

Newsletter

June 2019

Kia Ora Koutou Everyone,

It's hard to believe we are over halfway through the term already! We've had a lot happening in the school both inside and outside the classroom.

We are super excited to open our 'Middle Class' for four mornings a week in the library. Mrs Ellett has settled in and is a great addition to our team. The Year 4 and 5's are doing some great learning.

On the 30th May Cooper, Toby, Elijah and Jonny entered the Wanganui Chess competition. Thanks to Mr White for giving them extra practice with chess and the good tips!

Our speeches are all well underway, all students are practicing these in class, gearing up for our School speech competition in Week 9.

The Year 7 and 8's are loving their visits to Tech on a Thursday. They have been making spinning tops and bird houses.

Thanks for your support on our Strike day, NZEI is still in ongoing negotiations with the government. I will let you know if there is any further action planned.

Last week a group of Year 7 and 8's joined Kai Iwi for a Netball competition and played really well. We also entered a team of 9 students into a hockey competition at Gonville, our first hockey team in the history of Waitotara School!

We will be starting our Cross country training this month so children will need to be wearing suitable shoes and clothes to run in please.

Our firewood raffle tickets are selling like hotcakes! Please let us know if you would like another sheet. Thank you very much for your support with this fundraiser.

We are really proud of the work our students are doing and the effort they put in so we encourage you to come into the classrooms before or after school to have a look at their books and the displayed work.
Have a great week.

Polly Devane
Acting Principal

Awards

Principal's award- Lachlan Mackintosh
For gaining confidence and being a super helpful classroom member.



Senior Class award- Toby Corcoran, for being a great role model

Junior Class award- Zara Parsons, for great progress in reading

Virtue award- Respect
Cooper Mackintosh- For always helping out Miss Taylor when asked.



Makayla with her birdhouse

Dates to Remember

Assemblies- 14th and 28th June

End of Term- 5th July 2019

Start of Term 3, 2019: 22nd July 2019

BOT Meeting- 27th June 3.30pm

Trip to 'Sing'- Westmere School- 28th June



Waitotara School Good Sorts ...Thank You!

- The Ferris Family for the cool kneeboards that we can use while working away from our desks
- Our wonderful listening ear volunteers- Wawa, Maria and Owen.
- Kirsty for taking gardening club
- Dan for taking fencing club
- The Stephens family for baking with the children
- Mark for taking our Mathex whizzes for extra tuition
- Wade for driving the boys to chess and staying with them for the day
- Maria and Kirsty for coaching our hockey players and for taking them to Gonville for the day
- Don and Phil for driving the van
- Phil for being a great help in the junior class
- Jodi & John Hawken and Gillian and Michael Tallott for donating the wood for our firewood raffle
- Laura for Snowball's fancy new bowl

Board of Trustees Elections

At the close of nominations as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled the following were elected.

Welcome to,
Maria Ferris
Alan Hawken
Jodi Hawken
Kirsty Parsons

Staff Representative,
Alison Collier

School Garden

Our vegetable garden is looking great! We encourage anyone to add to the garden at any time!

Please return any school uniform you may have at home.
Thank you



Cooper and Mr White playing chess

