

What a fantastic time our students had with Stu Duval in his art workshop. We were complimented on how engaged and well behaved our students are, and what a pleasure it is to come to Waitakere School. The art work produced was outstanding.

The West Auckland soccer zones were played yesterday at the Huapai Domain. Our year 7 & 8 teams competed, their behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary. The girls came 2nd and the boys came 4th. Well done Waitakere.

### Adventure playgrounds

Just to update you, both of our adventure playgrounds require work done on them after the flooding to make them safe. There is significant cost involved in remediation and we are waiting for funding from the Ministry of Education to come through before the work can be undertaken. We know how frustrating this is for our students and we want you to know we are pushing as hard as we can to speed up the process.

Thanks to those of you have already completed the Community Survey. The Board of Trustees are very keen to hear what's important to you and your whanau, so please do complete the survey. Your answers will be treated as confidential, so please don't put your name on them unless you would like us to contact you. If you are unfamiliar with opening links in Seesaw, you click the link once and another link appears in the bottom left corner which you then click to open the survey. If for any reason you are still unable to open the link please email the office and they can email you the link.

### 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 \*\*\***



### Kids lit



On Wednesday 3rd of May, a group of year 8s travelled to St Cuthberts College for kids lit. Kids lit is a competition that book worms love. It's a kids literature competition that schools from all over Auckland attended. St Cuthberts hall was very loud and filled with excitement. Over 50 tables sat in the hall with an excited team sitting at each. As one of the students that went, I felt like it was a great challenge and I'm so glad that I went.

We are immensely proud of all our students that went along (Zara, Belle, Leroy, Amelia, Charlie, Tate, Faeryn, and Anika).

by Belle Porter

### 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 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

- 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
- 1 Jun - Immunisation catch ups
- 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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