



5th November 2021

Tena koutou katoa whānau,

Welcome to our new families, Ameer and Rafferty, Grandparents, Nathan and Katie with Edison (5). John, Camellia and little sister Mia with Koha (5). We had a fabulous Mihi Whakatau. I know you will make them feel welcome.

Today we say goodbye to Trici who has been a teacher aide with us for the year in Kapuka. Thank you Trici for being so wonderful with all the help and support you have given our ākonga. We will miss you. We have a Poroporoaki for Trici today.

Covid-19 is continuing to cause events to be cancelled. We miss parents coming into school, but thank you for minimising contact. On occasions whānau need to come into the school grounds and we appreciate that you continue to scan, wear a mask and social distance. The new vaccination order is as follows. After November 15th, if you come to school to volunteer eg, taking a small group for reading or driving children on a class trip, you will be required to provide proof of your vaccination record, however, if you are coming into school as a parent, eg. attend a learning conference or drop a child off, then you don't need to show me your vaccination record and can come in unvaccinated. Masks, scanning and social distancing are still essential. Thank you for being patient while we work through this new order. I have started a database for whānau who would like to send in their vaccination records, thanks for those who have already done this.

principal@waitati.school.nz.

We have now implemented an enrolment zone. Please read the email sent to you regarding how this will work. It is complicated but basically, if you live within the home zone, you can enrol at Waitati School any time. All students currently enrolled at Waitati School do not need to enrol again. If you live outside the home zone, you need to keep an eye out on the dates and have your enrolment in on time to be considered, depending on how many places we have available. If your child attends Waitati School, but lives outside the home zone, siblings do not have automatic enrolment. You will need to apply for an enrolment place. Eg. Johnny is 8 years old and attends Waitati School. Johnny has a younger brother who is turning 5 and wants to attend Waitati School. Johnny's family lives outside the home zone. The younger brother will need to apply to be considered for enrolment. Enrolment forms are available at the office. Click [here](#) for more information or contact me if you have any questions. We do have spaces in 2022.

Our building project in Mapounui and Huatea is set to begin after Christmas. We will be emptying the classrooms during the last week of school, if you are able to help that would be appreciated.

There will be some changes coming up including next year's class options to be announced in a few weeks.

Please continue to look on Educa for learning as it happens throughout the week. Educa is a closed platform only including families at our school. Feel free to post learning stories from home. Reports will be uploaded to Educa on Friday of week 7. Remember the reports will look different as Educa informs of a wide variety of learning throughout the year. Reports focus on reading, writing and maths.

Tara O'Neill

SCHOOL CALENDAR

For our Online Calendar [Click Here](#)

Term 4

Week 4

Mon 8th Nov 5.45-7.45 BoT Hui at Waitati School
Wed 10th Nov 9am - Master Chef Bake off
Fri 12th Nov Passion Projects 2 and Keep Waitati Beautiful Clean up day

Week 5

Mon 15th Nov Art Gallery Trip Tuakana (postponed due to lockdown)
Thu 18th Nov Art display at Waitati gallery. Last day for entries due 9am Thursday 18th November in Kapuka.
Fri 19th Nov **Teacher Only Day, school closed.**
Fri 19th Nov Deadline for Out of zone enrolment for Term 1 2022.

Week 7

Monday 29th Nov Year 8 tramp and dinner for students and families. Venue to be announced soon. Speeches and presentations on the night.
Fri 3 Dec Reports uploaded to Educa.

Week 8

Wed 8th Dec **School closes early to allow for conferences**
Wed 8th Dec Parent/teacher/child learning conferences 1.30 - 5pm. Passion Project exhibition in the

Thu 9th Dec

Playcentre.

Parent/teacher/child learning conferences 3pm - 7pm. Passion project exhibition in the playcentre

Week 9

Thu 16th Dec

End of year Prize giving at school 1pm - 3pm - This will be live streamed.

Fri 17th Dec

Last day of school

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Halloween



We had so much fun. See Educa for the full story. Thanks to Shelley Hill for the decorations and the PTA for the funding for the food and prizes.



Athletics for Year 4-8

We normally go to Palmerston for this event, but this year we enjoyed our own backyard. Thanks to Peter Norrish our caretaker for preparing the running track and Becs for running the event. See Educa for further photos.

