



Light the mind, Fire the heart, Engage the whānau

Newsletter 29th July 2022

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Term 3. We welcomed Maura to Waitati School on Monday. Maura is one of our new entrants in Kapuka this year. We also welcomed Esme who will be starting at the end of August, and Denva who will be learning in Huatea.

I went to an Educational one day conference in the holidays and presented a workshop to other Principals. It was such a pleasure to be able to show how Waitati School mirrors the community's passion for creativity in the form of the arts. I wanted to let you know how lucky I feel to be Principal of Waitati School. July also marks two years since I have started as Principal. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and have learnt so much from you. I love partnering with the Board, teachers and ākonga.

Year 7 and 8 in 2023

It is that time of the year where families are making plans for where their children will go to school in year 7 and 8. Obviously we want all our Year 6's to stay at Waitati School. Here is some information to outline what we provide at Waitati School for our intermediate learners.

We pride ourselves in providing the same if not better learning opportunities as our local intermediate school, DNI or East Otago High School.

What we can offer;

- Small classes
- Experienced dedicated teachers
- A small school where everyone knows each other and where your child will be supported by the whole staff
- Time to grow up a bit slower, where being yourself is not only encouraged, but supported
- Solid teaching of reading, writing and maths, with teachers who know exactly where your child is and can provide continuous learning support
- An environment where a wide range of learning subjects are encouraged and learnt in a transdisciplinary way
- A working Kiln, Mahi-ā-ringā / ceramic studio, a woodwork area (under development,) a teaching kitchen, an art space, a swamp for huts and play
- Passion Projects once a fortnight
- Project based learning which allows students to learn in authentic ways connected to experts
- Master Chef competition
- At least two camps per year, one including ski camp
- A Year 7-8 programme which focuses on character building and leadership opportunities. We try for two outings per term
- Access to Technology at DNI (the town intermediate school) has exactly the same access as the learners at DNI get

Like to know more about Year 7 and 8? Know of others who would like to join us?

Contact [Tara O'Neill](#)

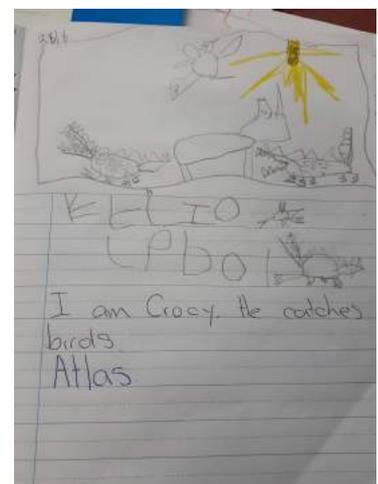
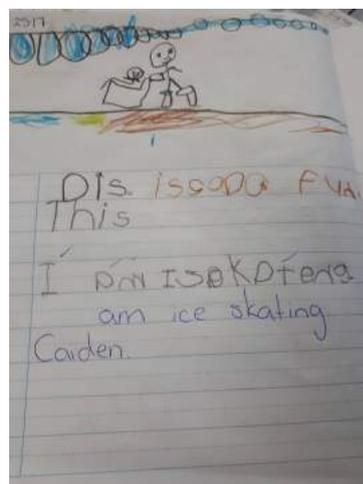
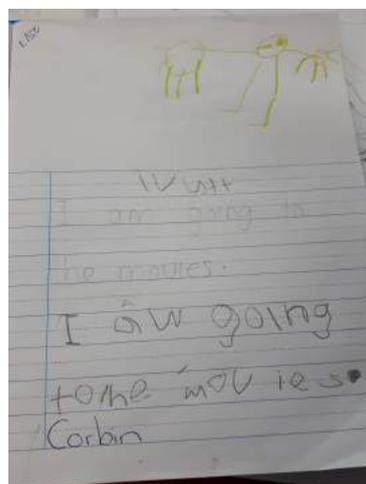
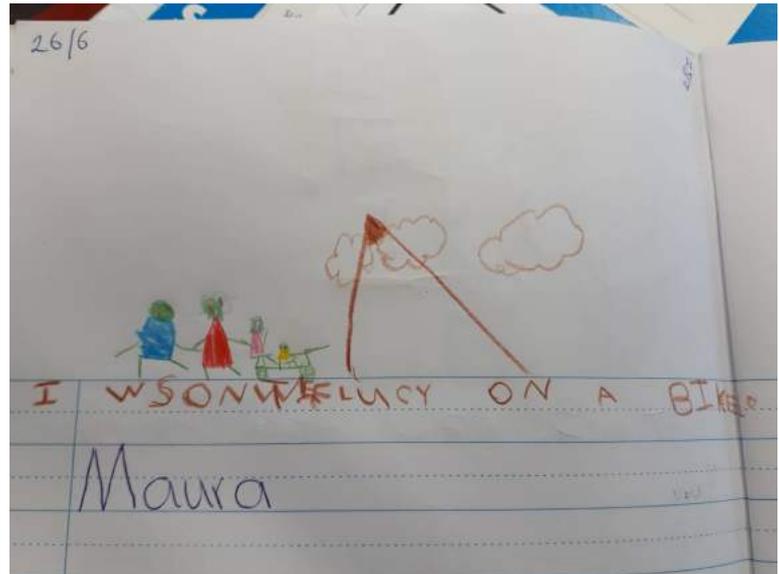
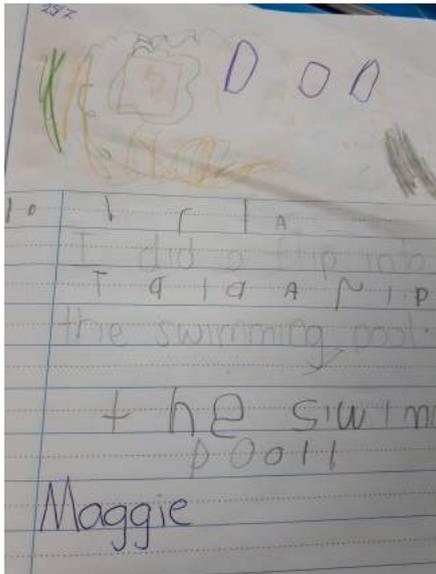
Three-Way Student Led Learning Conferences

