

Kia ora whānau,
Happy Term 3 Holidays.

Today we say goodbye to Stacey Kennedy as she sets out with a new venture in the Blueskin Playcentre building. Stacey has been the most amazing learning support teacher. She also worked in the office and was an organising magician. We are really going to miss you Stacey. I really hope people get behind your before and after school programme. I think Waitati is super lucky to have this service.

We say goodbye to Falco and Moss and Zaylie and Rodney as they are moving house. We are really going to miss you all. Thank you so much for being amazing members of our school. All the very best for your new start.

Covid-19 Update

The Ministry is sending us lots of masks for children and adults. It is recommended that we continue to wear masks for Year 4 and up. We also have three air purifiers in three classrooms now. Thank you MOE.

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."*

Reporting 2022

As has already been communicated in previous newsletters.....reporting about your child's learning and progress will look different this year. I invite you to paddle with us and discover new possibilities.



Traditionally reports have been a static document, a summary of learning over a period of time. We believe that there is a much better way to do this - one that is more dynamic and is able to better record the main voices in the relationship between you, your child and their teacher.

So in a nutshell..... Written reports twice a year are being replaced with a better ongoing reporting model.

Our new computer system Educa allows us to

do this.

Each child has a personalised ongoing document which can be shared, talked about and updated during the year by the child, parents, and the teacher.

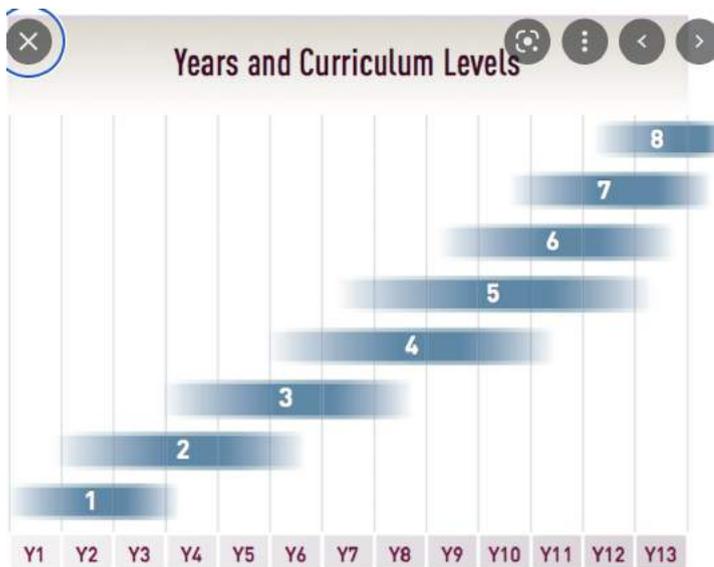
Report updates to you about your child's learning will include:

- 1. Learning Stories** - different types of stories that over time will be reflective of different curriculum areas.
- 2. Learning Goals and Progress About** reading, writing, maths and values (find these under your child's photo,)
- 3. Relationships** - information about your child's social interactions at school.

Three Way Conferences

Next term you are invited to come to school and talk with your child and their teacher about their progress. The teacher will show you where your child is tracking compared to the New Zealand Curriculum expectations. Please check your email for the links to booking an appointment online. Please be sure you book a time as these conversations are so important to support your child. Your child comes to the learning conversation too, so they can share all their wonderful learning with you, and any new goals can be set together.

He waka eke noa; we are all in this together. Three way conferences will be held in Week 2 and 3 of Term 3.



This graph is from the NZC. It shows how most children make progress. It also acknowledges that children make progress at different times and at different rates. As an example, they may take longer at level 1 and then make a big jump into level 2.

Teachers use a number of assessments, class work and observations to give as fair an assessment as possible of your child's learning and progress. We call this an 'Overall Teacher Judgement' - by using assessment information and professional knowledge to determine a child's level of work/progress. This is what teachers will

share with you at the three way conferences.

The School Board has received a more comprehensive outline of the new reporting and assessment process. If you would like a copy of this more detailed information, please contact me at principal@waitati.school.nz for a copy.

Remember, when your child leaves Waitati School you can request that their learning records from Educa are printed out or sent to you as a PDF.

Term 3 Classes

At the start of Term 3 older Year 2 students will work in Mihiwaka and Huatea, to create space for New Entrants arriving between now and the end of the year. Bex Williams is also moving to join the Tuakana team, where they will be team teaching until the end of the year. Haidee will be in Kapuka with a learning support teacher and Year 1 - 2.

No matter which learning space your child is in, they will continue to receive the learning that they most need.

All teachers at Waitati School are expert practitioners and are able to teach all year groups from Year 1 - Year 8. We are looking forward to Term 3.

Friday, 8 July 2022

Puaka Matariki Lantern Parade & Hangi

It's a whale of a Matariki parade



News > Dunedin

What an exciting night we had. Thank you so much to Pete, Poutama, Stacey, Kylie, Bec, Laura, our Kaiako, and all our amazing helpers leading up to and on the night. Thank you to our tamariki and whānau who came along and made the night so very special. You are an amazing community Waitati.



PHOTO: PETER MCINTOSH

Isla Liddy (10, front) and Abigail Liddy parade their whale lantern as part of the Waitati School Puaka Matariki lantern parade last night.

The community gathering was originally scheduled for a fortnight ago, but the rescheduling worked out well, as a crisp, clear winter night greeted those who took part.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

School Board Parent Elections

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the Waitati School Board of Trustees. The deadline for nominations is **FRIDAY 15th JULY 2022**



Information about nominating yourself or someone else went home this week. If you want to send your nomination by email, then please send it to: office@waitati.school.nz

Why join a school board?

