



# WAIUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and our School Whānau,

*It is excellent to have all our students back for our final term of learning for 2017. A special welcome to our new families and students who have joined our Waiuku Primary School community.*



Term 4 promises to have lots of fantastic learning experiences for everyone with our Golf Course Rich Theme, Marae visits, sports, end of year celebrations, Year 8s preparing for college, Fun Fridays and our prize giving events among lots of great teaching and learning programmes.

Remember that when parents and whānau are actively interested in their child's learning, children feel supported and appreciated for their effort and results and typically achieve at a higher rate because of this involvement.

As in previous terms, if you have any concerns or need to talk to someone please make a formal time to meet with that person. Typically, this should always start with the teacher if it involves your child. We believe that working in partnership improves positive outcomes for our children here at WPS and that most problems and issues can be resolved as a win-win for everyone.

### Staffing update:

*It is a very busy time for all schools across New Zealand in securing staff for 2018. Here at WPS our update includes;*

- Mrs Kendall was handed to View Road School as their new Deputy Principal on the first day of Term 4 at a lovely pōwhiri. Deputy Principal Mrs Holt, our 6 Head Students and myself joined her family for the special day. We wish her and her whānau all the best for her exciting new position.
- Miss Ollerenshaw has stepped into Mrs Kendall's class for this final term. We thank her for willingness and flexibility.
- Miss McKinlay has been appointed to a permanent position in Hub 3 (Y5 & 6) for 2018. She joins us from Hingaia Peninsula School in Karaka and is looking forward to joining our team and getting to know our awesome kids and community next year.
- Ms Jameson has been appointed to a permanent position in Hub 2 (Y3 & 4) for 2018. She is a beginning teacher and lives locally in Waiuku and like Miss McKinlay, she is looking forward to joining our team and getting to know our awesome kids and community next year.
- Mr Wakeling has taken over as our new Caretaker & Property Manager from Mr Boase. He has prioritised the winter work mess tidy up and getting our gardens and grounds sorted. I have received feedback from our parents that they are impressed with his efforts.
- Mrs Dahya retires from her position at the end of this year. Her position is advertised and closes this Friday <http://web.waiuku.school.nz/aboutourschool/staffvacancies>



We are in the process of formalising our staffing structure for 2018 and should be in a position to communicate the exact make up of each of our 4 Learning Hubs by around week 6 or 7 of this term (our online calendar will let you know what week we are in) This is partly to do with a Ministry of Education staffing review that we have applied for due to roll growth. If we are successful in achieving this then we can staff our school with more classes at the start of the school year...fingers crossed!



# WAIUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Vision, Core Values and The Waiuku Way:

**‘Life is for Learning - Learning is for Life  
Ka ora ka ako - Ka ako ka ora.’**

**Respect** (we are tolerant, sincere, considerate; showing both courtesy and modesty. We are kind and caring).

**Excellence** (we aim high with self-discipline, enthusiasm, initiative, creativity, commitment and determination).

**Integrity** (we are honest, fair, loyal; seeking justice and the truth).

**Independence** (we are confident, resilient, decisive people who persevere and have courage).

## The Waiuku Way - Our Way!

- ✓ We **Respect** our **School**
- ✓ We are **Kind & Caring**
- ✓ We **Focus** on our **Learning**



‘Our Way helps to keep WPS a happy and safe place for everyone’ ...hey buddy lets snooze!

**Danger at our School Entrances & Gates:**

**Repeated Message from Term 3 from our Board of Trustees**

**Thank you to the clear majority of our parents, caregivers and whānau who are considerate safe drivers who follow the road rules, signs and safe driving expectations.**

They do this because they understand that the **safety** of our **children/tamariki** is **paramount**.

Unfortunately, we have a few individuals whose driving decisions and actions make our school entrances and surrounding pathway unsafe. This includes:



- Parking on grass verges beside the pathways where children walk
- Parking on the yellow lines on the George Street Road Patrol Crossing blocking the vision of our student Road Patrollers
- Parking on the opposite side of George Street. This creates a single lane and is specifically sign posted as illegal
- Driving down to the Junior Staff car park and double parking in the top block staff car park
- Driving too quickly past the school. It is a 40-km zone between 8:25 to 9:05 am and from 2:55 to 3:20 pm.

The unfortunate reality is that these rules rely on the parents and adults choosing to follow them as the Waiuku Police and the Auckland Council only occasionally check that they are doing as expected.

The school only has jurisdiction over what happens within the school grounds and at the Road Patrol Crossing.



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## Danger at our School Entrances and Gates (continued):

### What can you do as a parent?

Report a bad driver - \*555 and Roadwatch

Dial \*555 FREE from a mobile phone to report road incidents which are urgent but not life-threatening.

