



WAIHI EAST SCHOOL
TE KURA RAWHITI O WAIHI



Waihi East Primary School Newsletter
Term 1 Week 7
21 March 2024

Teachers Union Meeting

Monday 25th March our teachers have an NZEI Union Meeting at 9:30am. School will start on this day at 10:45am. If you are unable to make this later start please let your child's teacher know, we will have a skeleton staff on site for supervision. Sorry for the inconvenience, thank you for your support.




UPCOMING DATES	
Mar 25	Teacher Union meeting. School starts at 10.45am.
Mar 26	North Cluster Swim Sports
Mar 28	North Cluster Swim Sports pp.
Mar 29	Easter Friday. School Closed.
Apr 1	Easter Monday. School closed.
Apr 2	Easter Tuesday. School closed.
Apr 3	Best Start Programme. 9.30am.
Apr 4	Handball for KidsCan.
Apr 5	Handball for KidsCan.
Apr 5	EPro8 Interschool.
Apr 10	Rippa Tournament. Year 5/6.
Apr 11	Principal's Awards.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!
NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

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

Isabel P—DC



Kia ora Whānau,

What a fantastic week we have had with lots of amazing opportunities for our tamariki. A huge thank you to Dorette, Renee, Neroli, Michelle and Matt for their planning and organisation of Surf and Turf. Thank you also to all whānau who were able to join us, we appreciate your time, help and support on camp. We were blessed with perfect weather and have such incredible resources right on our doorstep.

Mufti Day tomorrow to support E Tū Tāngata - Stand Up to Stand Out. We have been talking with our tamariki about the importance of our individual identity and what makes us special, celebrating each other for who we are and feeling proud of our individual differences.

Our Year 5 and 6 tamariki have had their EPro 8 Competition this week. Such amazing problem solving and technology based learning taking place. Great excitement as finals happen today!

As previously advertised we have our late start on Monday so our teachers can attend their Union Meeting. School will start at 10:45am, please contact the office if you need supervision for your child as there will be a limited number of non-union teachers on-site to help supervise children. This meeting is to brief teachers on the changes happening/coming to the education sector with the change of government and to get teacher voice on the key points they want NZEI to lobby for on their behalf.

Some of the key things happening within the education sector currently...

- The move towards twice-a-year national testing in reading, writing and maths. How this data will be used and shared has yet to be announced. Observations from other countries warn us that performing in tests becomes the focus of the education system with National Testing.
- Significant cuts to funding support for children with learning needs. The goal to cut back spending in the public sector is seeing support for children with additional learning, behaviour or health needs being significantly cut back. Many children across the school are no longer receiving any support, or if they are, receiving a drastically reduced amount of support.
- Attendance
- Agencies who work with schools face significant cutbacks. Agencies that work with schools have the same pressure placed on them to cut back costs. People are leaving, and roles are left unfilled for extended periods.
- Property maintenance has been significantly cut back. In practical terms, this means that the money each school gets to maintain the buildings and grounds will no longer cover the costs needed to keep a school well-maintained.

This meeting aims to make the education sector aware of the impact of these changes across the board and develop key lobbying points to take forward.

We have a short week next week with Good Friday and the following week Monday and Tuesday are also Easter holidays.

Thanks whānau for your support
Ngā mihi nui
Vanessa

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

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

020472 0084492-00



ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION

Just a reminder that you can send your absentee notification **to the eTap parent app.**

Did you know that if you don't contact the school when your child is absent they are marked as Truant?

BEST START PROGRAMME FOR NEW ENTRANTS

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

Best Start Waihi East

3 April 9.30am – 10.30am.

Contact Tanya on tgiles@east.school.nz or 863 8693.

WAIHI EAST SCHOOL LIBRARY

The school library will be open for whanau to use on Thursdays after school.
3pm-4pm
All welcome.



CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER

Boxes of chocolate bars were sent home last week. We have run out of supplies here at school so if you are finding it hard to sell your box please return to school as I have others asking for more boxes.
Half sold is fine.

