



Term 3 Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Week 4

Tena koutou

16 August 2017

It's the 4th week of term already and classes are busy practising their items for our school production in the last week of our term.

I know many parents really enjoyed the evening with Diane Levy organised by our wonderful PTA – we have already heard from parents who attended how useful they found the talk and how they have successfully used the strategies suggested. We are also using them! A great night – thanks to the PTA for organising it.

Our Year 1 to 6 students attended the NED show – the yoyos are a popular attraction and the last day for sales is today.

The key message from the show is one that we can all relate to – Never give up, encourage others, do your best. Our cross-country runners certainly demonstrated these messages and we are very proud of those who gave it a go. Thanks to the parents who encouraged and supported their child on the day and Ashleigh Stewart our sports coordinator for her splendid organisation of the event.

Senior playground

What a popular place this is at playtimes and lunchtimes. A reminder that this playground is for our year 5 to 8 students only. Teachers are on duty in the playground at break times -if you want your child to play in the playground before and after school please supervise them.

This playground has only become a reality because of the hard work and generous donations of time and money by local businesses and community members. We wish to acknowledge the contributions of the following people and businesses:

Magnum Hire generously donated an excavator for 5 days

Ian Howe Pumps – Donation of the concrete pump and operator for installation of retaining posts
Evans Turf Supplies – Donation of grass seed and fertiliser

Auckland landscape suppliers – cartage of soil, scoria and metal

Dunn Contracting – Donation of 1 day of excavator and operator, also thanks to Anthony Hellyer for helping to arrange this

Chris Davey - Mitre 10 Mega – assistance with temporary fencing materials

Troy Carpe - for sharing his knowledge and skill in building retaining walls, erecting and moving temporary fences and working with local companies to get the best deals for our school.

John Buchanan - for his help in designing the drainage for the area and moving the fence

Brent Cathcart/Cathcart Engineering Ltd who did assisted with the drainage

Shane Dwyer, Wade Hansen, Jim Davenport, Brett Barker and Shane Price for help on working bees.

Penny Jackson for keeping the boys supplied with tea, coffee and pies when the going got tough
Adrienne Hansen for writing countless applications for grants, managing the budget, liaising with contractors and continued support and assistance.

Lastly Nick Cox and Steve Bishop have worked tirelessly on the playground throughout the whole project – Nick sharing his knowledge and expertise in landscaping and excavation and Steve organising contractors, working bees, donating trees – the list goes on.

Waitakere Primary PTA – fundraising for the spinning web – a really popular piece of equipment
There's always a danger when you list people that you miss off someone – our grateful thanks to all who have contributed – we couldn't have done it without you.

It has been an expensive project and without all the generous donations of time and equipment it could not have been completed.

We will be completing the landscaping planting in the next 2 weeks and have an official opening ceremony planned later in the term. We still have to import some top soil and seed the grass area and a final drain to install around the base of the landscape bund. We hope to complete this soon - funds and weather dependant.

Board of Trustees

A reminder that our Board of Trustees meets tonight in our staffroom at 7.20pm. All are welcome.

Whanau Evening

If your child/children are registered as Maori on our roll, Waitakere Primary School would like to invite you to join us for a hui and kai at the kura on **Thursday 17 August at 6.30pm** in our library. You will have received an invitation via mail to attend this evening – we'd love to see you there. **A reminder to let us know by Thursday morning 17th August at the latest** if you are attending for catering purposes.

No Parking

Please note 12 Bethells Road is private property please respect our neighbours.

KEY DATES

- 16 Aug— BOT Meeting 7.20pm
- 17 Aug—Whanau Evening 6.30pm
- 22 Aug—New Entrant Morning Tea 9.30am
- 23 Aug—Kath Bee (Year 1-8) Show
- 24 Aug—Awards Assembly 2pm (full school)
- 29 Aug—N/W Cross Country
- 5 Sept—School Photos
- 7 Sept—Junior Assembl+ly 1.30pm
- 7 Sept—Senior Assembly 2.20pm
- 13 Sept—BOT Meeting 7.20pm
- 14 Sept—Netball Prizegiving Hall 3.15pm - 4pm
- 26 Sept—School Production Matinee & Evening
- 27 Sept School Production Evening
- 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:



Emily Gubb
William Adams
Lilly Harvey
Mila Bale

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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



The Year 3 & 4 children have been challenged by a series of 4 skateboarding lessons. Their balance has improved every lesson, along with their confidence. They can push, turn, stop and skate round a large circle of cones. The final session is this week and there are even greater challenges facing them.

