



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 1 & 2
18 February 2021



UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 22 Cricket Coaching.
- Feb 23 East School Swimming Sports. Waihi College Pool. 9.00am-1.00pm. Year 4-6.
- Mar 1 After School Ripa starts.
- Mar 8 Junior Smash Cricket Festival. Waihi College. 9.00am-2.30pm. (pp 9th Mar)
- Mar 9 Waihi Schools Cluster Swimming Sports.
- Mar 10 BOT hui. 5.30pm. All welcome.
- Mar 11 Principal's Assembly. 2.00pm-3.00pm.
- Mar 12 Piwakawaka Trip. Waihi Museum. Trip 1.
- Mar 16 Author Visit. Des Hunt. Rooms 1,2& 3. 9.00am-12.30pm.
- Mar 17 Best Start Programme. 9.30am-11.00am.
- Mar 17 North Cluster Swimming.
- Mar 22 Hearing & Vision Testing. New Entrants.
- Mar 25 Best Start Programme. 11.30am-12.30pm.
- Mar 26 Piwakawaka Trip. Waihi Museum. Trip 2.
- Mar 27 CAR BOOT Sale.
- Mar 30 Surf n Turf. Year 4 & 4. Hamilton Zoo trip.
- Mar 31 Surf n Turf. Year 3 & 4. Surf School.
- Apr 2 Easter Friday. School Closed.
- Apr 5 Easter Monday. School Closed.
- Apr 6 Easter Tuesday. School Closed.
- Apr 7 Parent Teacher Interviews. 1.00pm-5.00pm.
- Apr 8 Parent Teacher Interviews. 3.00pm-7.00pm.
- Apr 8 BOT meeting. 5.30pm. All welcome.
- Apr 9 EPro8 Challenge. Katikati College.
- Apr 14 Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip. Year 5 & 6.
- Apr 15 Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip. Year 5 & 6.

Kia Ora

Isn't it fabulous to be back in the swing of routines and kids at school!?

Thankyou to the children who helped to lead our Mihi Whakatau last week - to welcome our new families to our East whānau, you guys are superstars! A huge haere mai to our new families, we are glad you are here!

We were thrilled to have lots of whānau join us for a sausage sizzle and informal chat last week, and look forward to catching up with others over the term coming.

Thanks for being so responsive to our change in Alert levels, our children are safe and happy at school, and for the most part, practicing good hygiene measures. If you could take a moment and remind your child to wash their hands for the duration of the 'happy birthday' song, twice through, that would be great!



All going well, we have lots of exciting activities and events planned for the term - the first being Kōtuku Swimming at College next week - we may have to change our organizing slightly, depending on alert levels.... more info coming soon.

Later in the term, we will offering whānau conferences, so keep an eye out in the newsletter for these dates and book your spot nice and early.

On that note, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, you are super welcome to flick them an email and make a time to do so. We really value your input, you know your child best, and we want to work together with you to help your child shine.

Have a fabulous weekend ahead.

Nga mihi
Briar

JUICIE FUNDRAISER

Piwakawaka will be selling Juicies every Monday for \$1.50 each. Cash payment to the office the week prior to your order please. We are asking each Piwakawaka whanau to donate a box of Juicies, if you are able. Your help is very much appreciated, Thank you.



2021 OVERNIGHT CAMPS

If you are thinking of attending any overnight camps with your child this year, we need a

Police Vetting form filled in.

No form, then no overnighting at school camps.

Please see the office for your blank form or send in your child.

These need to be back at school for processing as soon as possible to get them processed in time for camps.

Thanks in Advance.

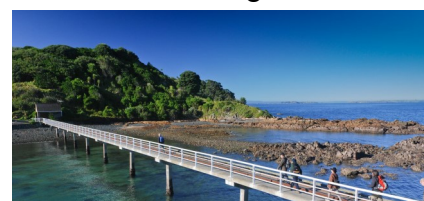
Year 3/4 30th-31st March. Surf n Turf.

Year 5/6 14 & 15th April Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip.

Year 5/6 11th-14th May Waitawheta Camp.



Tiritiri Matangi Island



WEEKLY NOTICES AND REMINDERS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS! NAU MAI, HAERE MAI WELCOME
We would like to warmly welcome our newest students and their whānau.

Ra-Anthym S— Room 2
Jimi R—Room 4
Codan K—Room 5
Levi K—Room
Marley-Jae H— Room 1
Isla C—Room 5
Harmony T—Room 9

Macie R—Discovery Centre
Rebekah N—Discovery Centre
Ella O—Discovery Centre
Mila BS—Discovery Centre
James D—Discovery Centre
Loretta C—Discovery Centre
Connor B— Discovery Centre

CLASS ORGANISATION 2021

Principal	Ms Briar Scott	
Deputy Principal	Ms Vanessa Maunder	
New Entrants	Miss Caitlin Kneebone	Discovery Centre
New Entrants	Mrs Sarah Cannell—Team Leader	Discovery Centre
Year 1	Ms Maren Johansen	Room 8
Year 2/3	Ms Jude Fletcher	Room 5
Year 2/3	Mr Brendon Carroll	Room 9
Year 3/4	Miss Tammy Stevens	Room 4
Year 4/5	Mrs Neroli Matautia	Room 1
Year 5/6	Mrs Dorette Hartley—Team Leader	Room 2
Year 5/6	Mrs Joanna Derham	Room 3
Release teacher	Mrs Marie-Louise Nordberg	
Other Staff:		
Office Admin	Mrs Sharon Samson.	
Support Staff	Mrs Leann Bellamy, Mrs Michelle Burr, Mr Alan Scott. Mrs Tanya Giles	
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 2021

Office hours are the same as 2019 & 2020.
The office will be open from 8.15am to 3.15pm for all enquiries.

SCHOOL DONATION

Following the new 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 lovely 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.

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.

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 the 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.

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.

ENVIRO SCHOOLS

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.

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Seasons for Growth

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM



Seasons for Growth™

An innovative grief and loss program that uses the imagery of the seasons to illustrate the experience of grief.

The program was first developed 20 years ago and has been revised and updated to incorporate new evidence and ensure that it continues to provide relevant and valuable experience for participants.

It does not provide counselling or therapy.



What does it do?

Seasons for Growth aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people (aged 6-18) who are dealing with significant life changes by:

- Exploring the impact of the change and loss on everyday life
- Learning new ways to respond to these changes

Who is it for?

Anyone who is living with the effects of change and loss. Many factors can cause change such as:

- Friends can come and go
- Loss of someone or something you love
- Parents and families separate
- Moving to a new place
- Impact of illness
- Family work-life changes

Change affects everyone differently, as does grief. It's the impact of the change, not the event itself that *Seasons for Growth* focuses on.

We suggest that anyone affected by bereavement wait 6-12 months before participating in a *Seasons for Growth* program.



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WAIHI EAST SCHOOL presents... BEST START WORKSHOPS

Come along and find out about practical ways you can help
your child's start to school.

Get to know our staff and parents.

Wednesday 17th March 2021

9.30am-11.00am

How We Roll

Thursday 25th March 2021

11.30am-12.30pm

Literacy & Numeracy

Held in the Staff Room

RSVP to secure your spot to: principal@east.school.nz

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