



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

17 February 2022

End of Year 2021 Prizegiving



UPCOMING DATES

Feb 18	Kotuku Swimming Sports @ Waihi College.
Feb 24	Juicies fundraiser. \$2 Each. Order forms out tomorrow.
Feb 28	Piwakawaka Swimming Display.
Mar 2	Meet the Teacher. More info next week.
April 5	Class & Individual photos. PhotoLife.
April 11	BOT Hui.
April 13	Surf n Turf Camp. Year 3 & 4.
April 14	Surf n Turf Camp. Year 3 & 4.
April 14	Last day Term 1.
April 15	Easter Friday. School Closed.
May 2	First Day Term 2.
May 23-25	Year 5 & 6 Camp. Tui Ridge, Rotorua.
June 6	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. School Closed.
June 24	Matariki Public Holiday. School Closed.
July 8	Last Day Term 2.
July 25	First Day Term 3.
Sept 30	Last Day Term 3.
Oct 17	First Day Term 4.
Oct 24	Labour Day Public Holiday. School Closed.
Dec 16	Last Day Term 4 & 2022.
TBC	Week 4 Hot Dog Fundraiser.
	Week 8 Hot Dog Fundraiser.

Kia Ora Whanau,

What a fabulous week we have had at school! The sun has been a very welcome addition after the crazy high winds over the weekend. We had a fair bit of minor damage with tree branches, so were thankful to get off so lightly.

In the newsletter you will notice a FAQ on Covid and what this means for our community moving into Phase 2. In a nutshell, if your little one is unwell please keep them home, if you are a close contact, please isolate and seek medical advice. If you are a causal contact, please send your child to school. More info is on pages 4 & 5.

As you can appreciate, advice from the MOH is modified regularly, we will amend our info as we go along and share it with you - so we are all on the same page.

Pokémon cards seem to have made a reappearance - and at times these cause an upset within friendships. Please keep them at home.

We are planning on a 'Meet the teacher' type event Wednesday 2nd of March. This will look a little bit different than other years. Please pencil this in if you would like be a part of this. Details will follow in our next newsletter.

We are really looking forward to Kotuku swimming tomorrow - for Year 4-6. We are saddened that parents have been asked to not attend by the venue - but thank you all for supporting us make this happen for our gorgeous tamariki.

As always, if you have a concern or celebration to share - please flick me an email and we will make a time to chat.

Nga mihi nui,
Briar

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS! NAU MAI, HAERE MAI WELCOME

We would like to warmly welcome our newest students and their whānau.

Nate D— Room 3
Aurora D—Room 9
Skye K—Room 3
Jackson V—Room 1
Mason S— Room 4
Josiah B—Room 5
Luke G—Room 5
Kylo AH—Room 6

Max H—Room 6
Jaysen W—Room 7
Jayda Y—Room 7
Jenica S—Room 6
Austin W—Room 7
Mason M—Room 7
Oliver B— Room 6
Brylee S—Room 6

MUSIC LESSONS 2022

NZ Modern School of Music Teachers

Meryl Bennett Guitar, Ukulele, Vocals and Theory

Mobile: 021 234 1721 blackbirdmusicnest@gmail.com

Jody Jamieson Keyboard, Piano, Flute and Theory

Mobile: 027 925 8237 jodynzmsm@gmail.com

Please contact Meryl or Jody to discuss enrolling your child for weekly lessons at your school.
www.nzmsmcounties.co.nz



Bank Account details for any and all online payments.
Please use your surname as a reference.

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ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Just a reminder that you can
send your absentee notification
by text to the school cell phone

021 0258 4817



WEEKLY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CLASS ORGANISATION 2021

Principal	Ms Briar Scott	
Deputy Principal	Ms Vanessa Maunder	
New Entrants	Miss Emily Croker	Room 7 (4 Days)
New Entrants	Mrs Sarah Cannell	Room 7 (1 day)
New Entrants	Mrs Brenda Wright	Room 6
Year 1	Ms Jude Fletcher	Room 8
Year 2/3	Miss Renee Pennington	Room 5
Year 2/3	Mr Brendon Carroll	Room 9
Year 3/4	Mrs Dorette Hartley—Team Leader	Room 4
Year 4/5	Mrs Neroli Matautia	Room 1
Year 5/6	Mrs Lynn James	Room 3
Year 5/6	Mrs Joanna Derham	Room 2
Release teacher	Mrs Marie-Louise Nordberg	
Release teacher	Mrs Sandra Watson	
Other Staff:		
Office Admin	Mrs Sharon Samson.	
Support Staff	Mrs Michelle Burr, Mr Scott Spicer, Miss Nyah Frew	
	Mrs Tanya Giles, Mr Jacob Mudford, Mr Matt Carden-Scott	
Caretaker	Mr Ross Cowan.	

