



Light the mind, Fire the heart, Engage the whānau

## Newsletter June 22nd 2022

Kia ora whānau,

This is the last day before a lovely long weekend. I hope you enjoy your break. Happy Puaka Matariki to you all.

### **Covid-19 Update**

We have no new cases this week at Waitati School. 50% of the school has had Covid now.

There is no mandate to wear masks at schools in NZ, but at Waitati School we encourage mask wearing for all Year 4-8's. If you could talk with your child and encourage them to wear a mask, explaining why, we would really appreciate it. It's much the same as we talk about sunscreen and hats. Keep in mind; we have mask breaks every hour, we don't wear them while eating or while we are outside.

I have been speaking with colleagues and we are tracking similarly with schools around NZ with how we are managing Covid at Waitati School. In fact we are doing better than most. I know many schools are struggling to stay open at the moment. We are grateful we have been able to find relievers and keep our learning going. A huge thank you to our staff, especially Mikaela, who has worked tirelessly while I was away last week. A huge thank you for those families isolating at home, it is not easy. Our thoughts are with you.

### **Advice from the Ministry of Education about returning to school after COVID-19**

*Students who test positive for COVID-19 are not required to self-isolate past seven days, but they shouldn't return to school if they are still feeling unwell.*

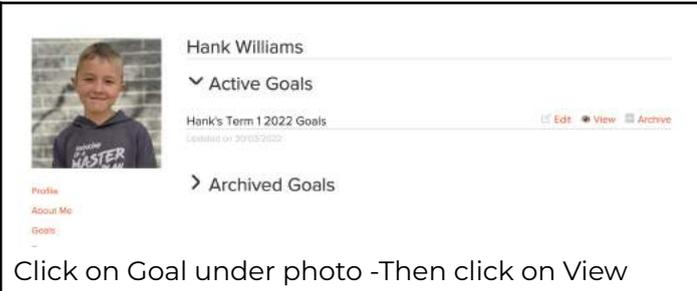
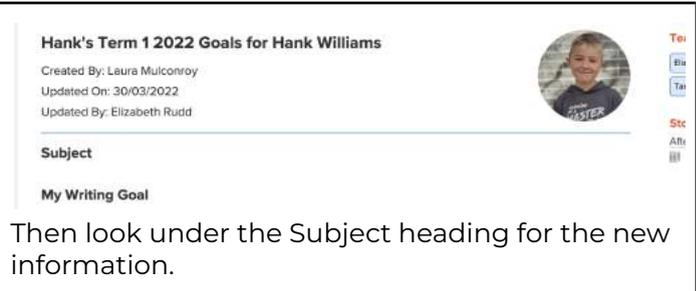
*Many children will have long lasting runny nose and cough after viral infections. If it is over 10 days since the onset of the COVID infection and they are no longer feeling unwell, they are unlikely to be transmitting any active COVID infection and can return to school. However, if they are continuing to feel unwell or their symptoms are worsening after 10 days then GP review is recommended."*

At Waitati School the 7 days isolation starts from when you tested positive, not from when the symptoms appear. This is to keep consistency with the Ministry of Health. I know this is all very annoying, especially if you work, but we have to be vigilant. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. If they do have symptoms due to Covid, but they are well, please can you email the teacher and communicate this with them.

Like me, if you have completed your isolation but members of your family test positive for Covid, you are able to continue to work or go to school. As long as you don't have symptoms and feel well. However, after three months, if you or someone in your household catches Covid again, you are required to re-isolate.

### **Reports 2022**

We are using Educa to report on your child's progress during 2022. In Term 1, you were contacted by a teacher to talk about your child's goals. You will find these on Educa under 'Goals'. Over the next few weeks teachers collaborate about where each child is tracking with their learning and what their next steps could be in relation to reading, writing, maths and their value goal. Teachers will write how each learner is progressing in the Goal section of Educa.

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|  <p>Click on Goal under photo -Then click on View</p> |  <p>Then look under the Subject heading for the new information.</p> |
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During Week 2 and 3 of Term 3 you will be invited to school/or via phone, to have a three way conference with your child and their teacher. We will use Calendly for booking these appointments. Your child will lead the conference and let you know what goals they have reached and what their next steps might be. If you would like anything printed out please let us know. You can download anything about your child from the Educa app.

### Puaka Matariki Lantern Parade & Hangi

It was disappointing to have to postpone our Puaka Matariki event. Thank you for your patience. We are still hoping to run the event on Thursday 7th of July. Please let the office know if you are able to attend so we can organise the catering.

### Term 3 Classes

We are moving our older Year 2 students along to Mihiwaka and Huatea, to create space for our New Entrants arriving between now and the end of the year. Bex Williams is also moving to join the Tuakana team, they will be team teaching until the end of the year. Haidee will be in Kapuka with a learning support teacher with Year 1 - 2.

All children continue to receive the learning which they need. All our teachers at Waitati School are expert practitioners and are able to teach all year groups from Year 1 - Year 8 at the same time. We are looking forward to Term 3.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



### Buddy Seat

Thank you to the Men's Shed from Hawkesbury for donating this amazing Buddy Seat. If you don't have a friend you can sit here and other children can show Manakitanga. The next step is to paint it up and make it look attractive.

### Creative in Schools Progress on our Kai Tahu Creation Story

This is one of the panels being created for a Pou which will be put into the Estuary (hopefully). It tells the story of the Kai Tahu Creation. This one is obviously not finished but

gives you an example of what they will look like. Here Papatuanuku is watching Takaroa take the placenta away. You can see her face is upset as is Takaroa, they are being separated.