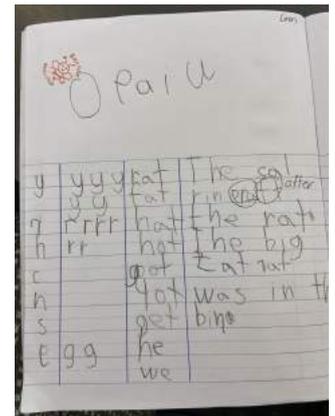
Swamp Wellbeing Project



Welcome to Conner and Laura, two Occupational Therapy students who are partnering with us to work on our back swamp. They are completing this project for their study. On Monday they met with every class to consult on what the swamp could look like if we were to develop it into an inspirational outdoor space for relaxation and renewal. Each child is drawing a plan with ideas. Some ideas include a broadwalk and native swamp plants that will encourage birds back. This is a long term project for Waitati.

Structured Literacy Workshops

Thanks to Bex and Mikaela for running a couple of workshops on Structured Literacy. They are working on preparing videos which will be shared with those who were unable to make it along. The sample of writing above is for stage 1 where the student has practiced their vowels, followed by listening to a letter, writing it down and then saying it again. Finally integrate the letter into words then write a sentence.



Maori Whānau Hui

We met with Rua McCallum the Kaitoko Mātauraka for Puketeraki Marae, discussing some exciting partnerships for 2022. We start the New Zealand Histories curriculum next year.

Bee Club

Pete is working with a small group of ākongā once a week on Tuesdays. This week they painted the hives (did you know bees can recognise different hives) and wired up a few frames. Next week they will move the hives to the back swamp and add the bee colonies. Thank you to Bendigo Trust for the grant to fund the gear. Thank you to the Laws whānau for the donation of gear. Thank you Pete for donating the bee colonies and your time.

Garden Club

Welcome to Janet and Beatrice. Every Wednesday they work with a small group of ākonga in the garden at lunchtime and then during the afternoon they cook food from the garden. We look forward to seeing lots of plants growing. If you have any vege plants to donate or seeds, we would welcome them. We belong to an organisation called Garden to Plate. This provides support for our gardeners with lots of ideas and inspiration.



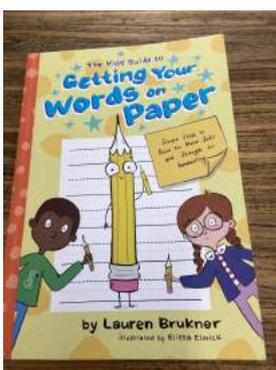
Master Chef

Coming up, our Tuakana (year 5 -8) will be competing in a Master Chef competition called the Great Waitati Bake Off.

Project Based Learning



The exhibition in Kapuka was amazing. Mihiwaka are preparing theirs now. The projects are outstanding and really show how projects, authentic learning, combining different disciplines, encourage the use of literacy and numeracy and higher level thinking skills meaningfully for students. What made these projects special was they were started during lockdown and finished at school. Thank you parents for helping and supporting your children.



Gemma Anderson Occupational Therapist with ReThink

Last year we won a grant from the Ministry of Education to employ an Occupational Therapist to come to school and work with whānau and students. Gemma has been fabulous and helped many families and students. Now when she comes, students come up to her and ask for support. Unfortunately the funding runs out in three weeks. If you know of any trust funds that I could apply to for funding please let me know. The MOE is not running this funding stream again in the South Island. Last week Gemma brought in this great wee book and I thought I would share it with you. If handwriting is challenging, have a read of this as it has some great ideas to support children. Remember though that play is important in developing handwriting skills. Climbing trees, hanging from bars, digging

holding a shovel all strengthen fingers and wrists needed to write with.



Ceramics Studio

The studio is now lined. Thanks to Chris S, Lee, Matt, Raph, Paul C, Isabel, Paddy L, Jo V. Thank you Matt McCormick for organising these shelves from Mitre 10 for the space. Mitre 10 have been very generous. Next, we are adding a sliding door to let light in plus a sink. Also organising a committee to run the space. The opening is coming up, date to be confirmed shortly.

PTA

We had our AGM on Monday and were pleased to welcome a few new faces!

No changes in our Committee members - Kirby (Chairperson), Holly (Treasurer), Estelle (Secretary), Tara (BOT and Staff rep), Jo (BOT rep).

The last 20 months have been hard with the arrival of COVID-19 and this has greatly impacted on our fundraising (e.g. we have had to cancel the quiz night in 2020 and 2021!). Our fundraising income has been hit hard from missed fundraising events and we will be pushing hard in 2022 to organise a variety of fundraising events.