You can report non-urgent incidents of poor driving where you do not wish the offender to be prosecuted. Incidents include dangerous overtaking, crossing the centre line, tailgating or holding up traffic on a motorway. If you can provide a registration plate number, Police will write to the driver. Your identity is not disclosed.

Fill out the [Report a bad driver](#) online form.

You can also print a Community Roadwatch form, complete it and post to the address provided on the form.

[Download the Community Roadwatch form](#)

Police will treat your Community Roadwatch report as confidential; in accordance with the provisions of the law as it relates to privacy and disclosure of information. Your report will be assessed and, if an offence and vehicle can be clearly identified, Police will contact the owner of the vehicle to tell them of the allegation made and of the expected standards of driver behaviour.

No investigation or prosecution will take place for a Community Roadwatch report and Police do not normally report back to those making the report.

If you want the incident to be investigated with a view to the offender being prosecuted, you must lodge a formal complaint at [your nearest police station](#).

Get the number plate of the offending driver and contact the police <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/driving-and-road-safety/report-bad-driver>

*Thank you for working in partnership and helping us make our school a happy and safe place of learning for*



## Bucket hats, sun glasses & sun safety:

Term 4 is here and so is summer. Do your children know where to find their bucket hats? They are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4. If you would like to order a new one from school, find the order form at <http://web.waiuku.school.nz/parenthandbook/uniform> or collect a form from the school office.



Sunscreen for Your Eyes - Sunglasses at School As part of our Sunsmart commitment to our students, Waiuku Primary is strongly encouraging all our students to wear our new uniform sunglasses when outdoors at school this summer along with their sunhats and sunscreen. The reason for this is simple. Sunglasses are sunscreen for our eyes. Our children will be putting sunscreen on their skin but they can't put it on their eyes, hence the need for sunglasses. The wearing of sunglasses has short term and long term benefits for our children. By wearing sunglasses our children can be more comfortable in the sun and more alert going back into the classroom, whilst also preventing the gradual development of eye diseases (eg cataracts, pterygium) which can present themselves later in life. If you would like to read more on the reasons for wearing sunglasses see [letissier.co.nz/why-wear-sunglasses](http://letissier.co.nz/why-wear-sunglasses). Our school uniform sunglasses are available from the school reception. They cost \$15 dollars for the small size and \$17 for the medium size and are supplied by Le Tissier Eyewear. The sunglasses are easily named on the inside arm come in a micro-fibre pouch. Our Le Tissier sunglasses are very high quality. They are durable, comfortable and of course offer 100% UV protection. If you have any questions at all about the sunglasses, please feel free to contact Bridgit from Le Tissier Eyewear on 021 732 601 or [bridgit@letissier.co.nz](mailto:bridgit@letissier.co.nz). For more information also see [letissier.co.nz](http://letissier.co.nz). We believe that this initiative will have a significant impact on the health of our children's eyes when they are adults and we hope you join us in encouraging Waiuku Primary children to wear sunglasses when outdoors at school.



# WAIUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Board of Trustees Bi-Election

Waiuku Primary School Board of Trustees. Bi-Election of Parent Representatives.

Nominations are invited for the election of two parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice has been posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 10th November 2017 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names as they come to hand on view at the office.

The poll closes at noon on the 24th November 2017.

Leila Dahya

Returning Officer



## Sports Update



A reminder that our school Athletics Day will be held next Wednesday 8th November. It will be great to have the whole school involved. In the junior school, Hub 1 have been practising hard for Athletics Day. Please come to cheer and support us as we compete in the sprints, high jump, long jump, vortex throw, bean bag throw and a fun sack race. from 9.05 am - 10.45 am. The Y3-8s will then begin their event from 11am, running through until around 2.30pm. The programme will include the regular track & field events. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours for the day, and must wear a hat & sunscreen. We look forward to a great day. See you there!

## Warm Welcomes:

Welcome to Lucas, Jacob, Liam, Hamish, Devlin, Andrew, Matthew, Iroam, Menzie, Zaria, Blake, Jarred, Teina, Sahara, Alyzaine, Jahzara, Noah, Susan and Salena who have recently joined Waiuku Primary School.

## Principal Certificates:

Congratulations to Ryder and Maia who will receive certificates at our next Student Leaders' Assembly on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** at 9am.

Warm regards

*Simon Drewery - Principal*

*A warm welcome...*



**ROOM 3** are looking for old wooden handled saws please.





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## From the PTA:

The PTA will be selling refreshments at Athletics Day on Wednesday next week.

- Spree cans - \$2
- Iceblocks - \$1
- Water - \$1

Just a reminder from the PTA that there will be no more Subway orders on Fridays.