This week we will be publishing the learning goals update on Educa. You will see teacher's notes on your child's progress. Please make sure you have booked your conference with the office. When you come for your three-way conference, your child will speak about the goals they have achieved and your teacher/s will discuss the progress made and together you will set new goals. This conversation is significant in communicating learning. The Goals make up part of a portfolio of learning along with learning posts all found on Educa.

If you are new to Educa please talk with Laura in the office or Tara and we can show you how to get connected.

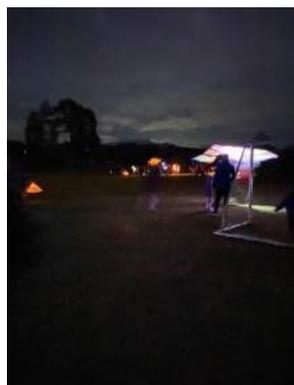
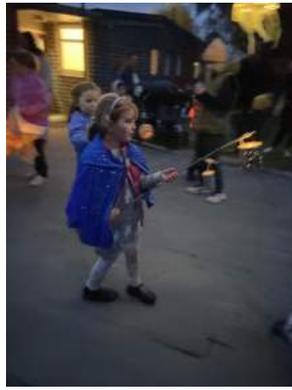
NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Kapuaka Writing



Fun at Matariki





A huge nga mihi to all who worked so hard to put this event on and to the Dunedin City Council for funding it.

Thanks to the Waitati Drummers, Mandy, Poutama, Pete, Kaiako at Waitati School, Stacey, Blueskin Playcentre and whanau, Waitati School ākonga, Kylie and her Aunty's Steamer, The Opera House fairy lights, all the dishwashers and servers on the night, and everyone who turned up and made it such a special night.



Prize Giving Term 2 - Congratulations to all our Prize Winners



Congratulations to Falco who won the Principal Award and Isla who won the Golden Feather Award.

CALENDAR Term 3 2022

Click here for the online calendar

Week 2

Sun 31 Aug Fundraising BBQ at Waitati Market 1-4pm
Tue 02 Aug Student Led Conferences - 3pm - 5pm
Deadline for lunch orders by midday
Wed 03 Aug Student Led Conferences 3pm - 7pm
Tech DNI
Deadline for Board nominations
Thu 04 Aug Swimming 12.30 - 1.30 at Moana Pool - last sessions
School lunch delivery arriving at 11.30am
Fri 05 Aug Music lessons

Week 3

Sun 07 Aug Fundraising BBQ at Waitati Market 10am - 1pm
Mon 08 Aug Kapa Haka 2 -2.30pm (whanau welcome)
PTA meeting 3pm at school - all welcome
Te Reo lessons 5-6pm
Tue 09 Aug Cross country at Waikouaiti Rugby Reserve
Deadline for lunch orders by midday
Wed 10 Aug No TechDNI for Year 7-8
Thu 11 Aug School closes at 1pm for Student led conferences
School lunch delivery at 12
Fri 12 Aug Music lessons

Week 4

Sun 14 Aug Play with Clay 4pm - 5.30pm - All welcome
Mon 15-19 Aug Ski Camp for Mapounui (Year 6-8) - all week
Mon 15 Aug Kapa Haka 2-2.30pm (whanau welcome)
Te Reo lessons 5-5.45pm
BOT Hui 5.45pm
Tue 14 Aug Deadline for lunch orders by midday
Wed 15 Aug Tech DNI
Thu 16 Aug School lunch delivery
Fri 17 Aug Music lessons
Ara Photography workshop 12.30 - 2pm (small groups)
Purakanui Marae Whanau Hui at the Marae for all kaiako and whānau from 3pm

Week 5

Fri 26 Aug Passion Project day one of new round

NOTICES

Board Elections

Nominations for the Waitati School Board of Trustees closes on 3rd August. Contact the office now if you are interested, but have not been in contact!



