



It was fantastic to see our Year 5 to 8 students participating and having fun in our annual triathlon. With the parents and whanau cheering them on and the sun shining it made for a wonderful event, hopefully the first of many.

Our swimming programmes have been slow to start this year, but with the beautiful weather, classes are making the most of the opportunity to strengthen their swimming skills.

Covid is doing the rounds again at school, please test your child if they are showing any covid symptoms and let us know if they test positive. If they are positive, they must self isolate for 7 days, day 0 is the day symptoms first appeared.



Our Term 1 show is fast approaching and this term we are very lucky to have Young Ocean Explorers coming in to do a presentation on the 29th of March.

The presentation is highly engaging and talks about some of the environmental issues our oceans are facing and what kids can do to protect them. It is full of amazing footage and images of the under the

sea world - Riley is the most dynamic speaker and the kids just love her!

The cost of the show is \$3. If you have paid the school donation, the cost is covered.



On Wednesday 15th March Rebecca and Joy will be running two information sessions about the new approach to reading in The Nest, The Hub, and Room 17. These sessions will run from 9.15 am to 10 am and from 2pm to 2.50pm. Parents from these classes who are interested in learning more about BSLA Better Start Literacy Approach or have questions are invited to come to either session in Room 16.

PTA Pizza day

Wednesday 15 March, order forms in your child's school bag today. **Last day for orders Tuesday 14 March.**

ORDER FORM:
Wednesday 15 March - Pizza Lunch
\$2 per slice, 3 slices for \$5
or whole pizzas for \$10

CHEESE PIZZA ONLY

Name: _____
Room: _____
No. of slices: _____ OR No. of whole pizzas: _____

Please tick: Standard Gluten free:
 Dairy free:

Please show your order and money in a sealed envelope and pass to your classroom teacher. (Available 9.15am-10am)

NEW ENTRANT MORNING

Waitakere Primary will hold a New Entrant Information meeting each term for parents who have children starting school the following term. The dates for 2023 are as follows:

- Tuesday 16 May, **9.30 am**
- Tuesday 15 August, **9.30 am**
- Tuesday 14 November, **9.30 am**

This is a great opportunity to meet other new parents, some of the staff, including our Principal Heather Atkinson, and learn about Waitakere Primary School. We will start our morning with a guided tour of the school led by our Year 8 student leaders. We will return to the staffroom where you will be given a brief overview of school life and some ways that will help you prepare your child for school. Enrolment packs will be handed out to all those who have not received one yet.

Please let the office know if you will be attending.

While parents are attending the information morning, the children who will be starting are invited to spend time between 9.30-11:00 am in a N.E. room. Your child will need to bring a bottle of water and a snack (cut up fruit or veggies in a small container) to have at Brain Food time.

Alex Jelas
Associate Principal

KEY DATES

- 13 Mar - Taiwanese School visit
- 14 Mar - Year 3/4 trip to Auckland Museum
- 14 Mar - Yr 5/6 parent helpers camp meeting 7pm
- 15 Mar - PTA Pizza day fundraiser
- 15 Mar - Better Start Literacy Approach Information sessions
- 16 Mar - Term 1 Show Young Ocean Explorers
-Yr 0-4 10am
-Yr 5-8 11.30am
- 20 - 24 Mar - Yr 5/6 camp Marsden Bay
- 23 Mar - Junior School Triathlon
-Yr 3/4 11.45am
-Yr 0/2 1.45pm
- 29 Mar - Term 1 Show Young Ocean Explorers
- 30 & 31 Mar - School Photos
- Parent teacher student conferences:
30 Mar - Thursday 3:30-8pm
5 Apr - Wednesday 1:30-6:00
- 7 Apr - Easter Friday**
- 26 Apr - Term 2 Starts**
- 4 & 5 May - Stu Duval

Term Dates for 2023

- Term 1** 31 January - 6 April
- Term 2** 26 April - 30 June
- Term 3** 17 July - 22 September
- Term 4** 9 October - 15 December

Teacher Only Days

6 June TOD Whiria te Tangata

Public Holidays

- 6 February Waitangi Day
- 7 April Good Friday
- 25 April Anzac Day
- 5 June Queens Birthday
- 23 October Labour Day



**Waitakere Primary School
TRIATHLON**

Year 0-4: March 23rd

Year 3-4 start 11.45
Year 0-2 start 1.45pm

Come along to support our tamariki at this event!

Your child will need to bring:

- Bike (or a scooter for Year 0-4 students) and a helmet. No helmet, no ride!
- Togs and a towel (goggles are optional)
- Shoes to run in
- A full water bottle
- A "can do" attitude



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