

Newsletter

September 2019

Kia Ora Koutou Everyone,

Bring back the lovely Spring weather we had last week! Thanks to the parents that came along to our Keeping Ourselves Safe meeting, I hope you found it informative and that any questions you may have had were answered.

A big Waitotara welcome to Alex Coe into the senior room.

We are lucky to have Megan Buchanan, a second year teaching student, in the Junior room and Nadine Fuchs, a German teacher trainee in the Senior room until the end of the term. The Seniors are looking forward to learning some German phrases and about the German culture.

Dan and his gardening helpers have done a great job of planting our donated fruit trees along the school boundary. We are very grateful for Dan giving up his time and to Bunnings, Mitre 10, Wanganui Garden Centre and Springvale garden Centre for the generous donations of trees; feijoa, mandarin, apple and oranges. We are all looking forward to these growing and producing fruit for the school.

We've had many outings recently; Thirteen children attended the West Country Cross Country at Westmere School on Friday 30th August. The children did really well in their running! Years 7 and 8 did well in the Super 6 Racquet sports competition, with our West Country squash team coming second equal.

On Friday years 3 to 8 went to Ngamatapouri school for their science fair and mud run. There was lots of mud! Check out our photos on facebook. Some Seniors shared their learning in Science this term with everyone.

Kimberley, Elijah and Toby did us proud at Mathex last week which was held at Wanganui Intermediate. Great effort!

Have a great week. See you at our school cross country on Friday at 1.30pm

Polly Devane
Principal



*Honor & Harper getting ready for their race.
Vinnie, Lachie & Shelby lining up for their race.*





On Thursday we will be travelling into Wanganui for the town version of Staying Alive day- please see the attached form. We really appreciate your help with transport to out of school events.

Rugby 7's tournament

Last Thursday Toby, Dylan, Quinton and Luke joined the Kai Iwi and St Matthews teams for the rugby 7's tournament at Springvale. Toby and the Kai Iwi team made it into the finals against Taihape but unfortunately they lost by one try.



Waitotara School Good Sorts ...Thank You!

- Our wonderful listening ear volunteers- Owen and Scott
- Laura for taking transport to squash
- Our Toastie Tuesday extraordinaires
- Mr White for being a marker for the Mathex competition
- John Boon for donating the mulch for the planting of our new trees
- The parents who helped with transport to West Country Cross Country
- Miss Taylor & Mark for taking Dylan, Toby, Quinton and Luke to the Rugby 7's tournament at Springvale
- The parents who helped with transport to Ngamatapouri last Friday

Next year we have the option of changing our New Entrant start dates to twice a term rather than on the students fifth birthday. We'd love your feedback on this. Please can you circle your preference and return the form to school.

Option one- Keep the new entrant intake the same- with the student starting school on their fifth birthday.

Option two- Change the New Entrant intakes to twice a term, once at the beginning, the other in the middle of the term. Students will not be able to start school before they turn five.

Dates to Remember

- Assembly- 27th September
- Book character day (dress up) - 27th September
- Intermediate cross country- 19th September
- Games night- Wednesday 25th September
- Waitotara School Cross Country- Friday 13th September 1.30pm
- End of Term 3- 27th September
- Senior Camp: 16th to the 18th October
- Labour Day: 28th October
- Pet Day- 29th October
- BOT meeting- 24th October 3.30pm
- Tough Kids- 29th November
- Cluster Athletics- 28th November
- Start of Term 4- 14th October
- End of Term 4- 20th December