Waitati Gold Honey - For Sale at the Office

Fundraiser for the Bee Club to help supply further equipment
\$10 for 250g CASH ONLY PLEASE



Blueskin Out of School Care

If you need help with before or after school care then please contact Stacey on 0277662545 or blueskinoutofschoolcare@gmail.com

There is availability for Thursday 11th in the afternoon when school is closed for Student Led Conferences.

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 weeks menu: Beef nachos \$5.50, veg nachos \$5, banana choc muffin \$3.50.

Next week menu: Hotdogs \$5, veg hotdogs \$5, boysenberry muffin \$3.50.

Blueskin Playcentre

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Blueskin Playcentre is still buzzing off the very special Matariki celebrations that we recently shared with Waitati Kura! Thank you so much for letting our little people join in with your lovely school community – it was very special to celebrate Matariki together! The tamariki really enjoyed helping with the hangi preparations by making stuffing balls and steamed puddings – such a fun (and delicious) way to contribute and a great hands on learning experience for our tamariki!

At Playcentre, we are so lucky to have such a close relationship with the school. Those tamariki who “jump the fence” and move on to Waitati Kura when they turn 5 are often greeted by a bunch of friendly ex-Playcentre faces in their classroom. Nothing like a friendly face (or five!) to help settle the nerves in a new situation! Seeing many of the friendships formed at Playcentre carry on into the school years is a real pleasure. At break times we often see children come over to chat to their Playcentre pals, as well as older siblings coming to say hi to their family too! It is also not uncommon to see the teachers popping into Playcentre before the transition to school – to get to know the tamariki, to see what they enjoy, to see what learning they are drawn to, and to build those all important relationships between child, teacher, and parents. Thank you Waitati School for welcoming our little people into your community so warmly.

If you have pre-school aged children and would like to give Playcentre a go then please come and find us at the end of the school driveway. We have sessions Mon, Tue and Wed, 9am – 12pm. If you'd like to arrange a visit, then please find us on Facebook (Blueskin Playcentre), at <https://www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/blueskin/>, or at blueskinplaycentre88@gmail.com. Just a reminder that our Facebook page is the easiest way to get the latest updates on what we are up to. We hope to see you soon!

Aroha nui,
Blueskin Playcentre

Email for Past members of Junior Girls Football Dunedin.

We need your help! (Junior Girls Space) External Inbox x

Jess Fuller <jess@footballsouth.co.nz>

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Good Morning,

We need your help!

Football South are currently undergoing a review of the Junior girls Football space and we need help collecting data that will be used in informing the decisions we make. This is so we can create better experiences for our members in the future. We are passionate about creating fun, engaging and supportive environments for our young female players to play football and are currently looking at initiatives and strategies to continue to improve this space in the future.

The following Survey has been designed to create a better understanding of the junior girls football space. It would be most appreciated if you could please share this with any female club members or school students born between 2006 & 2016. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93HG8RN>. The girls do not need to be currently playing football to participate in the survey.

We will close responses on the 20th of August. We appreciate your help with this and hope that this is the start to continuing to grow and develop the Junior Girls Football space in the Future.

Many Thanks,
Jess



Memorial for Meg the dog that was missing. 3.30pm Friday 5th of August

On Friday the 5th of August, is Meg the dog's birthday she would have turned 11. Although she is no longer with us her remarkable story of hope lives on.

The Blueskin Library in conjunction with Mandy Mayhem and Meg's owners Andy and Alison, have a celebration planned. Come along to the hall for afternoon tea at 3.30pm. Please bring your pooch.

There will be doggie bags, a parade, prizes, cake and an unveiling !

Why ? To recognise the care and attention Meg received from Blueskin residents, searching for her when she was lost, and loving her when she visited to walk around the area, post event.

In celebration of her story there will be copies of Remarkable Meg book as prizes. (Best dressed dog, Best dog trick, dog and owner lookalike, spot prizes)

The author, Rachel McCoubrey has kindly donated the original cover art to the library for display. Special thanks to our editor Meg Brassel-Jones for her design work. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mandy Mayhem

