

Waihi School Newsletter



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Weeks Ahead...

Term Three 2024

WEEK ONE

Sun 28 July

John McGlashan College / Columba College Fixture

Arrive for billeting

Hockey, Basketball, Netball (first) games played

WEEK TWO

Mon 29 July

John McGlashan College / Columba College Fixture

Rugby, Football, Netball (second) games played

JMC / CC depart

WEEK THREE

Tue 6 August –

Thu 8 August

Ministry of Education ERO visit to Waihi School

Thu 8 August

Waihi School Association meeting @ 3:00pm

Waihi School Trust Board meeting @ 4:30pm

Sat 10 August

Strictly Jump Jam @ Cashmere High School

WEEK FOUR

Wed 14 August

Sports Exchange (away): in Christchurch

St Andrew's College, Medbury School, St Margaret's College, