



Dear Parents/Whanau,

We would like to remind parents of our Year 2 students and above that Waiuku Primary is a BYOD (bring your own device) school. Students in Years 3 - 7 are encouraged to purchase a Chromebook to use for educational purposes to use at school. We don't recommend that this is done for Year 8 students as currently Waiuku College is an Office 360 PC/Mac school.

This is a great opportunity for all of our students to have their own individual access to technology whenever they need it, without waiting for their turns on the computers we have at school. We strongly support this initiative and urge parents to purchase Chromebooks for academic use. Having ongoing access to technology will help your child develop greater independence, increase engagement, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century.

There are a few outlets that sell Chromebooks (great Christmas gift).

PB tech - prices start at \$332.

Warehouse - prices start at \$299

Harvey Norman - prices start at \$429

Note: Investing in a decent carry bag or protector shell for the device will give it much greater protection and longevity.

Educational Activities

Student devices will be used to access resources, complete assignments, and for personal organisation. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analysing data, participating in surveys, producing videos, reading e-books, creating blogs, taking notes, or scheduling events. The use of the device is at the sole discretion of the teacher.

Digital Citizenship

A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship, which is the responsible use of technology. Your child will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety. These are important aspects of participating in today's world.

Safe and Secure

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection and monitoring system **will** be provided for students and for teachers. As well, students will only be able to use their device under the direct supervision of their teacher. Any unauthorized use can result in the device being confiscated, searched, and privileges being revoked.

Responsibility

Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school. Similar to other personally owned items, Waiuku Primary School is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft.

Technical Support

Resources will be provided to help students connect their device to the school network. Your child must be familiar with how to use their device. Teachers will incorporate the use of your child's device into learning. However, they will not provide technical support.

We look forward to the educational opportunities that a Chromebook will bring. Participation in this initiative is recommended but not compulsory. **All students will be required to sign a BYOD agreement and agree to look after their own device.**

Please feel free to contact us should you wish to discuss this.

Yours Sincerely,

Siman Drewery - Principal & Isla Holt - Deputy Principal