

Newsletter

July 2019

Kia Ora Koutou Everyone,

What a great term we've had! Thanks so much for your support with the firewood raffle. We have drawn the raffle this morning and are pleased to announce *Michael Steele* as the winner.

We have sent home a letter and form this week for Yarrows cookies and croissants. These are great to have stocked in the freezer for school lunches or for after sport on Saturdays.

Our three classes have been busy over the last few weeks; The Senior class have made some fantastic flight dioramas during art and have completed an author study about their favourite author. The Middle class have made yummy mince pies after reading the book 'Emily's pies' and the Junior class made bright and colourful fish carp kites and have been writing descriptions.

Our School speech competition was a success. The Children should be commended on how well they wrote and performed their speech to the whole school. Mrs Parsons and Mrs Ellett had a tough time choosing winners from the Year 7 and 8's and the Year 5 & 6's. Maddison Parkes, Toby Corcoran, Maddie Buchanan and Pippa Buchanan made it through to the Cluster Speech competition at Faith City School- a big congratulations to them! Well done Maddison for coming third in the Year 5 and 6 competition and Toby for coming second in the Year 7 and 8's.

We had a great time watching the Westmere production of Sing. Thanks for the parents who helped out with transport.

Next term are having a change from Friday clubs, instead we will be holding whole school team sports from 1.45 - 2.45 every second Friday. We welcome parents to come and be a part of this with the students. This will encourage good team work skills and incorporate our key competencies of participation, relating to others, thinking, contributing and managing.

Please can all students please bring in a can of food (that they will actually like to eat- spaghetti, baked beans etc) to keep stored at school in case of an emergency. After the Christchurch Incident some schools were in lockdown for up to eight hours and there were very hungry children .

We say goodbye to Mrs Ellett in the Middle class today, the children have had a great learning experience with her guidance. We know she'll still be part of our School community.

Have a wonderful and restful holiday.

Polly Devane
Acting Principal



Fish carp kites in the junior room

Awards

Principal's award- Dylan Terrey- for showing initiative and working hard in Reading.

Senior Class award- Makayla, for always trying her hardest in class

Middle Class award- Marcus, for writing more independently

Junior Class award- Matiu, for huge improvements in his reading

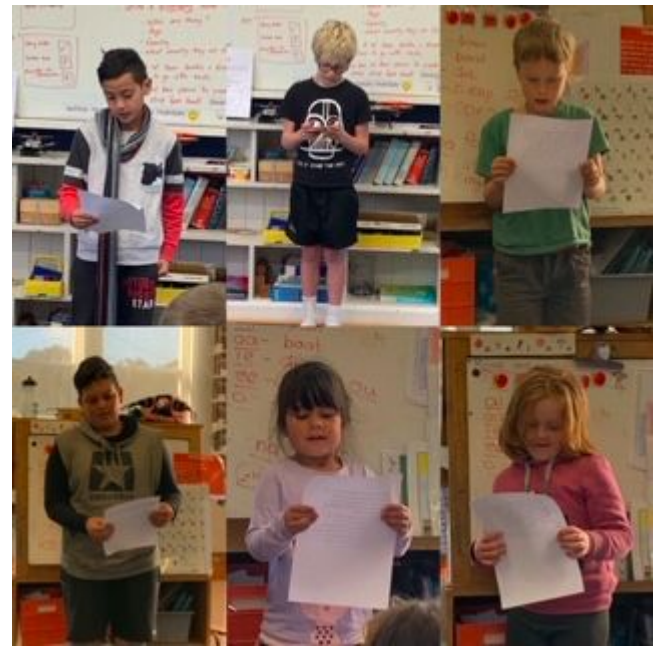
Virtue award- Shelby, for always using his initiative and being helpful



Flight dioramas- the process



Flight dioramas- The result



Some of our speech makers

If your child has ordered a bought lunch and is absent on Friday please cancel their lunch directly through the Waitotara Store- 06 3466500.

Toastie Tuesdays

We will be making yummy toastie's every Tuesday next term and selling these for \$2 each. if your child would like to order these can they please bring in \$2 in an envelope with the filling they would like either on Monday or Tuesday morning.

- Cheese
- Cheese and ham

If you can help out with this for an hour on Tuesdays please let Gillian know.

Dates to Remember

Whole school team sports- 26th August, 16th August

Assemblies- 9th August, 23rd August

End of Term- 27th September 2019

Start of Term 3, 2019: 22nd July 2019

Year 5 & 6 Netball competition- 6th August

Keeping Ourselves safe Parents meeting- 4pm 28th August

Staying Alive day (safety day)- 22nd August

Contributing Schools Football- 20th August

Ngamatapouri School Mudrun & science show and tell- 6th September

Waitotara School Cross Country- 30th August

Book Character day- 27th September

Waitotara School Good Sorts ...Thank You!

- Kirsty and Mrs Ellett for judging the Senior Speech competition
- Kirsty and Maria for taking our duty during our shared morning tea
- Our wonderful listening ear volunteers- Owen and Scott
- Mark for driving the Speech competition students to Faith City
- Kingi for taking pumice sculpting club
- Alison Gifkins-Reweti for taking rippa rugby club
- Mark for taking our Mathex whizzes for extra tuition
- Hui, Simon and Sharmilla for providing transport to Westmere
- Don for driving the van

Hello my name is Coralee and today I am here to tell you about someone very special at our school. Her name is Mrs Tallott. Mrs Tallott is our teacher aide and office lady at Waitotara School. Mrs Tallott is pretty. She is tall and she wears glasses and different coloured scarves. Mrs Tallot is smiley. She is kind and helpful. Mrs Tallot helps me write. In the office she rings my mum and dad to see if I am sick or not. Mrs Tallott also helps me write words.

Mrs Tallott is the best teacher aide ever and we love her lots.

Coralee's speech- too good not to share! Well done Coralee

Awesome technology creations

