



Light the mind, Fire the heart, Engage the whānau

Newsletter 23rd September 2022

Kia ora whānau,

We are nearly at the end of Term 3. The school is humming along, with much excitement about our learning exhibition next week.

**Ko au te whenua, ko whenu ko au: I am the land and the land is me.**

This whakatauki has served as a provocation, for us to centre our learning around. This is what we call learning focuses, that are particular to our own area and local curriculum. Our Creatives in School project has also fed into this, allowing our learners to delve into how we impact our environment and how wonderfully our land supports us. The learning links to our NZ curriculum in many areas including, science, the arts, New Zealand history, technology, communication fluency and maths.

**Learning Exhibition Day - Wednesday 28th September 9am**

We start the day by planting trees. My group has worked with Kelly from Otago University in surveying the swamp next to the school house. The ākongas have used real surveying tools to do this with. We have also worked closely with the Halo Project to learn what trees can be planted in a wetland and where and how we will place them. Today we meet with the Otago Regional Council to test the water at the edge of the wetland. During the weekends the CD -Community Detention men have cleared gorse and other weeds, and spent hours chopping grass clumps down. My Pete has kindly started burning the piles of weeds this week and over summer he kept the area we had cleared mowed.

Our goal of planting a wetland and creating space for an outside wellbeing and learning area is beginning to take shape. Our goal is to have a quiet space for Waitati School children to enjoy in future years, full of beautiful birds and trees. Our hope is that our learners will take this learning with them and develop their own wetlands in years to come. This project is the perfect example for children to embrace the whakatauki. We have much to

continue to explore in how we live respectfully within our environment.

Waitati School has proudly been a Green-Gold Enviroschool for some time now. During our learning exhibition day on Wednesday, Bex and her learners will share an update on the vision for 2023.

Elizabeth has been working with a group of learners who have selected their own projects, some of these ākongas will be sharing these with you - Prepare to be inspired. One project by Oliver is supporting our wetland. We realised that if we want our native trees to grow, we will need to begin a trapping programme to deter pests. Come and hear how Oliver plans to do this.

Jess, Georgia and Mikaela, with a larger group of ākongas will present the production Taniwha, Taniwha, on stage at the Waitati Hall from 2-2.30 pm. They have worked so hard on this and with such excitement. It is incredibly exciting to see the creative arts flourish at

Waitati School. With our new music programme Charanga, which you will get to watch at our end of term assembly, and the music teaching on Fridays, the future is bright.

I hope you can make it along for all or part of the day on Wednesday. If you can't make it we will be writing learning stories and videoing the production.

I hope you enjoy the Queens Memorial day on Monday and we will see you all at school on Tuesday 27th September.

Tara O'Neill

## **Health and Safety**

This year we have a new team formed that meets once a term to discuss health and safety. This consists of the Principal, a staff member and a Board member. We discuss how policy is working at Waitati School and what we can do to improve. For example, we look at the risk register to see what risks we have around and what we need to attend to. There is also a walk around with a Board member and a teacher where they check the site to make sure it is safe for our children. We no longer use the clay mine area, (the bank next to Kilimoko) since the top fence isn't safe enough to protect them from cars, the children are so disappointed. We also have a broken Flying Fox, which is just worn out. Our caretaker Peter is working at fixing it, but if you have expertise in this area, then please let us know. I am also in need of someone with a chipper, for the many piles of old branches, etc... lying around our school property. Again if you can help please let me know.

## **Year 7 and 8**

At Waitati School we recognise the importance of this age group and really care about them. Our goal is to have as many children as possible stay at Waitati School. Over the two years that I have been Principal, we have been working at developing a leadership programme to support this age group. We have engaged with parents over this time to try and make the best programme ever. The goal is to provide extra activities that extend our students. The Year 7-8's have been on two camps, and had a day exploring character strengths. The learning also continues daily in the classroom. Unfortunately, COVID-19 disrupted many of our plans over the last two years, and especially during Term 1 and early Term 2 of this year. I would like to say a big thank you to Maria and Jess along with Bex and Mikaela, for the many hours they give to extend our wonderful Year 7 and 8 learners. You are appreciated. Thanks to our parents who offered to go to the camps and help with transport on trips.

