



Term 3 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Week 8

Tena koutou

13 September 2017

Spring is here and so is the wonderful changeable weather! On Monday we watched the hail accumulate on the shade sail – looked and felt like snow.

Last Friday we had the official opening of our senior playground with the area being blessed by a local kaumatua Fred Holloway. Our kapa haka group performed supported by Denise Haven and Emma Hepi. It was a lovely start to our day with the sun rising in the background while the official ceremonies were taking place. Our thanks again to all who made the playground a possibility and those who helped out on the morning.

The end of term is fast approaching – school finishes for the term on Friday 29th September and Term 4 starts on Monday 16th October. Our school year finishes on Friday 15th December. The pile of lost property continues to grow – please check this as all unclaimed clothing will be donated to a worthy charity.

Our school grounds are well used by the community after hours – we are fortunate to have such lovely grounds, play areas and facilities that the community can enjoy. We ask that if you see anyone misusing our grounds that you contact the police – we have had our outside speakers stolen 3 times in the last year and have had reports of people climbing on the roof and shade sails and causing damage. The new senior playground is also a popular attraction – parent supervision is required for students using the area before and immediately after school.

Working Bee

On Saturday 23rd September starting at 9am we are having a final working bee to finish off the senior playground. We need help to spread mulch (wheelbarrows and shovels required), put in tree stakes, grade top soil and seed the area, add last 2 pieces of capping, remove remaining timber from the pine tree and plant the remaining flax. If you can help please email our office.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our Board meets at 7.20 tonight in our staffroom. Agenda items include property matters, policy review and Board of Trustees mid-term elections.

Urgently needed - homestay families for Japanese students coming 11-26 November this year. All students have to be housed one per family so we need as many new homes as possible. If you have not had homestays before now is a good time to try it out. Please contact Wendy at wendymelles@gmail.com if you are interested.



This year our school is joining other local schools at Norwest shopping mall to display our art. The theme is "Heal the World". The exhibition runs until 5pm Sunday the 17th of September. It is well worth a look and a great way to promote the importance of looking after our planet. Our display is outside Countdown. There are more displays at the Farmers end.



2017 School Production

Less than 2 weeks to go! Rehearsals are going well and students are enjoying putting their items together. Tickets are still available for the Tuesday 26th Matinee. Children will be able to order food from the PTA if they are staying for the evening performances, see back page. Also on back page is the organisation for production week.

PERFORMANCES

Tuesday 26 Sept 12:30 (limited tickets available), & 7pm (Sold out)

Wednesday 27 Sept 7pm (Sold out)

Thursday 28 Sept 7pm (Sold out)

TICKET PRICES

\$5 Child

\$8 Adult

\$25 Family of 4

\$20 Gold Class-front 2 rows

Pre-schoolers on laps free



KEY DATES

13 Sept—BOT Meeting 7.20pm

14 Sept—Netball Prizegiving Hall
3.15pm - 4pm

21 Sept—Awards Assembly 2pm

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

16 Oct—Term 4 Starts

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:



Chloe Galbraith
Joshua Mullineux
Beau Kennedy

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Having a spring clean out? If you have any hot wheels, tech decks, trains and tracks or any other quality learning through play toys to donate, please keep our new entrant rooms in mind. If you are unsure if what you have is suitable please email Jo at

jeasto@waitakereprimary.school.nz Many thanks.



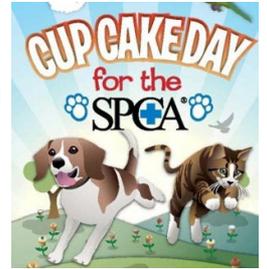
Netball Prize-Giving

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.

On Wednesday 30th August, Milla, Ella, Tui and myself (Zoe) organized a cupcake sale to fundraise for the SPCA. We are very happy with how much made even though we didn't do much advertising. Altogether we made about 200 cupcakes and muffins. Which earned us around \$154.50. With a few extra cupcakes left over. Each year the SPCA have a cupcake fundraising event. This is so that the animals at the shelter can have food, medical help and stay somewhere there is shelter. We got many lovely complements from students and teachers.

Thank you to all people who brought some cupcakes.

By Zoe Price from room 19



Our lunchroom is accepting online lunch orders.
 Orders close at 9am on the day online.
 No cash required! Even book the whole term.
 Go to the **Kindo Online Shop** on our school website.

ORGANISATION FOR PRODUCTION WEEK

The evening performances begin at 7pm. Class teachers will tell parents when they are needed to arrive for makeup/costumes (usually 30-45mins prior to the performance starting). During the show, children will be supervised in their classrooms with their class teachers. They are called across to the hall to give their performance when it is their turn to perform and then return to their classroom.

The items are in order of age so Yr 1-2 will start the show and will be finished by approx 7:30. Then Yr 3-4 who will be finished by approx 8pm. Yr 5-6 will be finished approx 8:30 and the Yr 7-8 perform last, with the show finishing approx 9pm or just before. Students may be picked up by parents from their classroom once they have finished performing and only need to stay with the classroom teacher until 9pm if their parents bought tickets and are watching the show! Parents need to let teachers know on the night when they collect their child.

Children will not be allowed to enter the Hall during the performance (unless they are performing). They will get the chance to see the show during school on Friday with the rest of the school.

It would be lovely if children could be there for every performance but we understand they may have other commitments which need to come first. We ask that you let your classroom teacher know if your child is unable to perform as it may affect the class item.

We understand for some younger children in particular, late nights may take it's toll. Production week is in the last week of term and they will have 2 weeks of glorious holidays to recover! If your child will be arriving late after a sleep in, please let the school know in the usual way.

PRODUCTION NIGHT SNACK PACK

Pre-order a snack pack for busy production nights! Orders must be in by Friday 22nd.

Food will be delivered to classrooms between 7:30-8:00pm.

There will also be a sausage sizzle available near the hall from 6:30pm.

Pack includes:

Ham & Cheese Snack Wrap or Sausage Roll · Juice Box · Cookie · Fruit*

Please use a separate form for each evening required.

Name: _____

Class: _____

Show Night(s): Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Snack Wrap Sausage Roll

Total paid: _____ *cash only - thanks*

\$6 per pack

PLEASE PLACE MONEY AND
ORDER INTO BOX IN THE OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER

**Unfortunately we are unable to cater for specific dietary requirements on this occasion.*