Cross Country

I was nervous, pawing my feet in the squelchy mud and doing fitness exercises like jogging on the spot. Then we slowly walked over to the starting line. BAM!! Mrs Hendren clapped the pieces of wood together and we were off! I ran round the muddy field, slipping in the mud. I stumbled uphill towards the playground running like a cheetah. Some people were cheering and I forced myself to urge on down the bumps and past room seventeen. I flung myself past room sixteen past the library and sprinted round the court Phia on my tail. I panted round the basketball court and down the hill to the bottom field. I ran round the bottom field puffing and panting. I came through the middle as slow as a snail Phia centimetres behind me. I felt **So** proud of myself as I relaxed in the green, wet grass.

by Lola Porter

Cross country

The bell rung I was nervous about cross country. I went to the starting line 321. I took off at tremendous speed turning a few corners up the hill. I sprinted around the cone another few corners and I was on the court. I went around the basket ball court then I came to the final sprint. I darted and came seventh place.

by Leo Marygold



TERM 3 VISITING PERFORMER

This term we have been lucky to secure one of New Zealand's leading songwriters as our visiting performer. Kath Bee has been performing nationwide as children's entertainer for many years and has written many well known children's songs. Her songs resonate with children from all walks of life, especially those who don't 'fit inside the box'.

Kath will be visiting us on Wednesday 23 August. Year 7/8 students will be treated to a song writing workshop with Kath in the afternoon. Cost is \$5 and is complimentary if you have paid school donations. Please give money to your child's classroom teacher or pay at the office by Tuesday 22 August.

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.

School Cross Country / Fun Run

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the school cross country/ fun run and for all of the supporters who turned out to cheer our students on. The results for the day were:

- 5-year old girls:
1st Zoe Butler, 2nd Alice Johnston, 3rd Amelia Gould
- 5-year old boys:
1st Yannis Luggen, 2nd Boyd Nicol, 3rd Xavier May
- 6-year old girls:
1st Aimee Dickens, 2nd Jessica Lawrence, 3rd Molly Larmer
- 6-year old boys:
1st Rhys Dellow, 2nd Finn Jones, 3rd Ryan Kerr
- 7-year old girls:
1st Aroha Wilson-Croft, 2nd Aria Rogers, 3rd Zara Daw
- 7-year old boys:
1st Isaac Ogilvie, 2nd Akira Taingahue, 3rd Harry Young
- Year 3 girls:
1st Raiwen Zhang, 2nd Ashlee Hellyer, 3rd Nea Brown
- Year 3 boys:
1st Liam Gallbraith, 2nd Jacob Jones, 3rd Blake Butler
- Year 4 girls:
1st Emma Dickens, 2nd Zinnia Solaris, 3rd Mazie Strickett
- Year 4 boys:
1st Cayden Kopp, 2nd Vic Rodd-King, 3rd Zach Greenfield
- Year 5 girls:
1st Josephine Hong, 2nd Ava Porter, 3rd Amelia Lee
- Year 5 boys:
1st Jack England, 2nd Price Henderson, 3rd Reef Osbourne
- Year 6 girls:
1st Sienna Going, 2nd Zoe Armitage, 3rd Tasha Corbin
- Year 6 boys:
1st Kai Challis, 2nd Luca McCrae, 3rd Jared Lucas
- Year 7 girls:
1st Lizzie Jackson, 2nd Paris Fox, 3rd Eloise Hansen
- Year 7 boys:
1st Teddy Fitzpatrick, 2nd Kaleb Cawson, 3rd Ethan Ward
- Year 8 girls:
1st Manu Grimme, 2nd Brooklynn Going, 3rd Amber Mikklesen
- Year 8 boys:
1st Teagan Torrey, 2nd Cody Ross, 3rd Jack Corbin

If your child participated in the fundraising aspect this year, please make sure all money is returned to classroom teachers by Friday 18th August. Prizes can then be ordered online after this date. If you didn't register online, you will need to inform your child's teacher of the prize your child wants (in relation to the amount of money raised).

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Waitakere U15 boys made a great start to Season 2 at the YMCA with a convincing win. The new Waitakere Primary singlets looked great on the court and were comfortable to play in. A big thank you to Jo Easto for all of her hard work in organising new singlets for all teams – it was a huge job - and to Jack McCully for his generous donation. We look forward to a fantastic season.