

### School Photos

Parents and caregivers have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2023 School Photos. If you have not received yours please check your spam or junk folders. Parent Queries – Please contact Photolife directly by emailing [enquiries@photolife.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@photolife.co.nz) \*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May \*\*\*

### Screen Time

Studies have shown an increase in **recreational** screen time for children results in an associated decrease in their well-being and health. The recommended **recreational** screen times are - for children 0-2 years no screen time, 2-5 years less than 1 hour a day. For children 5-17 less than 2 hours per day. There is growing evidence that recreational screen time can negatively impact children's ability to focus their attention and regulate their behaviour and emotions. Encouraging a balance between screen time and other activities is helpful and the studies suggest that placing limitations around screens near bedtime and no devices in bedrooms improves children's sleep.

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary and Intermediate schools. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely aligns with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will receive a report outlining their child's performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student is \$9.90 per competition entered and the completed forms must be returned to Mrs Haven either in hard copy or via email by Monday 8 May. **No late entries**, and students will not be enrolled until payment is received. [dhaven@waitakereprimary.school.nz](mailto:dhaven@waitakereprimary.school.nz)



We are excited to announce our event for term 2! We have Stu Duval, who is an award-winning author with over twenty popular children's books coming in on the 4th and 5th of May to teach his cartoon drawing workshop, which will be tailored to suit each syndicate. This workshop is absolutely hilarious and totally interactive. Stu shares the Secrets of Cartoon Drawing based on his best-selling How To Draw Cartoon Books. Totally inspirational! Suitable for All Age Levels. The cost for the workshop will be covered by your school donation, otherwise it is \$5.00 per student.

Congratulations to Milo Aubourg for winning a music scholarship. He will be learning to play the guitar.



### Swimming pool season finished

Please return your pool key before 12 May to collect your bond refund.



These gorgeous girls were the first Under 11 Girls team for Kumeu Cricket Club. They have just completed their first cricket season where they represented the school well and always demonstrated great sportsmanship. The improvement in skill level was incredible. These girls started the year not knowing how to hold a bat or bowl a ball to bowling wickets and hitting 4s!

They had an amazing coach, Ian Coleman, who is Eden's granddad and such supportive parents! Many of the girls developed a love for cricket and can't wait to do another season!

Team members include: Eden Austin, Isobel Mansfield, Matilda Walkden, Sydney Doogan, Juliette Simpson, Hannah, Emily and Lucy Stinchcombe

### 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

- 4 May - Stu Duval Workshop Yr 5-8
- 5 May - Stu Duval Workshop Yr 0-4
- 8 May - PTA Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- 10 May - Year 8 Taster day at Waitakere College
- 16 May - Soccer Zones Y7/8 Boys & Girls
- 16 May - New Entrant parent morning 9.30am
- 16 May - Runanga meeting 7pm
- 17 May - BOT Meeting 7.20pm
- 18 May - Junior Assembly 2.15pm
- 19 May - Pink shirt day
- 23 May - Senior school house day
- 24 May - Year 8 Taster day at Massey High
- 25 May - Full School Assembly 2pm
- 29 May - Auckland Museum Yr 0 - 2 trip
- 31 May - Yr 7/8 Basketball zones
- 5 Jun - Kings Birthday**
- 6 Jun - Teacher only day**
- 7 Jun - PTA Meeting 7pm in Staffroom
- 12 Jun - Kiwi Science competition
- 13 Jun - Kiwi Maths competition
- 13 Jun - Cross Country
- 14 Jun - BOT Meeting 7pm
- 15 Jun - Junior Assembly 1.30pm  
- Senior Assembly 2.15pm
- 19 Jun - Kiwi English Competition
- 29 Jun - Full School Assembly 2pm

### Term Dates for 2023

**Term 2** 26 April - 30 June

**Term 3** 17 July - 22 September

**Term 4** 9 October - 15 December

### Teacher Only Days

24 April TOD Curriculum refresh

6 June TOD Whiria te Tangata

### Public Holidays

25 April Anzac Day

5 June Kings Birthday

23 October Labour Day



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