

Kia ora whānau, Mālō e lelei, Hello,

Welcome back to Term 4 2022.

It is so good to see everyone back. Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner?

Welcome to Edwyn and his parents, Jen and Marcus. Edwin is starting this Term in Kapuka.

The Mihi whakatau on Tuesday was outstanding. Our learners showed Manaakitanga/ respect by listening quietly, singing beautifully and sitting still. Murray from The Education Review Office commented on the beautiful singing and respectful behaviour. A huge thank you to Poutama for continuing to support us in this space.

Term 4 is always busy, so try and pace yourself. As a staff we have looked at the term and have been selective in what we choose to pursue. We are actively looking after the wellbeing of our community. If you need help or clarification about anything, please ask your child's teacher, Tara or Laura in the office. It is super important that children come to school this term regularly. Obviously if they are sick we understand, but try and get them back as soon as possible. We don't mind the odd cough if students are well and not contagious.

Communicating with Teachers

Teachers are available to answer emails, messages and phone calls (when not teaching) on Mondays to Fridays between 8.30am - 4.30pm. Please allow 24 hours for a response. We are encouraging all staff to spend the weekends looking after themselves and their families.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

Waitati School Vision - What we want to see. *Our Whanau will be engaged participants who enjoy learning and want to come to school.*

Annual goal - *to increase our learners' engagement and understanding of what they are learning and how they are learning it.*

We are working on our understanding of restorative practice through the Ministry of Education's project called PB4L. We believe that all behaviour is communication and together as a community we work to teach our children how to communicate their needs in positive ways. We use our school values to talk about ways of communicating positively.

This term we want to invite you to take part in some information gathering. We will do this two ways. 1. This survey - [click here to take part](#) (confidential survey) 2. A cheese and wine evening (more information to come).



Term 4 Valuing our Values - Teacher's give ākongā Waitati Dollars for showing our Waitati values during the day. Each Friday a shop opens where ākongā can spend their Waitati money. They can save it or spend it. This helps us to talk about our values, what they look like, sound like and feel like. We teach our learners how to show Waitati values in the school context.

Navigating the Journey

We have now completed Navigating the Journey. This is a required part of the New Zealand Curriculum. The Board of Trustees is interested in your feedback about this topic - please [respond here](#). Thank you.

Sunsmart



During Term 4 all children and staff need to wear sun hats and sunscreen outside.

You can wear a Waitati School bucket hat, or your own hat. If students do not have a hat at school they will need to play under a tree or shade cover. We have sunscreen at school, but it is effective to put sunscreen on in the morning before school. If your child has a sunscreen allergy then

please let the office and your child's teacher know. In this case, you would need to provide your own sunscreen.



We are reviewing our Sunsmart policy at the moment. When we go on trips outside that involve water, we are recommending that all children wear a full length upper body rash suit.

Year 7 & 8

Term 4 - Our Year 7 and 8's are heading out for a tramp and a visit to the aquarium at Portobello, on the 27th October, which was suggested by parents at our hui in Term 1.

The year 6-8's are beginning Master Chef, which is a traditional Waitati School focus where students compete for the Master Chef cup by cooking for judges. They cook in teams but get marked separately. A big focus is on locally grown food.

For 2023 we have Chris Slabbert returning from his sabbatical to teach on Thursdays and Fridays and the lovely Jessica Grubb will be teaching on Mondays to Wednesdays. Whilst teaching part-time, Chris will be finishing his study in Ceramics at Otago University.

We are currently planning our exciting Year 7 & 8 programme for next year. More details to follow.

Netsafe Workshop

The teachers went to an informative Netsafe workshop on Wednesday evening. The approach that Netsafe recommends is to work with our learners to learn how to use technology safely. If they find themselves with an unsafe photo or situation, then we help them to get rid of it, just like we would help a student learn how to cross a road. We don't tell them off, we help them. The other day akonga were searching for recipes and one came across a private image. They quickly called the teacher and got help. Links to [Netsafe found here](#). You can expect to find us weaving knowledge about online safety throughout all our learning.

Ka kite ano,
Tara O'Neill

What's Happening Around School

Waitati School have been involved in an art exhibition with our sister city Qingyuan in an art exhibition online. Here is the [link](#) to see our artwork.

Thank you to Matthew for spending a day chipping up one of the plies of dry wood at school - much appreciated.

Thanks to Moira for volunteering to work with our learners to plant our garden. Watch this space for veggies to come.

Thanks to Pete who is coming back to run Bee Club on Tuesday afternoons. Thanks to Pauline who is coming to run a lunchtime Eco club.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Tara.



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

We have been learning all about this whakatauki this year. It has been such an amazing journey.



Imagine that your child will see this wetland as it develops and grows.

So much learning involved as we continue to develop our wetland. The wetland project group led this mahi.

Reading and writing about native plants suitable for a wetland. We had the Halo Project and Otago Regional Council support us with this.