START/FINISH TIMES

The start time for each school day is 9am. Active supervision by staff from 8.15am. School finishes at 3pm. The school bus leaves at 3.20pm. Please note bus time change.

EAST SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS FOR 2022

Office hours are the same as last year.

The office will be open from 8.15am to 3.15pm for all enquiries.

SCHOOL DONATION

Following the government initiative we won't be asking for school donations again this year.

PARKING AND ROAD CROSSING

Lots of us are getting back into school and the routine and rhythm of this - this is a timely reminder to please help us keep our kids safe. Please don't park in the middle of the road and beckon your child to get in the car, or cross in random places...lots of our little ones are watching and learning how to use the crossing properly.

NP means No Parking. Please do not park in any **NP** zones around the school. Often we are expecting deliveries and need the space kept clear. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

PB4L

Our school is proud to be part of the nationwide PB4L initiative. PB4L stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning and encompasses a pro-active, information driven and restorative approach designed to uphold whanau values.

PUPIL ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

So there are no doubts as to a child's whereabouts, parents are asked to inform the school whenever their child is going to be absent. If your child is away for several days it is only necessary to let the school know on the first day of absence. It is still appropriate to send a note of explanation or make contact with the teacher after a lengthy absence. On the first day of absence the school can be notified in either of the following ways:

- 1) by telephoning - 863 8693
- 2) by sending a note to the office via another child.
- 3) sending a text to **021 0258 4817**

Sharon or another staff member will take the message and note it on a form that is circulated to all classes by 9.30am each day.

Note: It is a legal requirement for schools to be advised of children's absences.

COVID 19 - FAQ

- In light of our recent cases (and possibly more) this information is to support our families with any Covid-19 queries, and what you need to do.
- In advance we know that this will end up in disruptions to your lives and work, and thank you for your understanding and support.
- Please note that we are not the “health experts”, but do know that the Ministry of Health may be delayed in providing advice/guidance to you.
- Please also note that this information is subject to change, based on any updated guidelines from the Ministry of Education & Health.

WHO DO I ADVISE IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID 19?

Please get in touch with Briar principal@east.school.nz as soon as possible.

WHAT ACTIONS DOES THE SCHOOL TAKE WHEN THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE?

We follow a response plan based on guidance from the Ministry of Education. This involves:

- Seeking confirmation of the positive case, and when the infectious period was
- If this was on a school day, we then work through contact tracing
- We will advise classes that are close contacts, via text/email initially, and then a follow up phone call.
- If this occurs during a school day, we will request that you come and collect your child as soon as you are able to. Arrive at the main gate, and we will bring your child(ren) out to you safely.
- Rest of school advised of the case, and becomes casual contacts

HOW DO WE WORK OUT WHO IS A CLOSE CONTACT?

There is detailed guidance around this and a range of criteria. Without going into detail, because our students spend a long time in the same classroom, this then fits the criteria for being a Close Contact.

MY CHILD IS A CLOSE CONTACT WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This means your child has had contact with a positive case at our school. They will need to isolate for 7 days and be tested on day #5 (Note - the 7 days start from the date that they were in contact with a positive case at school. Because of the time lag between the confirmed case/test results, this may mean that your child only needs to remain home for a smaller number of days).

The day #5 test is likely when you would receive the notification of being a close contact. We will advise you further regarding testing and isolation dates.

DO I NEED TO PROVIDE ANYTHING BEFORE MY CHILD IS ABLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL?

Yes please. For positive Covid cases or close contacts we would like to see the last negative test result please. Note: if your family chooses not to get the Covid test done, then the period of isolation may need to be extended, and/or the last symptoms have gone - please contact Briar for further advice.

IF MY CHILD IS A CLOSE CONTACT, DOES THE REST OF OUR HOUSEHOLD ALSO NEED TO ISOLATE?

No, not for our region. We have received official direction from the Waikato District Health Board & Ministry of Education that this no longer applies to the Waikato region.

Please note: the Covid19 website still says that other household members of close contacts are secondary contacts, and also need to isolate for 5 days, but this does not apply to the Waikato/Auckland areas.

A MEMBER OF OUR HOUSEHOLD IS A CLOSE CONTACT. CAN MY CHILD STILL ATTEND SCHOOL?

