

It was so lovely to have a fine day to welcome students and parents back to school for 2023. We would like to thank the school community for their support over the late opening of our school due to the flooding. We would also like to thank our office staff and teachers who were juggling working from home where they had intermittent internet available, while also dealing with the aftermath of the floods at school and at their own properties. We are so lucky to have such wonderful staff.

Meet the Teachers

Tonight is our meet the teacher evening starting at 3.30 till 6.00pm this evening. This is an informal meeting and an opportunity for you to share what you feel is special about your child.

Our grounds are still quite sodden, so we have multiple areas that are out of bounds. We are working with the Ministry to resolve the flood issues that still remain. We have our first BOT meeting of the year Feb 15th in the staffroom at 7.20pm.

As you may have seen on Facebook the **underpass under Waitakere Road is closed due to flood damage**. We will have staff available to **assist children with crossing the road from 8.30-8.45 in the morning**. Please be aware the speed limit is 80km on Waitakere Road so it is advised that you make use of this supervised road crossing.

The **walking school bus will run in the afternoons** and staff will assist children with crossing the road.

Using the Pedestrian Crossing

We encourage our students to use the pedestrian crossing outside the school to ensure their safety. It is therefore disappointing, particularly with the huge increase in traffic using Bethells Road, to see parents crossing their children anywhere along the road. In some cases it is forcing traffic to stop so they can cross safely. Please set a good example and use the pedestrian crossing and don't be offended if we remind you to do so.

School Pool

Please note the school pool will be closed this Friday.



KEY DATES

- 8 Feb - Meet the Teachers 3.30 - 6.00pm
- 15 Feb - BOT Meeting 7.20pm in staffroom
- 23 Feb - 1.30pm Scenic Assembly
- 2.15pm Junior Assembly
- 4 Mar - Te Henga Community Day**
- 7 Mar - New Entrant Parent Morning 9.30am
- 9 Mar - Tough Kid Day
- 13 Mar - Taiwanese School visit
- 14 Mar - Year 3/4 trip to Auckland Museum
- 14 Mar - Yr 5/6 parent helpers camp meeting 7pm
- 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
- 30 & 31 Mar - School Photos
- 6 Apr - 1.30pm Scenic Assembly
- 2.15pm Junior Assembly
- 7 Apr - Easter Friday**

Term Dates for 2023

- Term 1** 31 January - 6 April
- Term 2** 24 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

ORGANISATION 2023

Senior Management

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

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

Year 7-8	Rhys Hodge (T/L)	) Tribe	Room 18
Year 7-8	Nina Doogan	) Tribe	Room 19
Year 7-8	Ashleigh Stewart/Nicole McDonald	) Hive	Room 20
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	) The Grove	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	) Ahura	Room 9
Year 3-4	Lily Wakenshaw	) Ahura	Room 10
Year 2	Jayne Kearney / Yolanda Brooking		Room 11
Year 2	Hayley Morris	) The Hub	Room 12
Year 1/2	Genna Ricahrdson	) The Hub	Room 13
Year N/E	Jennifer Chisholm	) The Nest	Room 14
Year N/E	Rebecca Marshall (T/L)	) The Nest	Room 15
Year 0	TBA		Room 16
Year 1	Tamara Marsh		Room 17

Performing Arts / Digital Technology: Leigh Menzies

MST: Michaela Thompson



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WESTGATE CHILDRENS COMMUNITY
DENTAL CLINIC 832 2116

Free period products top up form

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.
- If you have any queries the class teacher is your first port of call - they will be sending regular communications via Seesaw.
- Please advise the school office by email of any changes to your contact details, address changes etc to office@waitakereprimary.school.nz
- For absences please also advise office, as teachers could have relievers.
- New Entrant stationery packs for students starting in The Nest are available to purchase from the school office at \$77.45 eftpos available.
- School shirts are also available for the students in Year 7/8 for trips and Tech \$45.00 from the office.
- Payments can be made direct to Waitakere Primary School BOT A/C #12-3085-0314327-00 with your child's name as a reference.

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 7 March, **9.30** am

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

Basketball Hui: Thursday, 9 February, 3:15pm, School Staffroom

Welcome to Season 1, 2023. This year there is a meeting for coaches, managers and whānau to start the season. We ask that if you are a manager or coach you attend this meeting to enable everyone to begin the year with the same information.

During this meeting we will cover:

- Practice timetable Term 1
- Registration and forms (if needed)
- WPS Fairplay Code (School)
- YMCA code of conduct (hand out copies available for coaches/managers to take to the Y meeting)
- YMCA rules (copies available)
- YMCA important dates:
 - Tues 14 Feb U11 (for U9s who are transitioning to U11) 4-5 pm gold coin koha
 - Tues 14 Feb Coaches Managers night, YMCA 5:30 – 6:30 pm
 - Sat 18 and Sun 19 Feb Coaches Training, YMCA 2-4 pm registration required:
nmassey@ymcauckland.org.nz
- Time for your thoughts and basketball ideas

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th.

Ngā mihi nui, Andrea and Jo

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