



Term 3 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Week 6

Tena koutou

30 August 2017

So lovely to see a hint of spring weather yesterday especially as our students participated in the zone cross country at Muriwai Beach. The course was made doubly hard by running along the beach, and in certain places they were only able to run in single file, but to our students credit they all gave of their best.

The excitement about our school production is certainly growing – make sure you get in early so you don't miss out.

Our school is a dog friendly school - we believe it is important for our students to know how to behave around dogs. If you bring your dog into our school, please keep them on a lead and clean up any messes they make.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our Board next meets on 13th September at 7.20pm in our staffroom. Any items of general business to our secretary by Friday 8th September please.

Senior playground

Today a small group of senior students working with Ms. French and assisted by Wade Hansen, Steve Bishop, Jim Davenport, Shane Price and Nick Cox started the planting of the area around our senior playground. Wet weather gear was needed initially but the sky cleared later on in the morning.

On Friday 8th September at 7.00am our playground will be officially opened with a blessing. Invited guests and community members wishing to attend are requested to meet outside the hall at 6.45am. This will be followed by a gathering in the hall with tea, coffee and a snack offered. If you wish to attend, please confirm your attendance by emailing our office for catering purposes. Students who are part of the ceremony will be offered a light snack, otherwise adults only please.

ICAS Assessment results

The following students were presented with ICAS Achievement Awards in our last Awards Assembly. Congratulations on your great results.

Science

Distinction

Indy brown
Samuel McNeill
Thomas Dykes
James Balston
Kayden Mankin
Leo Perry

Merit

Quinn Hoare

Credit

Isla Hearley
Lukah Hoff
Amelia Lee
Hannah Lowe

Digital Technologies

Distinction

Ethan Ward
Kayden Mankin

Credit

Leo Perry

Spelling

Distinction

Amelia Lee

Merit

Taine Hurman

Jenna Ridley

Credit

Awatea Knight
Mayson Renner
Sienna McCully



2017 School Production

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PERFORMANCES

Tuesday 26 Sept 12:30, & 7pm
Wednesday 27 Sept 7pm
Thursday 28 Sept 7pm

TICKET PRICES *

\$5 Child
\$8 Adult
\$25 Family of 4
\$20 Gold Class-front 2 rows
Pre-schoolers on laps free

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KEY DATES

- 5 Sept—School Photos
- 7 Sept—Junior Assembly 1.30pm
- 7 Sept—Senior Assembly 2.20pm
- 13 Sept—BOT Meeting 7.20pm
- 14 Sept—Netball Prizegiving Hall
3.15pm - 4pm
- 25 Sept—Dress Rehearsal
- 26 Sept—School Production
Matinee 12.30pm
& Evening 7pm
- 27 Sept— School Production
Evening 7pm
- 28 Sept— School Production
Evening 7pm
- 29 Sept—Term 3 Ends

Term Dates for 2017

Term 3—24 July to 29 September
Term 4—16 October to 15 December
12.40pm finish

Welcome to our new students:



Oscar Daw
Cameron Jones

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2017 Art Room Request

Can you help? Our school art room is in short supply of the following items:

Egg cartons, buttons, wool, milk bottle lids, card board tubes etc.

If you think you may have something that would support our student's learning in the Visual Arts then please email Sharon Booth

sbooth@waitakereprimary.school.nz

Thank you



Interview with Kath Bee

What type of music do you play?

Music for children under 10 years.

Do you dance in your performances?

No I don't.

Where do you get inspiration for your songs?

From children that I meet.. Example: I went to a fair and I saw this little boy around two, he was walking around in gumboots, kicking his feet up and down. His mother said this was his first pair of shoes, so I wrote a song called "new shoes".

When did you start making music?

I started writing music later in life, around 35.

Do you have any other professions?

I am also a wedding celebrant.

What is your favourite song?

I really like my song changing clouds, because my daughter sings it.

You mentioned your daughter sang a song for you, does she sing anything else?

She also sings the kiwi kids version of Individuality.

Have you performed in any countries other than NZ?

Not yet, but I would love to have the chance.

Where is your favourite place to perform?

I really liked Wanaka as it was snowing when I went, it was so nice.

Interview by Greta Koti-Buchanan and Keira Freeson

Please check the lost property regularly, at the moment the collection isn't too big but the clothing is starting to pile up, its expensive for families to replace.

Change of Clothes

With the winter months ahead—mud, rain and wind—it is timely to remind students to bring a change of clothes. If your child does not have a change of clothes we will have to phone you to bring some down.

Congratulations to Amelia Lee for winning Best Photo in the 2019 Top Outdoor Spot competition—from NZ Walking Access Commission

Ride to Peachgrove Bay



Great Mercury Island
Bay of Plenty/Coromandel
Amelia Ilse, 9

The white crested waves danced and foamed. I let my hand dangle like a rubber doll over the glistening water. Shayne's boat glided smoothly over the waves, sprays of water hit my face. I giggled as salty drops landed in my mouth. Gemma, a girl with cascading blonde-brown curls, spluttered as

water hit her face. A few isolated islands lay in the open sea. I gazed at them and the circling seagulls. Slowly, a beautiful island came into sight. The sand was salt white and fine like icing sugar. The sea was a wonderful turquoise colour; the waves were soft and less choppy than the ones at sea.

End of Winter Netball

The 2017 Winter netball season has finished this week with many new skills learned and lots of fun had by all.

A couple of our teams had exceptional results - Our Y7/8 Team, Waitakere Thunder, won their grade, as did the Y5/6 Firebirds team – an especially heart-warming win as most of the players had never played netball before.

A huge thank you to all the coaches and managers who gave up their time to make sure our kids got to enjoy a great season of netball. We couldn't do it without you and really appreciate your time and effort.



Prize-Giving

This season's celebration will be held on Thursday September 14 at 3.15pm in the school hall. Uniforms will be collected by managers on this day. Please bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

Summer netball

Thanks to some amazing parents, we are pleased to be able to offer some summer netball at Waitakere Primary in Term 4. This is a trial programme to help our netballers retain their skills over the summer months and be better prepared for the winter competition. Netballers from year 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a 30-minute skill session followed by a 40-minute game on Thursdays from 3.05pm until 4.15pm. The cost of this will be \$20 for the term which will go to the new uniform fund. For this programme to happen we require a minimum of 16 players, maximum of 22.

Forms will be given out to students next week (or can be collected from the office) and will need to be returned with payment by Friday 22 September. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Any questions please email pjackson@waitakereprimary.school.nz

Netball Interzones Auckland Champs

It started 7.30 in the morning when we left school.

It was about a 40 minute drive from school but once we got there we placed our bags down and just practised our shooting for a while and then we had our first game it was quite challenging and most of the other kids you wouldn't think they were only 12 years old they looked like giants compared to us.

But overall we enjoyed it and can't wait for next year.
by Hayden Carnie

The whistle blows and the game begins. the ground shakes as they run past. They're huge, as if they were giants it was nerve racking, brain attacking, face slapping, losing every game was not the best feeling but the whole team enjoyed it anyway overall we did skip a day of school.
by Ryley Jones



The day started off and we felt like we were going to win, when we got there it was looking good for us but our first game was lost like every other game. The day was fun overall but after the second game I knew we weren't going to do so well, it was tiring then but we still tried our best. I will definitely enrol next year.

by Ethan Ward
Room 22



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Place your ticket order in the ticket box in the School Office

I would like to purchase tickets for the following performance.

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Enclosed \$ _____ Contact Ph Number _____

Family Name _____ Eldest Child at WPS _____ Rm _____