In 2023 we want to set up a long term science project within the wetland. What would be a good question to ask?

During 2023 Nathan Parker is supporting us to develop an outdoor classroom and fire pit. Thank you Nathan. We are so lucky to have you help us.

Learning how to survey our land using google earth. Technology/math/science. We had a lecturer from Otago University support us with this.

The Independent Project Group



Congratulations to all our learners. Your projects were amazing.

Our Taniwha Taniwha Drama



Our Taniwha, Taniwha production was so much fun to perform, but there was lots of learning, preparation and tons of practise that came first! We learned how to read a script - what our cues were and when it was our turn in the spotlight. We also got to learn some pretty funky dances that pushed us a little out of our comfort zones - some of the moves were tricky! The Kotahitanga - collaboration and unity - that was shown whilst putting together this production was fabulous and your kaiako and whānau couldn't be prouder!



Papanekeneke Waitati

How is our Creatives in Schools project going?



Our panels are fired. Next step is to measure them up and put onto the pous.

We are thinking of putting the pous with these tiles on them at the entrance of our new wetland. What do you think?

Look out for an opening date.

Ara Studios Photography Workshop

Thank you to Ara Studios for obtaining funding for 50 of our students to complete this workshop.



Learning tricks of the trade in photographing.

The skills learnt here will be brought back to use in by students in sharing their projects.

Snow at School During the Holidays



Back into writing - sharing what they wrote on Monday - such interesting holidays!
Our learners are making so much progress.

Tara and other local Principals took part in a fundraising quiz night for Orokonui Ecosanctuary last term. Just saying - we won!

Athletics

Our 8 year olds and up joined the Three Peaks Senior Athletics for a whole day yesterday in Palmerston. Congratulations to everyone who took part in this fun packed day.



CALENDAR Term 4 2022

[Click here for the online calendar](#)

Term 4

Week 2

Mon 24 Oct
Tue 25 Oct

School Closed for Labour Day
School Closed for Teacher Only Day

Wed 26 Oct
Thu 27 Oct

Deadline for lunch orders by midday. Orders to the cafe only this week
Tech DNI
School lunch delivery
Year 7 & 8 trip to Portobello

Fri 28 Oct

PTA Meeting at school from 3.10pm -children welcome
Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons (Don't forget your instruments)
Passion Projects

Week 3

Tue 01 Nov
Wed 02 Nov
Thr 03 Nov
Fri 04 Nov

Deadline for lunch orders by midday
Tech DNI
School lunch delivery
Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons (Don't forget your instruments)
Passion Projects
Halloween Party at Waitati Hall - 5-6.30pm. RSVP [-office@waitati.school.nz](mailto:office@waitati.school.nz)

Week 4

Mon 07 Nov
Tues 08 Nov
Wed 09 Nov
Thur 10 Nov
Fri 11 Nov

School Photos
Deadline for lunch orders by midday
No DNI this week
School lunch delivery
Guitar, ukulele and piano lessons
Passion Projects

NOTICES

Lost property from athletics



Please claim your things!

Please Join us for a

Waitati School
Halloween PARTY

FRIDAY
4TH NOV

5-6.30 PM

Waitati Hall
Gold Coin entry

RSVP to office@waitati.school.nz
Kai to purchase/Prizes/Games
Parents must stay

ORDER	WEEK 1- 20th October	COST
	Sausage rolls	\$5.00
	Vegetarian Sausage Rolls (Pb, DF)	\$5.00
	Blueberry Muffins	\$3.50
	TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 2 - 27th October	COST
	Chicken fried rice(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 -3rd November	COST
	American Hotdogs	\$5.00
	Vegetarian hotdogs	\$5.00
	Boysenberry muffins	\$3.50
	TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 4 - 10th November	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 - 17th November	COST
	Chunky Fries	\$4.20
	Cheese Toasties	\$3.90
	Chocolate Muffins	\$3.50
	TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 6- 24th November	COST
	Spagetti Bolognese	\$5.50
	Vegetarian lasanga(gf & df on request)	\$5.50
	Banana Choc chip muffins	\$3.50
	TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 7 - 1st December	COST
	Cheese Burger	\$5.50
	Vegetaran burger	\$5.50
	Orange Chocolate Chip Muffins	\$3.50
	TOTAL MONEY	
ORDER	WEEK 8 - 8th December	COST
	Fish & chips	\$5.50
	Fried Cauliflower & chips	\$5.50
	Blueberry Muffins	\$3.50
	TOTAL MONEY	

Blueskin Nurseries & Cafe - School Lunch

Here is the new menu for this term. You should have received a menu in your child's bag. If you need a copy then please ask at the office. Any questions or feedback about these school lunches is welcome!

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.



Lost & Found

The lost and found box got destroyed over the holidays. Does anyone have a similar lidded box they no longer use and could donate to the school?