Yes, as above. Your child is able to attend school.

WE RECEIVED THE LETTER SAYING THAT MY CHILD IS NOT A CLOSE CONTACT. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Most importantly, your child is still able to attend school

- You and your whānau should watch for symptoms
- If any develop, get tested immediately
- Then, stay at home until you receive the result
- Please keep an eye out for school communications

MY CHILD HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This will mean that your child will need to isolate. All family members will be close contacts and also need to isolate. Ministry of Health will provide more guidance.

A MEMBER OF OUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This will mean that your child will be a close contact and also needs to isolate. Ministry of Health will provide more guidance.

MY CHILD IS FEELING UNWELL (EG. COUGH, HEADACHE, SORE THROAT ETC) CAN I STILL SEND THEM TO SCHOOL?

Because these are all symptoms of Covid, please do not send your child to school. While these may be the normal bugs/sniffles that occur, we encourage you to seek advice from your GP.

IS IT SAFE TO SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL?

Our processes involve working through a detailed contact tracing assessment. If your child is not a close contact, then school is still open for them and we encourage you to send them to school as much as you can. We really want to see them at school as much as possible. Our school health and safety plan for Red does contain a large number of protections.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO KEEP MY CHILD SAFE?

All staff, volunteers, contractors on site are vaccinated
We have good ventilation and lots of outside learning and play time.
Staff and students in Year 4 and above are wearing masks (unless exempt).

MY CHILD IS ANXIOUS OR SCARED. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE?

Our onsite team are working hard to make school fun, safe and a place of learning. We encourage you to focus on the things that they can do to help - mask-wearing, washing hands, getting fresh air and exercise, drinking plenty of water and eating well.
This website has some useful tips - <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz>

MY CHILD NEEDS TO ISOLATE AT HOME. WHAT SUPPORT WILL SCHOOL PROVIDE AROUND TEACHING AND LEARNING?

Our support and response will also depend on whether class teachers are also isolating at home. If our teachers are also isolating, they will be in touch to offer our remote learning support (virtual connections, activities etc) If our teachers are still at school, they will look to connect with you, and we will also arrange for hard packs & some other learning ideas.

UNIFORM

Please name **ALL** uniform, togs, towels, shoes, drink bottles and lunch boxes for ease of returning to the correct student. Thanks.😊

HATS

Children need to wear hats when outside in Terms 1 & 4. These are available from the office and are \$9.00 each. The hats are kept at school but sent home at the end of term for cleaning. No hat, means the child does not go out in the sun at morning tea and lunchtime. No other hats are allowed at school.

INFORMATION ON YOUR CHILDREN

The school keeps certain information on your children and it is most important that we are updated if any of the following details change: Phone no's, address, email, doctor, medical problems, change of caregivers, emergency contact (which we use if we cannot get anyone at home). Please call into the office or send a note with any changes.

PAYMENTS

We realise that money can be a wee bit tight at this time of year. To make the start of year slightly easier, the administration team can help you set up an automatic payment. Our bank account number for all payments is 020472 0084492-00. Eft-pos is also available.

UP AND COMING EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Most students are going to be attending some form of extra curricular activity in the coming weeks. Please make sure you have paid your contribution for these as soon as possible or contacted the office to let us know how you will pay. As you will be aware the government DOES NOT fund at high enough levels to cover all the costs of extra curricular activities. However as a school we do budget and fundraise to subsidise most excursions and trips. This does mean we ask parents for a contribution towards the activities. We are aware that this is an expensive time of year for everyone right on the back of Christmas and summer holidaying, however we love to see all students taking part, so if you are having trouble making ends meet, please contact us at school so we can make arrangements.

HEALTH MATTERS AND ALLERGIES

Parents are asked to write a note or speak with the child's teacher if there are health matters or allergies such as bee stings that may seriously affect your child. Wherever necessary, medication, named and with full instructions affixed, will be kept in the locked medical cupboard at school. The school needs a medication consent form for any child that staff may have to administer medication to. If your child is one of these, see Sharon in the office. Parents of children who have grommets in their ears or who have ear infection problems are asked to discuss problems associated with swimming with the teacher. In such cases tight fitting bathing caps can be a partial solution. [Any wounds should be covered for swimming].

SUSHI LUNCHES

We have sushi bought lunch available every week on Fridays only. 4 pieces of sushi for \$5.00. Order forms are available at the office.

UNIFORMS

At Waihi East our expectation is school uniform is to be worn. Clothing may be supplied if your child is often out of uniform. Remember our bottoms are to be plain black, navy or denim, minimum of mid thigh in length.

