

Welcome back. We have really enjoyed reconnecting with our students and community this week. Our staff are looking forward to meeting you in person at our parent teacher student conferences on 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you for your continuing support of the measures we have put in place this term at orange level. A reminder that you are welcome to visit classrooms after school when all students have left the classroom. If you would like to do this, please:

- Wear a mask whilst indoors
- Sanitise before entering the space
- Maintain social distancing. If a meeting with a teacher is required, this may be held outside at the request of staff.

Parents coming onto the school site during the day will need to sign our visitors register at the office and wear a mask.

Our end of day bell is at 3:00pm. Parents wishing to collect their child on site after school are asked to wait on the courts and observe social distancing from 2:50pm and are requested to leave the grounds by 3:15pm. Year 0 -2 students will be escorted to this area for collection at the end of the day.

## Masks

The Ministry of Health strongly recommend that everyone in schools continue to wear masks under Orange. Schools are close contact environments and bugs spread very quickly, particularly in the cold weather. We all want to keep teachers at school teaching and students at school learning - our preference is that everyone from year 4 and up continue to wear masks. The children are doing very well with mask wearing etiquette - we will continue to have regular mask breaks and plenty of time outside without masks. Our staff are continuing to wear masks.

Please ensure that your child (Year 4 and above) brings a mask to school everyday as there will be times when they are required to wear them e.g. assemblies, during close contact small group work and when there is a guest in the classroom.

A reminder that it is mandatory for students Year 4 and above to wear masks on our school bus. This includes travelling to and from school and to Taupaki Technology Centre.

## Parent Teacher Student Goal Setting Conferences - Please wear a mask at the conferences.

This year we are holding these conferences in the week 3 and week 4 of this term 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 an 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 Wednesday 18 May 1.30pm - 6pm, and Thursday 26 May 3.30 - 8pm. 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.

A reminder that on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 3pm.**

Making your Interview booking is a 2 step process.

**Step 1:** Please follow this link to advise us of arrangements for your child on this day  
<https://tinyurl.com/4ff33y7y>

**Step 2:** Visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) to book your interview using the password **w8y34**

If we do not hear from you we will supervise your child at school till 3.00pm.

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

## KEY DATES

6 May - Closing date for Kiwi competition

Parent Teacher Student Goal setting:  
18 May - Wednesday 1.30 - 6pm

**20 May - Pink Shirt Day**

Parent Teacher Student Goal setting:  
26 May - Thursday 3.30 - 8pm

21 - 23 June - Year 3 & 4 Camp at  
Carey Park

23 June - School cross Country  
(TBC)

**24 June - Matariki Holiday**

**8 July - End of Term 2**

### 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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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:



Pink Shirt Day, on Friday 20 May 2022. Students will come together and take a stand against bullying. Please support your child by encouraging them to wear pink on this day and bring a gold coin donation (optional). As a school we will be discussing the important kōrero - Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!!

## PLAYBALL WEST AUCKLAND.

Playball is an introduction to eight different sports, Football, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Baseball, Tennis, Hockey and Rugby.

### For all Year 1, 2 and 3 students:

Our aim is not to create superstars, but rather to provide children with the opportunity to develop a host of necessary social, educational and personal skills by giving children competence in sport.

Playball is taking enrolments for term two and will commence on Tuesday the 10th of May from 3:15pm-4:00pm and will run for 8 weeks every Tuesday.

We will be limiting spaces to 36 children for term two.

Ask about a free trial today.

To enrol your child/children please sign up online

[https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket\\_bookings.php?classid=46470](https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket_bookings.php?classid=46470)



## 2022 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

Once again we are able to offer the Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions set by the University of Canterbury to our Year 5-8 students this year. The competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. These are online competitions and are set to take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2, and the first week of Term 3. The cost is \$9.50 per competition entered, payment to be made direct to Waitakere Primary School BOT A/C # 12-3085-0314327-00. Entry forms must be returned to the office by **Friday 6 May**, or emailed to [dhaven@waitakereprimary.school.nz](mailto:dhaven@waitakereprimary.school.nz). Certificates are presented for all participating students, and the top student in each competition receives a prize.

## 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 June 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 [jbailey@waitakereprimary.school.nz](mailto:jbailey@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.

Waitakere School centennial book should be available in June, it is now having its final proof reading check, if you would like to purchase a copy [click on this link to place your order](#). It is an A4 size, full colour book that covers the 100 year history of our school and the Waitakere community from 1921-2021.

- 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](mailto:office@waitakereprimary.school.nz)
- Lunch ordering is available Wednesday and Fridays, from Pita Pit. 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](http://www.kindo.co.nz). Click login - select families and click to join up.
- Stationery Packs for New Entrant students starting in Term 2 onwards are available to purchase from school for \$60.00. Payments can be made direct to Waitakere Primary School BOT A/C # 12-3085-0314327-00 with your child's name as a reference.

## SCHOLASTIC ISSUE 3

Pamphlets will be coming home today, Orders can be made by Loop on Scholastic site or cash in an envelope with order to Wendy in the Office.

Please note the final date for ordering is end May 2022

## [Free period products top up form](#)