

Newsletter

April 2019

Kia Ora Koutou Everyone,

It is hard to believe that the time has come for me to write my final newsletter as Principal of Waitotara School.

My time here has been so special, and following in Lorna's parting words from the quote;

"I'm glad I did rather than...I wish I had":

- I'm glad I took on the challenge to become Principal of this wonderful school
- I'm glad I got to help so many children and their families
- I'm glad our community is making the most of this wonderful school
- I'm glad that I have been part of our wonderful school family and community
- I'm glad that I have been supported by so many community members
- I'm glad that I will be leaving the school in a strong position and with wonderful teachers.

Although I am moving to another school to spread my wings and grow my leadership in education, Waitotara School will still be my local school and part of my community. I look forward to visiting lots and hearing about all the wonderful things that are happening at the school.

P.S. Please keep feeding and snuggling Snowball. It is going to be very lonely in my new office without Snowy sitting on my chair after school!

Staff Update

We are very fortunate that Mrs Devane will be taking on the role of Acting Principal for Terms 2 & 3 while the BOT make an appointment for a permanent principal. They are hoping to make an appointment in the next several months with a Term 4 start date.

The Senior Class are very lucky to be gaining Mr Alistair White as their Principal Release teacher for 2 days per week. Alistair is the past Principal of Kai iwi School and knows several of the students already.

Grandparents day

Thank you to all the Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, Mums and family friends who came to school for this special day. The children had a lovely time rock painting, writing poetry and singing.

Check out the awesome photos.

Tabloid Sports

We had another fantastic day at Cooks Gardens recently. The Junior Class had a fun day participating in lots of different games and activities, such as, obstacle courses, chuck the chicken, relays, stuck in the mud. A big thank you to all the helpers on the day.

Museum Trip

Last week the Junior Class visited the Whanganui Museum to learn more about Anzac Day. Lisa from the Museum told us the story about how the Kiwi bird sacrificed his beautiful wings and coloured feathers for the Mahuta so he wouldn't get eaten by the insects. This is what the NZ soldiers did for us ,they sacrificed their lives so we could live in peace today. We finished the day with lunch at Kowhai Park.



Principal's Award

Bianca Naysmith: For a great start to school and consistently trying hard in her work.



Gumboot Day

We raised \$33.00. This is to help get Kiwi kids get mental health counselling & support when they urgently need it.

Donations

Could all Term 1 donations be paid by end of term.

Thank you to the families who have paid.

School Van

The van will not be running on the afternoon of Jane's, farewell on the 12th April.

The Facebook logo is displayed in white text on a dark blue rectangular background.

Don't forget to find us on

Easter Egg Hamper Raffle Fundraiser

Wow, what an awesome lot you are. You have raised \$900.00. I am blown away by how many tickets have been sold! The raffle will be drawn at assembly this Friday.

Thank you Four Regions

We have been lucky enough to gain a \$10,000 grant from the Four Regions Trust. These funds, along with 2018 Quiz Night earnings, will go towards purchasing a new school van.

Our current van will be for sale, enquiries welcome.

Jane Corcoran, Principal

Dates to Remember

Assemblies- 12th April Jane's Final Assembly at Waitotara Hall

BOT Meeting- 3.30pm Thursday 23rd May

End of Term- 12th April

Start of Term 2, 2019: 29th April

Parent Interviews-Week 2 after school times & dates to follow.

Good Sorts-Thank You!

Waitotara Store: For sponsoring ice creams.

Waverley Lions: For sponsoring our Duffy Books.

Alan Hawken: For always helping us with computers and the water pump!!!!

Parents- For all the help with transport