Please name **ALL** uniform, togs, towels, shoes and lunch boxes for ease of returning to the correct student.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS—THURSDAYS

Thursday is school newsletter day. Newsletters will be emailed only. If we don't already have your email address or if you have recently changed your email address please update these details at the office. These newsletters are one of the means of communicating with parents and I would ask that parents read them carefully. Many thanks! We appreciate the support of those who pay for adverts on the newsletter. Please support them with your patronage if you can.

FACEBOOK

We have a Facebook page that all notices will go up on.
Please follow '**Waihi East Primary School**' FB page.

NITS

Nits are always present at school. If you need some KidsCan spray please see Sharon in the office.

BEST START PROGRAMME FOR NEW ENTRANTS

If your New Entrant child has enrolled this term, or will be enrolling this term, please contact Briar about securing your place in our awesome workshops.

Best start Waihi East

Wed 17 March 9-30am-11.00am.

Wed 25 March 11.30am-12.30pm.

Contact Briar on principal@east.school.nz or 863 8693.

ENVIROSCHOOLS

Whanau, we are excited to announce that we are part of the Enviroschools initiative. Becoming an Enviroschool is a long term commitment by our Kura, empowering our children to engage in a sustainable future, developing projects for not only our school but also the wider community.

Check out the Enviroschools website for further information - www.enviroschools.org.nz.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FREE 2022 ADULT CYCLE SKILLS COURSES

Bikes and E-Bikes

- Thames ~ 26th January
- Waihi ~ 16th March
- Matamata ~ 23rd March
- Paeroa ~ 27th April
- Pauanui ~ 3rd May
- Whitianga ~ 4th May

- Morrinsville ~ 11th May
- Coromandel ~ 18th May
- Te Aroha ~ 25th May
- Whangamata ~ 1st June

Dates don't suit? Call to put your name down and our team will contact you when the next course is available.

Group sessions with maximum number of 12, booking is essential!

Enjoy the Journey



- You will need a road worthy bike and an approved helmet
- Learn what 'Pedal ready' means

- How to stay safe when you are cycling
- What to look for to check your bike
- Designed for adults who can ride a bike

Phone Thames-Coromandel District Council on 07 868 0200 to book your space!

Road Safety IS EVERYONE'S Responsibility



More Information:

For everyday riding tips: www.bikerready.govt.nz/adults/tips-for-everyday-bike-riding-beginners-to-advanced

For more technical bike tips see the NZTA cyclists road code: www.nzta.govt.nz

Check out: www.nzta.govt.nz/walking-cycling-and-public-transport/cycling

To find a group/club in your region: www.cyclingnewzealand.nz

For Hauraki Rail Trail status: www.haurakirailtrail.co.nz

To report a State Highway road hazard: 0800 44 44 49

To report a local road hazard: Thames-Coromandel District Council: 07 868 0200 Hauraki District Council: 07 862 8609 Matamata-Piako District Council: 07 884 0060

Enjoy the Journey

- Check your bike regularly - brakes, wheels, tyres, chain, pedals, headset, crank, seat
- Be pedal ready
- Regularly check behind you
- Work on your bike skills - practice the 5 L's
- Be seen - wear bright clothing, lights and reflectors.
- Ride at least one metre out from parked cars and watch for drivers opening doors.
- Claim the lane when the road width requires it, or when you need to position yourself for a turn or roundabout.
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Scan ahead for potential hazards i.e. pedestrians, dogs, or drivers who have not seen you.
- Know the road rules and follow them.

- Be safe, Be seen
- Be predictable
- Be courteous
- Be prepared
- Communicate
- Claim the lane
- Expect the unexpected
- Scan for hazards
- Trip planning - less is best
- Use your head

Phone Thames-Coromandel District Council on 07 868 0200 to book your space!

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PERFORMANCE CLASSES

with
SANDRA TIMLIN

Our Youth Theatre is offering classes again to teach acting and performance skills in 2022, using Road Dahl's James and the Giant Peach.

The classes will show participants how to work with a script and develop characters using voice and movement.

WITH A SHOWCASE PRESENTATION OF JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

AGES 8 to 12 | TERMS 1 & 2 | Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:30 | STARTING 8TH FEB
Boyd Rd Theatre

INFO AND APPLICATION FORM FROM YOUTHTHEATREWAIHI@GMAIL.COM or 863 9090



LEARN

ACTING TECHNIQUES

GROUP SKILLS

SCRIPT AND CHARACTER WORK

MOVEMENT AND MIME

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
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