**PTA Movie Night on Friday 10th October.  
Movie will be Home Alone Christmas.**

## Library News:

Only 2 weeks to go and the Book Fair will be here! Get a head start on your Christmas shopping with good quality books, games, posters and novelty stationery. We'd love for you to join us on Wednesday 15th @ 9.15am to meet author, James Russell. Look out for your purple order form coming home this week - you can pre-order a personalised copy of James' books. Any questions, please feel free to see Mrs Lamont in the library.

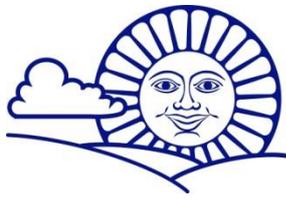


## Important Dates:



Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Cricket Coaching	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Fun Friday Mufti Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November and 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Student Leaders' Assembly	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Y7 Technology	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	BoT Meeting 7pm
	PTA Meeting 7pm	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Student Helpers' Big Day Out
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	WPS Athletics Day	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Prizegiving 1at 1.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Fun Friday Mufti Day	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Honour's Board Prizegiving 6pm.
	PTA Movie Night	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports available on Linc-Ed
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y 5 / 6 Beach Education Day	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term. School closes at 1pm

Check out our school calendar at <http://web.waiuku.school.nz/calendar>



# WAIUKU PRIMARY SCHOOL

## The World's Devil

We are the world's devil,  
all humans hate us,  
we are not very pretty,  
but we do not fuss.

We will not try to hurt you,  
well, maybe some do,  
but most of us,  
are more scared of you.

We are all pretty fast,  
we can scuttle through trees,  
but we don't wear shoes,  
such as fake yeezy's.

We have eight creepy eyes,  
we catch flies in our webs,  
we could all be famous,  
like awesome celeb's.

We are prickly like a porcupine,  
hairy like a bear,  
we can live anywhere we want,  
like over here and there.

We are the world's devil,  
all humans hate us,  
we are not very pretty,  
but we do not fuss.

By Kiowa Beukman



# Community News

Orlandini Equestrian has recently re-located to Waiuku and currently has plenty of spaces to fill in our afternoon lessons! Suitable for children from 5 years to 17, with adult lessons also available.

Our pricing is very affordable, particularly for children wanting to ride more than once per week.

I'm wanting to spread the word to as many families with pony-mad children as possible and hoping Waiuku Primary School's news letter and/or Facebook page could help?

Photos, more information and pricing on <https://m.facebook.com/Orlandini-Equestrian-578620932210058/>



## SPACES AVAILABLE - ENROLLING NOW

A huge, natural garden with vegetables, flowers, mud and lots of space to run, climb, explore, take risks, enjoy the sunshine or splash in the rain.

Inside is a peaceful, homely space with plenty of room to dance, imagine and create, as well as quiet cosy corners to read, work alone or be part of a small group.

Waiuku Kindergarten is an inviting and exciting place where children aged 2 - 6 years old are nurtured, inspired and challenged.



**Quality Care & Education for 2 - 6 year olds**  
**20 Hours FREE ECE** \*conditions apply

### CONTACT US TODAY

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[facebook.com/waiukukindergarten](https://www.facebook.com/waiukukindergarten)  
[www.cmka.org.nz](http://www.cmka.org.nz)



## WAIUKU's BLAST TO THE PAST 2017 SAT 11TH NOVEMBER 6PM at Waiuku Rugby Park

This year's Waiuku Blast to the Past event promises a fantastic fireworks display, even bigger than before! **Please note the change of venue for 2017.** Gold coin donation per person please.

Family entertainment from 6pm including local band, dance groups and children's amusements. Lots of local crafts and a great range of delicious food at the open air market. The spectacular 15 minute fireworks display will take place at approx 8.45pm.

This event is supported by Waiuku Business Park "The Better place to do Business", the Franklin Local Board, New World Waiuku, the Waiuku Business & Development Association and another local business who wishes to remain anonymous. This is a safe and professional, family-friendly community fireworks event which the children can enjoy.

**Mark it on your calendar and don't miss out on this fantastic evening of family entertainment!**

NO Dogs, Alcohol or GLASS permitted at this event. Parking available at Rugby park, Waiuku College and street parking around the perimeter. Disabled parking available at Rugby park. Don't forget your gold coins! Your support ensures the continuation of these community events so please give generously.



## Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The O'Neill Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the spring holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

**Fun, Safe, Active & Healthy**

6-16yr olds | 5 Day Programme | 18-21 Dec | 15-19 Jan | 22-26 Jan  
\$150 per person | Morning or Afternoon session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach



Limited spaces | Please email to book  
[surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](mailto:surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)  
[www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz](http://www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz)



# HOLA...



Are your kids ready to learn SPANISH this term?

Join us for private Spanish Lessons at Waiuku Primary School during school hours.

For further information please email: [diana.oo@gmail.com](mailto:diana.oo@gmail.com)