

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

We would like to wish you all a happy Easter and a lovely school holiday break. With the wet weather expected in term 2 it is timely to remind you to ensure your child has a spare change of clothes in their school bag. If they don't and your child gets wet or muddy, we will need to call you to deliver some. The last day of our parent, teacher, student conferences is today, our students love having the opportunity to share their goals and their work with their family. Thank you all for coming along. Our Board meets tonight in our staffroom at 7.20pm, agenda items include property matters, policies and procedures.

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary and Intermediate schools. The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely aligns with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents'/caregivers will receive a report outlining their child's performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition. The cost for a student is \$9.90 per competition entered and the completed forms must be returned to Mrs Haven either in hard copy or via email by Monday 8 May. No late entries, and students will not be enrolled until payment is received. dhaven@waitakereprimary.school.nz



We are excited to announce our event for term 2! We have Stu Duval, who is an award-winning author with over twenty popular children's books coming in on the 4th and 5th of May to teach his cartoon drawing workshop, which will be tailored to suit each syndicate. This workshop is absolutely hilarious and totally interactive. Stu shares the Secrets of Cartoon Drawing based on his best-selling How To Draw Cartoon Books. Totally inspirational! Suitable for All Age Levels. The cost for the workshop will be covered by your school donation, otherwise it is \$5.00 per student.

Swimming pool season finishes end of Term 1

The pool season will end on Thursday 6th April which is our last day of term. You can return your key anytime from now until 12 May for your bond refund. We would like to extend our thanks to the pool committee for helping this season. We have had an amazing team that has made it so easy for the school to offer this to our community.

Basketball Shoe Swap/Donate Facebook Page

Please join our Waitakere Basketball shoe donate or swap Facebook page. This page has been created to help our basketball school community. If your child has outgrown their basketball shoes, why not pay them forward and maybe pick up a bigger pair?

All you need to do is search 'Waitakere Primary basketball shoe donate or swap Facebook page' on Facebook and once we have checked you are from our school, we will approve.

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

- 5 Apr - Parent Teacher student conferences:
Wednesday 1:30-6:00
- 5 Apr - BOT Meeting 7.20pm in Staffroom
- 6 Apr - Full School Assembly 10am
- 6 Apr - Term 1 school ends 3pm**
- 7 Apr - Easter Friday**
- 24 Apr - Teacher only day**
- 25 Apr - Anzac Day**
- 26 Apr - Term 2 Starts**

4 & 5 May - Stu Duval

Thank you to Katherine, Kai Assist Team Lead from South Kaipara Good Food for the donation of ear phones for our classes.

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

24 April TOD

6 June TOD Whiria te Tangata

Public Holidays

6 February Waitangi Day

7 April Good Friday

25 April Anzac Day

5 June Queens Birthday



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