School board members are active leaders in our schools. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives. School boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children.

The school board elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education. We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students!

"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference."

- Lorraine Kerr, NZSTA President

NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL



Year 7 & 8
Technology at
DNI

Waitati School won a \$500 voucher prize for Walk n' Wheel Week. Presented by Kerri.



Swimming lessons at Moana Pool Term 2

Year 7-8 trip to Duntroon



Waitaki Whitestone Geopark with John



First night at the camp.



Our Year 7 and 8 students. What a great group.

PTA

Thanks to everyone who has backed all the fundraisers this term. We are delighted to have raised \$774 on the scrap metal and \$500 on Beans' Pies. Coming up in Term 3 will be a bingo night and a disco!

TERM 2 CALENDAR

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

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

Week 1 Term 3

Mon 25 Jul	School starts back, Mihi for new students and staff 9am all welcome 3rd and final enrolment period ends
Tue 26 Jul	Board information evening with Katie Peppercorn 8pm at school Blueskin Lunch order deadline at midday
Wed 27 Jul	DNI Year 7-8
Thu 28 Jul	Swimming lesson 8 Blueskin Nurseries Lunch delivery
Fri 29 Jul	Goal updates released on Educa Music lessons start back

NOTICES

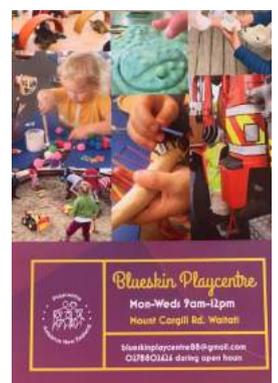
Okāhau Dune Project

It's that time again!

Kia ora koutou nature lovers, tree-huggers, and community-minded fellow-travellers 🌿

No doubt you've already sunk your hands in the soil and got into planting season already this year... but if not.. now's your chance to do some of the easiest planting you will ever do! Don't succumb to climate doom! Get off your bum and come plant with us!

Join us on JULY 16th 10am-2pm to plant some pīkao at Okāhau/Warrington Beach. Warm up your muscles, and warm your bellies with some delicious (vegan) kai from



the folks at

His and Hers Catering (yus!) 🍷🍷

What: Okāhau Dune Project planting day

Where: meet at the [Warrington Surf Club](#)

When: Saturday 16th July, 10am - 2pm (rain day Sunday 17th July)

What to bring: dress for the weather with appropriate footwear, bring a spade or a trowel if you have one (some will be provided), and gloves to protect your hands from these somewhat spiky plants.

What else: public toilets are available on site, and there's a tap where you can refill your water bottle. Tea, coffee, and hot food will be provided, but there is no shop in Warrington so if you need to bring extra supplies please do so.

Spider-what-now?? That's right folks! Spiderman is making a special trip to Okāhau to teach us about the beautiful Katipō. Expect to come away from this encounter entranced by and in love with our Arachnid friends! Like all of us, they just wanna be understood :)



For those of you who are really committed, we would also love some help unloading the plants the day before planting. Delta staff will be running them down the beach (below the high tide mark) using a quad and trailer combo, but they will need to be carried from there up to the site in the dunes - many hands make light work! If you can help with this please get in touch and we'll keep you posted about the exact time. A huge thank you to those who have already put their hands up - stay tuned.

Keen eyes will note that the above photo is not in fact Okāhau, but Waikouaiti Sandspit (Ohinepouwera) with beautiful Huriawa Peninsula in the background. This planting is only a couple of years old, and gives a very good idea of what can be achieved in a short space of time. The two plants featured in this photo are Pīkao/Pīngao ([Ficinia spiralis](#)) and Waiū-atua/Sea spurge ([Euphorbia glauca](#)). These are two important native species of Southern coasts and dune systems, both with the conservation status of "At risk - Declining".

All welcome!

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there 🦀🕸️🦀

Angelina

Okāhau Dune Project

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ORDER	WEEK 1 - 28th July	COST	
	Sausage rolls	\$5.00	
	Vegetarian Sausage Rolls (Pb, DF)	\$5.00	
	Blueberry Muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 2 - 4th August	COST	
	Beef Nacho(gf & df on request)	\$5.50	
	Vegetarian Nacho(gf & df on request)	\$5.00	
	Banana Choc chip muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 3 - 11th August	COST	
	American Hotdogs	\$5.00	
	Vegetarian hotdogs	\$5.00	
	Boysenberry muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 4 - 18th August	COST	
	Ham and Cheese Pizza pita	\$5.00	
	Vegetarian Pizza pita(pb on request)	\$4.50	
	Raspberry & White Choc Muffin	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 5 - 25th August	COST	
	Chunky Fries	\$4.20	
	Cheese Toasties	\$3.90	
	Chocolate Muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 6 - 1st September	COST	
	Spagetti Bolognese	\$5.50	
	Vegetarian lasanga(gf & df on request)	\$5.50	
	Banana Choc chip muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 7 - 8th September	COST	
	Cheese Burger	\$5.50	
	Vegetaran burger	\$5.50	
	Orange Chocolate Chip Muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 8 - 15th September	COST	
	Fish & chips	\$5.50	
	Fried Cauliflower & chips	\$5.50	
	Blueberry Muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 9 - 22nd September	COST	
	American Hotdogs	\$5.00	
	Vegetarian hotdogs	\$5.00	
	Boysenberry muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 10 - 29th September	COST	
	Chunky Fries	\$4.20	
	Cheese Toasties	\$3.90	
	Raspberry White Chocolate Muffins	\$3.50	
		TOTAL MONEY	



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](#) for more information and an enrolment form

Term 3 Lunches from Blueskin Nurseries and Cafe

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.