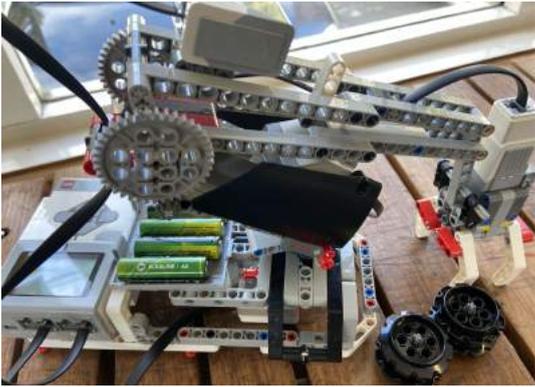
## **Coming up in Term 4**

- Master Chef - a competition to find the best Chef. This competition requires our learners to use locally sourced ingredients to create a meal and serve it to judges. There is a cup up for grabs and much honour to the winner of this competition. This will be held early Term 4.
- A walk around Portobello and a visit to the Portobello Marine Science Centre.
- A visit from some local hero's to inspire our learners.

## **Staffing for 2023**

We welcome our wonderful Chris Slabbert back to Mapounui (Year 6-8) for 2023, he will be working on Thursdays and Fridays and will be joined by another teacher from our team. Chris is excited to be returning, while also continuing on with his studies in ceramic art. It is wonderful to have teachers studying and following their passions. It brings a wonderful opportunity for our learners to be inspired about life long learning. We look forward to seeing our Ceramic Studio, Mahi-ā-ringā, buzzing with activity.

Lego Techniques, a new activity in Mapounui.



## PTA

### Bingo Fundraiser Evening - Thank You!

A massive thank you to all those who supported our PTA Bingo Fundraiser evening. It was a sell out event and the 100 strong crowd was fantastic - enjoying the bingo, buying multiple raffle tickets and enthusiastically bidding in the bottle auctions!



**A huge thank you to the following individuals and businesses who generously donated prizes:**

Moana Pool, On the Spot, Waitati Custom Fencing, Blueskin Gallery, Orangahau Ltd, Sanitarium, Thermomix - Lisa, Tile Direct, Davin Health Care, Arc Brewery, Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe, Pure Services, Harvey Street Merchant, Top Flite, Cargill Contracting, New World, (Gardens) Kerry Hodge Photography, Terra Cat, McEwan Haulage Ltd, Trade Aid NZ, Clip 'n Climb, Wild Az Catering, Meenans by Liquorland, Farmlands, His and Hers Catering, Ema-Jades Aromatics, Humes, Leigh Pickford Builders, Harraways, Whittaker's Chocolate, Kees Meeuws, Bayleys Real Estate, Coca-Cola, All the school families and the local community.

An incredible sum of nearly \$8,000 was raised by this event - a credit to Kirby, Chair of the PTA and driver of this fundraiser. Thank you!

# CALENDAR Term 3 / 4 2022

[Click here for the online calendar](#)

## Week 10

Mon 26 Sep	<b>School Closed for Queen Elizabeth II memorial</b>
Tue 27 Sep	Deadline for lunch orders by midday
Wed 28 Sep	Tech DNI Exhibition Day
Thu 29 Sep	School lunch delivery
Fri 30 Sep	Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons Te Ara photography workshop for 10 students. Last day of term Leap Trip for Mapounui

## Term 4

### Week 1

Mon 17 Oct	First day back to school.
Tue 18 Oct	Deadline for lunch orders by midday 9am Mihi Whakatau 10am Vision & Hearing at school

Wed 19 Oct	Tech DNI
Thu 20 Oct	School lunch delivery Senior athletics day at Palmerston
Fri 21 Oct	Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons

### Week 2

Mon 24 Oct	<b>School Closed for Labour Day</b>
Tue 25 Oct	<b>School Closed for Teacher Only Day</b> Deadline for lunch orders by midday. Orders to the cafe only this week
Wed 26 Oct	Tech DNI
Thu 27 Oct	School lunch delivery
Fri 28 Oct	Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons

## NOTICES

**EXHIBITION DAY**

WED 28TH SEPTEMBER.  
9AM - 2.30AM

AT WAITATI SCHOOL

**Project Exhibition day**  
You are invited to spend the day with us.  
9 - 11 am tree planting  
-creating a new world connected trees to the vision of our vision.  
11 - 12.30pm  
Project presentations  
2pm - 2.30 pm  
Taniwha, Taniwha production at Waitati Hall

Individual projects presented by a variety of groups

- Fundraising Wildlife Hospital
- Spiders
- Trapping pests
- Catching fish

Manaaki Papatuanuku  
Enviroschools re-vision  
Come and see our 2022 vision for Waitati School

11am - 12.30pm at school

Production of Taniwha Taniwha  
2pm at the Waitati Hall

**KO AU TE WHENUA TE  
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### Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe - School Lunch

**This week's menu:** Chunky fries, cheese toasty and boysenberry muffin.

Next Term's menus coming home soon.

