

Newsletter

February 2020

Kia Ora Koutou Everyone,

Welcome to the 2020 school year. We have had a great start to the year with our students returning rested and rearing to go!

A big welcome to Sebastian who has started in the Junior Room.

We have welcomed four new staff members this week; Amanda McAree, Glenys Ellett, Rosalie Irwin and Jodi Smith, our new Teacher Aide who will be working in the Middle and Senior Rooms. Sara Taylor has taken up a new position working with horses. We wish her well for her ventures and are grateful for her contribution to Waitotara School.

Staffing for this year

Senior Room- Mrs Devane (Mondays & Fridays) & Mrs Amanda McAree (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays).

Middle Room- Mrs Glenys Ellett & Mrs Rosalie Irwin (Fridays)

Junior Room- Miss Alison Collier

Secretary/ Junior Room Teacher Aide- Mrs Gillian Tallott

Reading Recovery Teacher- Ms Lesley Pick

Caretaker- Phillip Thomson

Cleaner- Manju Reddy

Van Driver- Don Parkes

If you have any concerns about your child, please make an appointment with your Class Teacher.

Our School Wide topic for Term One is 'This is Us'. We will be exploring our local community, creating and presenting our Pepeha and finding out more about Ourselves and our Families. The teachers have lots of engaging activities planned.

Clubs will begin in Week 5 (Friday 6th March). We'd love help with this! Please see me if there's a club you'd like to run- some examples of past clubs- cooking, swimming, coding, woodwork, carving and crafts.

Technology starts on 10th February for our Year 7 & 8 students. This year they'll be attending sessions at Whanganui Girls College; learning Food Tech, Science, Computer Programming and Hard Materials. This will run on Mondays in Terms One and Three. We will be attending with Kai Iwi and Ngamatapouri Schools.

Homework will begin in Week 3. Thanks for your support with this.

We are lucky to have hats sponsored by Fonterra this year. Every child has their own named hat that they will keep in their desk. If they lose their hat they will need to pay \$5.00 for a replacement. We operate on a No hat = No play policy in Terms One and Four.

Thanks to everyone who has ordered uniforms. We were lucky to receive a grant during the holidays from the Rural communities Trust for our uniforms. We are using the money to subsidise the cost of our fleeces to \$15.00 each. If you haven't already done so please return the uniform order form by the 14th February if you would like to purchase a subsidised polar fleece. We will have samples to help with sizes of fleeces and polar shirts hopefully by tuesday next week. We still have lots of second hand pants, shorts and jackets available. Please see Gillian if you would like to purchase these.

I hope you have a great term.

Polly Devane
Principal



Learning Conversations- 19th February

We will start the year again with our "Achieving Together Learning Conversations". These will take place in week 3. Last year this proved to be a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the children and where they want to go on their learning journey.

A booking form is attached, please return to your class teacher ASAP- first in, first served for times. Attendance is compulsory please.

Parking

Please angle park in the school car park. Drive to the end of Trent street and come back around to park. This will make reversing out of the parks safe for us all..

Beach Day- 21st February

The whole school will head to Wai Inu Beach on Friday 21st February. This is a fun day out and we welcome other family members to join us for a sand castle competition, BBQ on the beach and a swim!

Science Roadshow

The Middle and Senior Rooms will be attending a Science Roadshow at Whanganui Intermediate School on Tuesday 31st March. This will cover two live shows on 'Kitchen chemistry' and 'Balloons and Bernoulli'. Please save the date as we'd love parent helpers.

Wheels Wednesday

Wheels Wednesday will continue this term. Please ensure your child brings a helmet with their scooters and bikes.

Tryathlon Training

The Senior Class will be tryathlon training on Fridays. Please can they bring bikes, helmets, and togs to school every Friday. Please see Mrs Devane if you need to borrow a bike.

The Seniors will be attending the Weetbix Tryathlon in Palmerston North on 18th March. This event is open to students aged 6 and over, . If you would like to register and take your child to Palmerston North for the day the Seniors and I would love you to join us in the Waitotara School gazebo. The link to enrol is <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/palmerston-north/>

It's a really fun event for children to participate in! Please see me for more details or text me to let me know you'll be joining us.

Pool

Please ensure your child has their togs every day. With this warm weather it's a great opportunity to cool down. Swimming lessons begin in Week 2 and I'm sure there will be many opportunities for lunchtime swims! Thanks to Phil for tending to the pool during the holidays.

Family Meet & Greet BBQ

Join us on Wednesday 26th February for a Community BBQ at School from 5.30 - 7pm. Bring along some meat for the BBQ and/or a shared plate. The school pool will be open. This is a good chance to meet other families in our school community.

Year 7 & 8 Vaccinations

There will be a briefing about Vaccines from our Public Health Nurse for all year seven and eights and their parents on Monday 10th at 1.45pm. A consent form will be sent home shortly.



Fundraising

This year we will continue to fundraise for our school trips and camp. We will start the year off with a stall at the Waverley Waitotara RSA. Please come down and support our school and community.

Waverley-Waitotara RSA is celebrating 100 years on 15th February 2020.

Dallison Park, Chester Street, Waverley 10-4pm
Something for everyone, including light refreshments, colouring in, storytime, army vehicles, and stalls.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Good Sorts-Thank You!

Waitotara Store: For sponsoring ice creams.

Shannon Thompson: For creating & donating School Stickers for our van.

Sid Wyatt: For mowing our lawns.

Fonterra: For sponsoring our school hats

The Donald family: For being our Duffy Book sponsor.

Dates to Remember

Assemblies, 14th Feb, 28th Feb, 13th March, 27th March.

Learning Conversations: 19th Feb

BOT Meeting: 13th Feb, 12th March

Waverley/ Waitotara RSA 100 years: 15th Feb

Beach Day: 21st Feb

Family BBQ: 26th February

Weetbix Tryathlon: 18th March

Vaccinations Yr 7 & 8: 19th March

Junior Tabloid Sports: 26th March

Yrs 3- 8 Science Roadshow : 31st March

Grandparents Day: 9th April

End of Term- 9th April

Start of Term 2, 2019: 29th April