The bars are \$2 each.
There are 36 bars in each box.
Thanks



Cadbury BLOCKS BOX 36 Pack 45g - 60g \$2.00 RRP x 6 Carry Packs

This Blocks Box includes the best sellers from the Cadbury Dairy Milk Range 45g-60g! At \$2 these make selling easy with just one coin required!

YUMMY APPLES

We are still collecting Yummy apple stickers and the apple bag cut outs.

In Term three we swap these stickers for free sports gear.

Please bring all your apple stickers to school and place on our charts in the office.

Alternatively we can supply you with your own chart to have at home.



On bags of apples, cut out and collect these labels

WANTED

Old, used rugby boots to be swapped at the rugby club muster.
Please drop off to Mrs. Matautia in Room 3 or the school office.
Thanks heaps



Meet the Kotuku Teachers

Mrs Lynn James Room 1

Kia ora koutou, ko Lynn James tōku ingoa, ko Honey toku whanau, no Waihi ahau. I am pleased to be back teaching in the senior school again this year! We have had such an amazing start and I am excited to see what the year has in store for us!

As a teacher, my aim is to be approachable and encouraging while helping to build strong, capable and confident learners.

When I am not at school I enjoy camping, walking, and spending time with my family.



Mrs Joanna Derham Room 2

Kia ora whānau, ko Jo Derham tōku ingoa. I am super excited to have the privilege of teaching in the senior school for 2024. I'm looking forward to another fun filled, busy year supporting, and teaching and learning with your tamariki. I believe relationships are a pivotal part of a great classroom culture and have an open door policy, so do pop in and say hi!

I was born in London and worked as a teacher aide in the UK and in NZ. I moved here in 2007 with my husband and three children Amber, Marni and Alfie who are now grown up and have flown the nest. (I am going to be a Nana in April). In my spare time I love going off in my campervan with my husband and dogs, reading and sewing.



Waihi Kāhui Ako



- Meet our team -



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Year 3 & 4 Surf n Turf Camp





Easter Treat

Chocolate Hot Cross Bun
Ice Cream Sandwich



Thursday 28th March
Lunchtime Treat
\$4

Return slip to the office
by Tuesday 26th March





JUICIES

The sun is shining so grab
an ice block to chill down
with each week!

Cash is accepted for juicy fundraisers.



\$2

EVERY THURSDAY

KOTUKU - MORNING TEA PLAY

PIWAKAWAKA - LUNCHTIME PLAY





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BAGs for FRUIT



MAKE YOUR BAGS GO ANOTHER ROUND



We have teamed up with Beach Road Garden Centre to help recycle packaging bags in return for Free Fruit

you can drop any bags off to the East School Office

(bags need to be in clean reusable condition)

For every 10KGs of paper supermarket bags we supply, they will donate to us 10KG of yummy, healthy fruit to share amongst our students.

IT'S A WIN WIN!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kids Pottery Workshop