Thank you to the Ceramic Passion Project team which continues to work with David Milne our Creative. You are all showing rangatiratanga, resilience at pursuing the completion of this project. Well done, Dot, io, Luca, Autumn, Brooklyn, Ink, Ada, Lachlan, Lumi, Alexia, Benj, Isla, Chloe and Joy plus our design experts Taylah, Eli and Enzo.



This is a photo of what one of the Pou's might look like.



### **Te Aro Performance** <https://www.aromusic.co.nz/>

In the morning of Thursday 30th June, a small group of ākonga get the opportunity to attend workshops at Puketeraki Marae and then participate in the afternoon show.

Emily and Charles of Aro present their collection of stories and waiata celebrating our natural heritage in this beautiful country, including award-nominated waiata about the native birdlife of this land. Fun for the whole family, a combination of folk, soul, haka,

and jazz bring audiences of all ages together in a celebration of the natural world that surrounds us.”

In the afternoon, the rest of the school are bused to East Otago Events centre to watch the performance. Anyone who is interested can attend. Consent forms are coming home for this event today, so please look in your child's bag.

### **PTA**

A HUGE HUGE thanks to Cargill Contracting for the trucks for our Scrap Metal run last Sunday. 3x trucks and a ute load went in on Monday.

Thanks heaps to; Dave, Nicholas, Chris, Mark, Jo, Claire, Beatrice, Robert, Fergus and Kirby for all your hard work. It was amazing, we really appreciate your help. Watch this space to see how much we raised for the School.

Next Fundraiser is the Beanos' Pies - Order forms in the office and due back by 28th June.



## **TERM 2 CALENDAR**

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

### **Week 9**

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| Sun 26 Jun | BBQ fundraiser at the market for Ski Camp<br>Play with Clay, ceramics studio open for whanau, 4-5.30pm            |
| Mon 27 Jun | Swimming at Moana Pool - afternoon session<br>KapaHaka and Te Reo 4pm - 6pm<br>BoT Meeting (postponed date) 5-7pm |
| Tue 28 Jun | Deadline for Beanos Orders  |
| Wed 29 Jun | BBQ fundraiser at school for Ski Camp<br>DNI  |
| Thu 30 Jun | Te Aro Matariki Performance at East Otago Events Centre..   |
| Fri 01 Jul | Music lessons at Playcentre - <u><i>Don't forget instruments / music books</i></u>                                |

### **Week 10**

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| Sun 03 Jul    | BBQ Fundraiser for Ski Camp at Waitati Market 10-1  |
| Mon 04-06 Jul | Year 7-8 camp at Duntroon<br>Swimming at Moana Pool - afternoon session   |
| Thu 07 Jul    | Puaka Matariki Lantern Parade and Hangi<br>Blueskin Nurseries School lunch delivery   |
| Fri 08 Jul    | Final Prize Giving Assembly 2pm at school<br>Last day of Term 2<br>Music lessons at Playcentre - <u><i>Don't forget instruments / music books</i></u> |

**School holidays from 9th - 24th July. Back to school on Monday 25th July**

## 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.

### This week's menu 30th June :

Meat or veggie hot dogs \$5, boysenberry muffin \$3.50

**Next week's menu 5th July: \* Please note that the cafe is closed this week, so all orders must be in by 3pm Sunday and lunches will be delivered to school as usual.**

Chunky fries \$4.20, cheese toastie \$3.90 & raspberry & white chocolate muffin \$3.50

# Play with Clay

Tara will open up the studio on 22nd May, 12th & 26th June. 4 - 5.30pm

Families and community members are invited to Play with Clay afternoons at Mahi a Ringa, Waitati Ceramics Studio. Come and get stuck into your own creative projects.

This is a koha event to cover the cost of clay and firing RSVP as there is a limit on numbers

Remember to please wear a mask



Mahi a Ringa Waitati Ceramic Studio  
Waitati School 1121 Mount Cargill Road, Waitati 9085  
Enquiries to [Office@waitati.school.nz](mailto:Office@waitati.school.nz)



### Blueskin Out of School Care

We feature a breakfast club in the morning where we chill out and start the day by fueling our bodies and in the afternoon we hang out with options of arts and crafts, field play, baking, and having the opportunity to chill out and read books.

Operating hours are from 7.00 am - 8.30am and 3.00pm - 5.30 pm.

Contact [Stacey Kennedy on 0277662545](tel:0277662545) for more information and an enrolment form.



PROGRAMMES TO SUIT ALL AGES  
JUNIORS: 5-9 YEARS SENIORS: 10-14 YEARS

|                  | 11 July                      | 12 July          | 13 July               | 14 July                    | 15 July             |
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| Week 1<br>Junior | MKC Creative                 | Inflatable World | Wheels & Baking Day   | Winter Disco               | Moana Pool          |
|                  | 11 July                      | 12 July          | 13 July               | 14 July                    | 15 July             |
| Senior           | The Amazing Race             | Leap             | Animation Time to get | Bowling                    | Moana Pool          |
|                  | 16 July                      | 19 July          | 20 July               | 21 July                    | 22 July             |
| Week 2<br>Junior | Centre Day International Day | Otago Museum     | MKC Sports Day        | Disco at Park & Hot Chicks | Movies Buffet       |
|                  | 18 July                      | 19 July          | 20 July               | 21 July                    | 22 July             |
| Senior           | MKC Creative                 | Mini Golf        | Frisbee Golf          | Timezone                   | Ice Skating & Pizza |
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Centres Opens: Silverstream School, Fairfield School, Balfour Park School, Wakari School, Sacred Heart School (NEV), Tahuna Intermediate (Senior)

BOOK NOW (Spaces are Limited)  
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