Please remember to **place your orders by midday on Tuesdays 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.

**Are you interested in starting guitar, ukulele or piano lessons?**

We run these lessons in school time on Fridays. If you are interested in starting next term, then please let us know and we can put you in touch with our amazing teachers.





## Lost & Found

As we approach the end of term, please check the box for clothing, shoes, etc...

There is so much in the lost property box every term. Our amazing volunteers take the time to wash and donate anything that isn't claimed, to charity. **Help keep the school tidy by claiming your things now.**



Kia ora folks,

Our Clutha Planting Days are coming up and we are still looking for a few more volunteers to help. Would you please be able to pass this opportunity onto other members of your groups or communities?

DOC will be planting some native seedlings around the Lower Clutha River / Mata-Au catchment to help restore and enhance riparian habitat for freshwater fish.

Planting will take place across several properties near Waitahuna (near Milton). Transport is available from Dunedin, but there are limited spaces.

The dates are as follows, but we can be flexible if there is enough interest in any other days.

date	back-up date	site	locale	No. of plants
Sep 19-20	Sep-21	Bobs Creek	Waitahuna	350
Sep 22-23	Sep-26	Mitchells Flat Rd	Waitahuna	275
Sep 27-28	Sep-29	Knob Gully Stream	Waitahuna	400
Oct 4-5	Oct-6	Waitahuna River tributary (Tweed)	Waitahuna	260

Please let me know if you have any questions, otherwise people can sign up by emailing me directly.



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10<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

### Concert Weekend Notice for pupils and parents of all our SMMC Centres:

This notice explains what is happening on:

- Saturday morning 24<sup>th</sup> September (Concert rehearsal at George St School) and
- Sunday afternoon 25<sup>th</sup> September (Our annual Demonstration Concert at the Dunedin Town Hall).

## Blueskin Out of School Care Holiday Programme Exploring our World

### Monday

Let's visit France, wear red, blue or white and bring your bike for the Tour de Waitati. We will attempt to build the Eiffel Tower and eat Croissants.

### Tuesday

It's a fiesta! We are off to Mexico. Let's eat Nachos and build our own Piñata. We will make our own serapes and Mexican chains.

### Wednesday

G'Day, we are off to visit our friends in Australia. We will have a snag on the BBQ, explore the billabong and do some Aboriginal Dot Painting.

### Thursday

It's Highland Games day as we set off to explore Scotland. Today we will also make our own tartan and decorate our own bagpipes.

### Friday

Konichiwa Japan. Let's make sushi, learn the art of origami and Japanese Calligraphy.

#### Note:

We are operating Monday to Friday  
3rd to 7th October 2022  
7.30/8.30am to 5.30pm  
Cost is \$70/60 per day

Bring your lunchbox, hat and a change of clothes for the day.  
In order for this to be successful we need your support so book early.



## Jobs that Really Count

Become a Census Collector and be part of telling the story of life in Aotearoa

New Zealand's next census will be in March 2023. To prepare for this national event we are calling for expressions of interest for Census Collectors where you will deliver real value for your community.

#### Thousands of temporary full-time and part-time positions available across Aotearoa from January to April 2023

- Interact and engage with people across your local community
- Support, influence and motivate the public to take part in the census
- Deliver and collect census materials and information to and from households and dwellings
- Temporary assignments commencing through January, February and March 2023
- Hours range from 16 hours to 40+ across 7 days per week
- Great pay rates + upon full completion of assignment you will be paid a completion payment equivalent to ten percent (10%) of paid hours worked + you will receive allowances + paid training + KiwiSaver employer contributions paid to all those opting in including 65+ years

Work in your community, for your community!  
Be part of a programme that delivers real value to local communities by ensuring everyone takes part, is counted and is represented in the data collected in the next census.



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