



Light the mind, Fire the heart, Engage the whānau

Newsletter February 18th 2022

Kia Ora whānau,

We are living through challenging times. Thanks so much for keeping your children home when they are sick. I was so sorry to hear many got unwell after camp, but happy to hear it wasn't COVID.

We are now in the Red traffic light, Phase 2. All the details about Phase 2 and how we can stay safe and slow the transmission, along with the latest Ministry of Health advice can be found at the Ministry of Health website link [here](#). These are challenging times, stressful with changing information. We need to pull together and support each other.

The Government and the Ministry of Education are keen for schools to stay open for as long as possible. We are prepared to be teaching hybrid - both at school and at home. This has taken significant preparation. If / when we can't remain open, we have a plan. If some of our students are isolating and some are at school, we have a plan.

All ākonga from Year 3-8 have their own Chrome Books. We have ordered cases for these and when they arrive, students will begin to take their Chrome Books home each night. This means if we have to close the school overnight or if you are a close contact, your child can continue with their learning at home. If you live where internet connection isn't good, please let us know and we will prepare home packs for you. Please support your child to plug the Chrome Book in overnight and come to school with it the next day. We are organising security for the chrome books, so we can track where they are and see what each one has been used for.

All ākonga from Year 1-2 have home packs (nearly ready). These packs will have the log ins for Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds, plus worksheets. Teachers will connect with you via your zoom/phone for a face to face meeting with your child/ren on your own device. They will also email you tasks that can be done at home.

If a student is a close contact or tests positive for Covid-19 they should stay at home and self-isolate. Please let the school office know immediately by either phoning or emailing the office@waitati.school.nz or Tara - 02102660014 principal@waitati.school.nz

The school will work with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to determine all possible close contacts and inform families as soon as possible. You may also be contacted directly by the student affected. Information about being a close contact can be found [here](#)

We do need to be able to contact whanau if a student becomes a 'close contact' or is symptomatic. Please remember if you change any contact information e.g. phone numbers, email or physical address to let the school Office know.

Tara O'Neill

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Renovation of Learning Spaces

Year 3-5 are in their new learning space (Huatea) with Mikaela. Year 3-5 with Elizabeth are learning in Huatea at the moment as well. They are enjoying team teaching. The Year 6-8 with Kat and Jess are in Mihiwaka room at the moment waiting for their classroom to be finished. Year 1-2 are loving their new space in Kapuka.

The New Kapuka Space - Year 1-2



The New Huatea Space - Year 3 - 5





TEACHER AIDES

We said farewell to Pip today. Pip has been a Teacher Aide at Waitati School for over 5 years. She is going on to study a Bachelor of Fashion Design.

Thank you Pip, you have been an amazing member of our team. Everyone adores you. Pip planted two beautiful trees - a Lemonwood, which will smell divine and a Hebe with bright purple flowers.

Next week the amazing Bec Des Fountain begins teacher aiding in several learning spaces.



CALENDAR

Term 1

For our online calendar: [Click Here](#)

Week 4

Tue 22 Feb

Bee Club

Wed 23 Feb

Tech at DNI

Thu 24 Mar

Swimming and Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe lunch delivery

Week 5

Tue 01 Mar

Bee Club

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10 min Three way conversation setting re learning goals (face to face or zoom/ or Phone call. 3-5pm

Wed 02 Mar

Tech at DNI

Wed 02 Mar

10 min Three way conversation setting re learning goals (face to face or zoom/ or Phone call. 3-5pm

Thu 03 Mar

Swimming and Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe lunch delivery

Thu 03 Mar

Opening of Ceramics Studio -Mahi-ā-ringā. 6pm.

Fri 04 Mar

Passion Projects

Week 6

Tue 08 Mar

Bee Club

Wed 09 Mar

Tech at DNI

Thu 10 Mar

Swimming and Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe lunch delivery

NOTICES



Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe School Lunch

Please remember to place your orders by midday Tuesday for a Thursday delivery. You can place your order at the cafe and pay there in the usual ways or 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.

This week's menu: Beef Nacho(gf & df on request) \$5.00, Corn & tomato Nacho (vegan,gf & df on request) \$5.00

Banana Choc chip muffins \$3.50.

Waitati School

We invite you to the opening of Mahi-ā-ringā our Waitati Ceramics Studio .



Thursday 3 March
6pm
Waitaiti School

RSVP by Monday 28th Feb to office@waitati.school.nz
Masks, scanning and distancing, unvaccinated welcome.
Limit of 25 people.