

Welcome back. It has been great to have our students back on site reconnecting with friends and their new classmates.

We have been very impressed with the way in which they adapted to the new routines of school this year. Our thanks to the community who have continued to be so supportive of the measures we have put in place to keep our students and staff safe.

Some important reminders for you

- Please continue to phone the office if you have anything to drop off, we will meet you in the bus bay and collect it.
- As we are currently unable to run a meet the teacher evening one of our main means of connecting with you is Seesaw. Class teachers will have sent you details about this – if you are having difficulty please contact them.
- If your child is unwell please keep them home along with their siblings. They need to be symptom free for at least 24 hours before they return to school.
- Our community newsletter details all our health and safety measures – if you missed this we have attached it again for you.
- If you have any queries the class teacher is your first port of call – they will be sending regular communications but feel free to contact them.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our Board meets next week on Wednesday 16th February (via zoom). Agenda items include staffing, strategic planning and health and safety matters.

Centennial

It is with much regret the Board have made the difficult decision to cancel the Centennial celebrations in April due to the expected escalation of the Omicron outbreak. We are really disappointed that we have had to do this, but along with all the other event planners in New Zealand that have prioritised safety above all else, we feel this is the responsible thing to do. The up side is that we have been putting together a beautiful full colour glossy A4 sized book which is looking fabulous. The Centennial book covers the history of Waitakere School and the Waitakere Community, we are aiming to have this published in April and it will be available for purchase for \$25 plus postage of \$7.20 standard post, plus an additional \$4.30 if NZ post considers you rural postage. If you are a school family we will be able to give the book to your child to take home rather than post it.

Anyone who is requiring a refund of pre purchased tickets please email ibailey@waitakereprimary.school.nz with the amount you paid and your bank account number and Jeanne can refund your money. If you have already paid for your book, we will be in contact with you when it is published so we can get it to you. For anyone else that would like to order a book we will put a new link up on social media and the school website shortly.

Thanks for your support and understanding.



Year 7 & 8 school-based immunisation programme 2022

Year 7 students will be offered Boostrix vaccine (Tdap) in school. This vaccine is a booster of tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis). Most children received these immunisations as pre-schoolers.

Year 8 students will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in school. This is a New Zealand schedule vaccine that is recommended to be given at 12 years of age. Students need two doses with a 6-month gap between dose 1 and 2.

Information on the vaccine and a consent form will be sent home with your child. Please complete the form and return to the school. If you would like more information on this important immunisation programme, please go to [WDHB School Immunisations](#)

KEY DATES

16 Feb - BOT Meeting

16 Apr - Term 1 ends

Term Dates 2022

Term 1	3 February to 13 April
Term 2	2 May to 8 July
Term 3	25 July to 30 September
Term 4	17 October to 16 December 12.40pm finish

Teacher Only Days

14 April
25 October

Public Holidays

6 June Queen's Birthday
24 June Matariki
29 August Mid-term break
24 October Labour Day

Helpful Numbers

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DENTAL CLINIC 832 2116
KIDS CLUB 027 604 0907

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- In Term 1 children and Staff wear a wide brimmed sunhat when outside of the classroom. Please ensure that your children have hats at school and are named.
- Please make sure your child/children always have a spare change of clothes in their school bag.
- Please advise the school office by email of any changes to your contact details, address changes etc to office@waitakereprimary.school.nz
- Lunch ordering is available Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays. For those of you that haven't used our online ordering system before, you will first need to register, go to www.kindo.co.nz. Click login - select families and click to join up.



Playball is back! Playball is offered as an extra-curricular activity for year 1-2 students at Waitakere Primary School.

They are currently taking enrolments for term 1 which will commence at the School on Tuesday the 16th of February at 3:15pm-4:00pm

They will be limiting Playball to 36 children. Playball fees are \$99.00(incG.S.T) for an 8 week term. Families of 2 or more children receive a 10% discount.

Ask about a free trial today or, to enroll your child/ children, sign up online: www.playball.co.nz/find-a-class/waitakereprimary

If you have any queries contact James on 0274817000 or email james@playball.co

Playball is a sport and movement program for 2-8 year olds.

The main objective of Playball is not to create superstars, rather to provide children with the opportunity to develop a host of necessary social, educational and personal skills. By giving children competence in sport, they will develop fundamental life skills. From a child's perspective the most important element of our program is fun! For many children their Playball lesson is the highlight of their week! For more information visit www.playball.co.nz

- Maximum pupil:coach ratio of 12:1
- Introduction to Eight sports
- Positive, enjoyable coaching environment
- Life skills through sports skill

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www.playball.co.nz



ORGANISATION 2022

Senior Management

Heather Atkinson - Principal
Alex Jelas - Associate Principal
Denise Haven - Associate Principal
Joy Hay - Learning Support Co-ordinator

Senior Syndicate: **Syndicate Leader—Denise Haven**

Year 7-8	Rhys Hodge	) Tribe	Room 18
Year 7-8	Nina Doogan	) Tribe	Room 19
Year 7-8	Ashleigh Stewart (T/L)		Room 20
	/ Nicole McDonald		
Year 7-8	Jessica Amani	) Hive	Room 21
Year 7-8	Monique Watt	) Hive	Room 22
Year 5-6	Lexi Lauchlan (T/L)	) Pod	Room 1
Year 5-6	Kristy Senne	) Pod	Room 2
Year 5-6	Jackie Still	) The Galaxy	Room 3
Year 5-6	James Grant	) The Galaxy	Room 4
Year 5-6	Hazel Walkden		Room 5

Junior Syndicate: **Syndicate Leader—Alex Jelas**

Year 3-4	Eriko Taingahue (T/L)		Room 6
Year 3-4	Jo Easto		Room 7
Year 3-4	Ethan Davidson		Room 8
Year 3-4	Kura Wyatt	) Te Āhura	Room 9
Year 3-4	Julie Svenson	) Te Āhura	Room 10
	/ Pauline Ogden		
Year N/E-1	Jennifer Chisholm	) The Nest	Room 14
Year N/E-1	Rebecca Marshall	) The Nest	Room 15
Year 1-2	Jayne Kearney / Yolanda Brooking		Room 11
Year 2	Natasha Williams (T/L)	) The Hub	Room 12
Year 2	Genna Ricahrdson	) The Hub	Room 13
Year N/E Term 2			Room 16
Year 2	Tamara Marsh		Room 17

Performing Arts / Digital Technology: Leigh Menzies Room 16

MST: Michaela Thompson

Office Staff: Jo Williams, Jeanne Bailey, Wendy Tjaden

Caretaker: Roy Rich

Teacher Aides: Camilla Ashley-Wilson, Serena Balston, Jo Battersby, Nadia Gallaher, Stacey Larkin, Kate Wallace, Barbara Yates

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