Workshop for Parents

Tara will unpack our school values and a new clear behaviour pathway for our students and parents. We will let you know a date in Term 4 soon.

Ka kite ano,

Tara

Final Assembly and Poroporoaki - Friday October 1st at 2pm. Sadly we can't invite parents onto site, so we will live stream the assembly. More details to follow.

We are giving Term 3 certificates and Principal Awards plus saying goodbye to Evie and Marla who are moving to Tauranga, Rebecca who is moving to Opoho School and Tanekia who has already moved to Purakanui School.

Building Update - Our 5 year plan upgrade will begin on 4th October with replacing Kapuka's (stand alone classroom) windows and building a new deck. Please stay away from this side of the school during the holidays. The area around Kapuka will be fenced off and the driveway will be busy. The upgrade of Huatea and Mapounui will begin after Christmas.

Term 4 School of Occupational Therapy Student Project - Two Otago Polytechnic students will carry out their project at Waitati School. They will be working on developing our swamp (beside the school house, at the back of school), as a quiet reflective area for staff and students. It will have a boardwalk and be re-planted with natives to return it to its original swampy condition. They will be working alongside students and whānau.

Feather Awards Week 9

Focus on Rangatiratanga, being Brave, Courage



Ashlyn, Brooklyn and Lorraine showing courage returning this heavy gym mat to the sports shed after the bell had gone. They were not the only ones playing with it, but they stuck around and put it away.

Otto for a brilliant definition of what Courage is " Courage is helping the helpless, but you can be scared while doing it".

Vita for Rangatiratanga, being brave for being yourself and coming dressed in My Little Pony gear.



William for just being brave. Plus you are an amazing leader because you always show the way to your classmates, by doing the right thing and getting on with your learning.

Toby for being brave when you got up from the ground after deciding to 'surf' down the slide on a foam mat (not recommended).



Albie for being courageous and not giving up with your learning.

Mapounui

Hamish - He is able to self manage himself at school.

Vita - Brave at trying so hard to learn and understanding it is ok to make a mistake, because that is the way we learn.

Frances - For always being responsible in the classroom.

Huatea

Rangatiratanga

Bravery - Angus

Bravery - Charlie White

Bravery - Lucy

Manaakitanga

Kindness - Nathaniel

Kotahitanga

Striving to reach goals - Te Paia

Striving to reach goals - Toby

Striving to reach goals - McKyla

Striving to reach goals - Lumi

Striving to reach goals - Hunter

Striving to reach goals - Brooklyn

Striving to reach goals - Macey

Striving to reach goals - Ada

Striving to reach goals - Ella

Mihiwaka

Kotahitanga

Clay - learning something new (Carving)

Fergus - helpful and supportive

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Rangariratanga

Neave - learning a new skill

Jeremy - self management

Lochie - self management

Ada - Open to Learning

Manakitanga

Josh - happy with yourself

Thank you Mihiwaka! You have all been amazing at your learning and shown great capability over the last 2 weeks.

Kapuka

Taylah, Esme, Joy, Chloe - for being brave on the ski slopes

Nikau - for amazing skills and organisation in the kitchen

Elmer - for stepping up

CC- for being positive and encouraging towards her classmates and teachers.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

For our Online Calendar [Click Here](#)

Term 3

Week 10

Thu 30th Oct

Final Blueskin Nursery Lunch for Term 3.

Friday 1st Oct

2pm Last day of term - Outdoor Assembly by classrooms - weather permitting.

Sat 2nd Oct - Mon 18th Oct School Holidays

Term 4

Week 1

Mon 18th Oct

SCHOOL CLOSED for Teacher Only day TBC (Back up day for local power cut if the one on 11th October doesn't go ahead)

Mon 18th Oct

Vision and Hearing Screening at school TBC

Week 2

Tue 26th Oct

3 Peaks Athletics in Palmerston

Week 3

Monday 1st Nov

PTA AGM

Friday 5th Nov

Halloween School Disco for Year 1-6 and 7&8 if they want to help

Week 4

Mon 8th Nov

5.45-7.45 BoT Hui at Waitati School

Tuakana School Camp - more details to follow

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

A Spring Lamb Visited School



PTA

The next PTA AGM is scheduled for Monday 1st November

Your PTA needs you. The role of the PTA is to better the school experience for our tamariki. It's an opportunity to build a strong community with a common goal, making the overall experience of your child's school better for everyone. The work you do to help the school funds is always important. Come along and make a difference.

At our next AGM we will be reviewing all positions. If you have some fundraising ideas or would like a go at leading the PTA, then let us know.

The annual PTA Halloween School Disco is on 5th November (TBC) This is for years 1-6 and also if any years 7&8 want to help. Waitati Hall 5.30-7pm.

A Beans fundraiser to come in Term 4.

NOTICES



School Office Mobile 027 624 1781

If you want to let us know about an absence or quickly communicate with the school please send us a text.

Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe School Lunch

Final school lunch of the Term

Thursday 30th - Order deadline Tuesday 28h September

Chunky Fries \$4.00

Cheese Toasties \$3.20

Orange Chocolate Chip Muffins \$3.50

BLUESKIN NURSERIES
& CAFE

ART AUCTION – Works by Jack Monahan

When artist Jack Monahan moved up to the North Island he left behind several pieces of his distinctive artwork.

Jack has now kindly offered these works to our community and Playcentre specifically. He has agreed for them to be auctioned, with all proceeds given to our local Playcentre in Waitati.

Blueskin Gallery will host the event with the Auction being held at 2.30pm on 10th October 2021.

Viewing will be from 12 noon on that day.

Intended purchasers will be able to register on the day and be given a Buyer's Number.

There will not be a printed catalogue but the Gallery intends to provide an on-line viewing of the pieces available.

Dunedin Youth Orchestra

Tomorrow is the big day of the Dunedin Youth Orchestras open rehearsal/concert. Just click on the link tomorrow at 7:30 pm and we will start playing at 7:45. The link will be active for a week in case you aren't available to watch live.

<https://livestream.com/accounts/15197514/DYOTAongaAotearoa>

Here is the link to the programme:

[DYO Taonga Aotearoa Programme.pdf](#)

We gratefully welcome any koha to the Dunedin Youth Orchestra account: 38-9012-0791955-001