



**Light the mind, Fire the heart, Engage the whānau**

## Mini Newsletter Update 2nd September 2022

Kia ora whānau,

### **COVID-19 Update**

From Monday 5th September, masks will no longer be required to be worn by children or teachers inside or outside the school building. Of course, if you want to wear a mask you are more than welcome. We have completed an up to date risk assessment and believe that the numbers of Covid-19 cases in Waitati and Otago have dropped significantly. We believe that it is now safe to remove masks. If you are a parent, guardian or visitor coming into the school grounds, you no longer need to wear a mask. **If you go inside a classroom or building, we would appreciate you wearing a mask.**

We continue to have other protections in place. These include; basic hygiene, washing hands prior to eating, wiping surfaces twice a day, air purifiers inside along with open windows and fresh air, and having large gatherings outside wherever possible. We will continue to keep an eye on the recommendations and if required we will re-instate mask wearing.

Parents and caregivers are now welcome to come and pick up their tamariki from their classrooms. **Haidee will no longer be bringing the New Entrants up to the gate after today.**

### **Chromebooks**

We would like the Chromebooks to stay at school for the rest of the term. If your child is absent for a significant period of time, then we can drop a Chromebook off to them. We think that now is the time to keep them at school, as we need to do some essential maintenance.

### **Whānau Hui in regards to Wellbeing**

We would like to invite you to a workshop about wellbeing - A topic for the times. What do you do for your wellbeing? What does being well look like for you? What would you like to see Waitati School teaching about wellbeing? Last year, we were in the middle of a meeting about wellbeing when we received the news of a national lockdown. We would like to have that meeting again and feel that now is a good time. If you are interested, we want to discuss your thoughts and ideas on wellbeing and what you would like to see included at Waitati School.

Anne Kenneally, will be our facilitator. Anne has been working with the staff for 18 months now and would love to meet you all. **This wellbeing workshop will be held over two sessions on**

**Thursday 8th September 3-3.45pm and 6-6.45pm - children are welcome.**

### **Helping Us By Giving Feedback**

Please, please could you fill out these quick Google forms and help the staff and Board of Trustees to make informed decisions going forward. These are confidential - no names are kept. Thank you to those who have already filled them out.

- **Parent and Caregivers Survey - [Click here to fill](#)**
- **Feedback on Term 3 Learning Conferences - [Click here to fill](#)**

### **Otago Cross Country**

All the best to our ākonga going to the Cross Country today!

### **Play with Clay**

Join Tara this Sunday afternoon in Mahi a Ringa, our ceramics studio to work on your own ceramics projects. Sunday 4th of September 4 - 5.30pm (Koha event)

Tara O'Neill