A big thank you to Lisa Norbury for organising the Thermomix raffle and achieving a fantastic amount of \$2500 donated for the bike track. Congratulations to Jayne Beattie - winner of her very own Thermomix!

We will be asking for parent/caregiver volunteers over the coming weeks and as we return in 2022 to help with various events - raffles, market stalls, sausage sizzles, scrap metal collection.

We need your support for these PTA organised activities to help us in our mission of raising money for the school to fund the "extras" and out of class experiences. Please keep checking the newsletter and [Waitati PTA facebook page](#) for updates and ways you can help.

Donations are always welcome and can be paid directly into our PTA account 03-1726-0008823-000

NOTICES

Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe School Lunch



This Term school lunches from the cafe will be delivered every other week. If you are ordering week by week, then please

remember the deadline is midday Tuesday for a Thursday delivery. You can place your order at the cafe and pay there in the usual ways. If you cannot make it to the cafe then you can drop an order form and cash payment into the office and we will pass it on for you. This Week's menu is: American Hotdogs \$4.50, Vege Hotdogs \$4.50, Blueberry Muffins \$3.50.



Dunedin Youth Orchestra 2022

Players wanted! Audition for the DYO, Dunedin's premier amateur orchestra for young classical musicians. Looking for grade 8+ orchestral players secondary school aged to 25.

AUDITION SOON

Auditions early Feb. For more information go to dyo.org.nz/auditions

For inquiries, please email dunedinyouthorchestra@gmail.com

DUNEDIN YOUTH ORCHESTRA



CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY

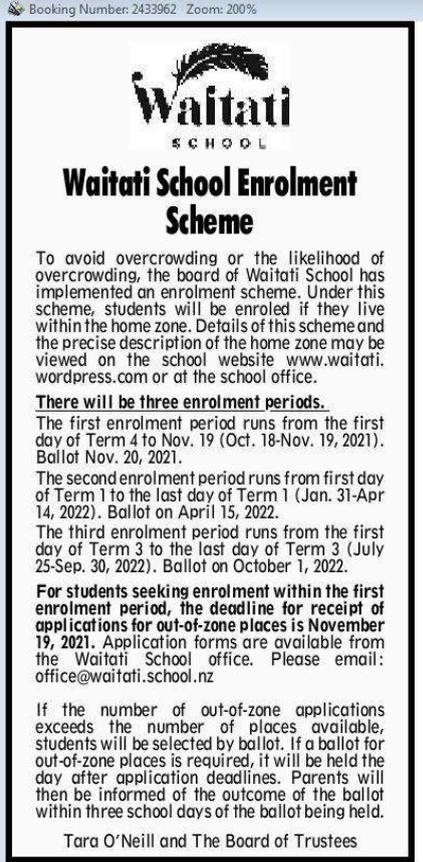
We love to see your children but please don't leave them here alone or unsupervised.

TOP TIPS

- Children under 10 years must be actively supervised by an adult caregiver in the library at all times.
- Children under 14 years must not be left at the library without direct supervision at the extended parties.

We appreciate your help in creating a safe and welcoming space for your children.

CITY MISSISSAUGA BLUESKIN BAY WAIKOURI PORT CHARLES SOUTH BOKESBUSH



Booking Number: 2433962 Zoom: 200%

Waitati SCHOOL

Waitati School Enrolment Scheme

To avoid overcrowding or the likelihood of overcrowding, the board of Waitati School has implemented an enrolment scheme. Under this scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone. Details of this scheme and the precise description of the home zone may be viewed on the school website www.waitati.wordpress.com or at the school office.

There will be three enrolment periods.

The first enrolment period runs from the first day of Term 4 to Nov. 19 (Oct. 18-Nov. 19, 2021). Ballot Nov. 20, 2021.

The second enrolment period runs from first day of Term 1 to the last day of Term 1 (Jan. 31-Apr 14, 2022). Ballot on April 15, 2022.

The third enrolment period runs from the first day of Term 3 to the last day of Term 3 (July 25-Sep. 30, 2022). Ballot on October 1, 2022.

For students seeking enrolment within the first enrolment period, the deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is November 19, 2021. Application forms are available from the Waitati School office. Please email: office@waitati.school.nz

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held the day after application deadlines. Parents will then be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Tara O'Neill and The Board of Trustees