Make a silly/cute/Funny Chicken

When: Saturday 23rd March 2024

Time: 10am -1pm

Where: JPF Ceramics Studio, Aongatete



\$60 per person

All Materials supplied, tutoring, clay, underglazes, glazes, and firing

You will need to have on old clothing or an apron to wear (Clay is messy),

Max 8 persons First In, First Served,

Bookings Essential

Contact Juliet Ph 021 2711433

JPFCeramics@gmail.com



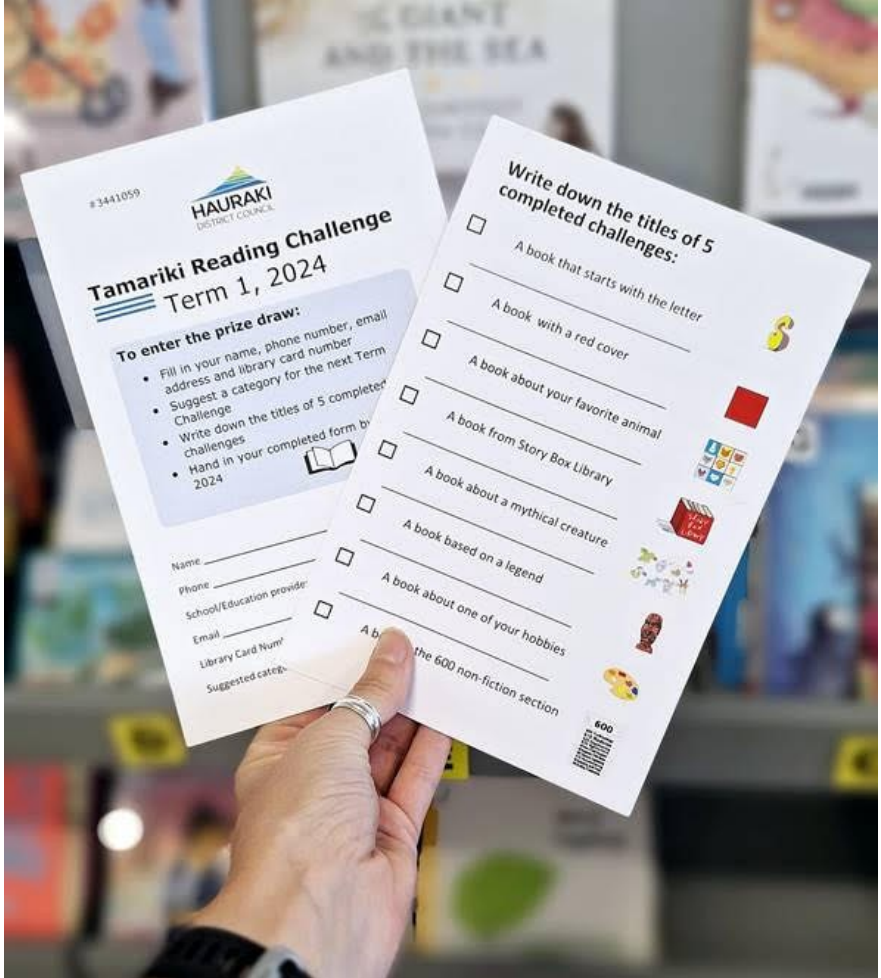


FUN-tastic Fridays at the Library!

- Movie Afternoon**
1st Friday of the month
- Lego**
2nd & 4th Fridays of the month
- PlayStation sessions**
3rd Friday of the month
- Board games**
Available at the counter

Paeroa & Waihi
Every Friday
3.30pm onwards
Ages 5 & up
(Parental supervision required)

Hauraki District Libraries
0800 734 834
07 862 8609
(within the district)
Facebook/HaurakiDistrictLibraries





Hi there, New Zealand's coastal run festival is back for 2024 – The Whitianga RunFest!

Thanks to our amazing Sponsors, G.J Gardner Coromandel, all Coromandel Peninsula school children can run FREE!

The 2024 Whitianga RunFest offers three coastal course options, 6km, 10km and 21km – all suitable for both runners and walkers! Saturday 25th May.

Each Course starts at Ferry Landing, with a trip up Shakespear Cliff, for spectacular views of Mercury Bay! The 10km will take you through to Cooks Beach and the 21km to Purangi and the secret lake.

Each course offers you the chance to recharge your legs on the short ferry ride before a 1.2km sprint down the path to the finish line.

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We'd love if you could spread the word as we'd love to see a number of Coromandel schools take part!

We've created a unique code for your school kids. To purchase entries, head to <https://whitiangarunfest.co.nz/> and apply the code at the checkout.

Please find below the discount code that will apply to Waihi East School. If you've got any questions, feel free to flick us a message.

use code - WAIHIEASTSCHOOL

The Whitianga RunFest team

Event Services - info@whitiangarunfest.co.nz

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