

We would like to thank the parents who are helping us with the walking school bus rain or shine. We couldn't do this without you and we know the community appreciate your time.

Monday 24th of April is a teacher only day that the Ministry of Education have mandated, it is to collaborate on the curriculum refresh.

Our year 5 & 6 students have arrived at camp safely and are enjoying the sunny weather in Northland we look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

This year we are holding these conferences in the last two weeks of term 1 and your child is a vital part of these. They will be sharing their learning and goals - a shift away from a more traditional parent/teacher interview. All the current research shows that students need to have a "voice" in their learning – the more we give students choice, control, challenge and collaborative opportunities the more motivation, engagement and achievement are likely to rise. These interviews are collaborative with all participants having the opportunity to share. Information about the structure of your child's conference will be sent to you by the class teacher prior to the interview.

Our parent teacher student conferences will be held on Thursday 30 March and Wednesday 5 April. These conferences are a valuable time for your child and their teacher to share successes so far and set goals for the rest of the year. As in previous years we will be using an online booking system for the interviews.

Please book a conference time online <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> School Number **xrewy**

A reminder that on Wednesday 5 April, the interviews will start at the earlier time of 1.30pm. **The buses are ordered for 12.40pm that day, there will be no buses at 3.00pm.** The walking school bus will run only at 12.40pm, with walkers leaving then. Please advise the school of the arrangements for your child on that afternoon using the following link <https://forms.office.com/r/8jUzV8KxMq>

Please bring your child along to their conference—they will have work to share and goals to discuss with you.



Wednesday 29 March Term 1 Show
Young Ocean Explorers
\$3.00 each if school donation not paid.



**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

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

20 - 24 Mar - Yr 5/6 camp Marsden Bay

23 Mar - Junior School Triathlon

-Yr 3/4 11.45am

-Yr 0/2 1.45pm

27 Mar - PTA Meeting 7pm in Staffroom

29 Mar - Term 1 Show Young Ocean Explorers

30 & 31 Mar - School Photos

30 Mar - Parent teacher student conferences:
Thursday 3:30-8pm

5 Apr - Parent Teacher student conferences:
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

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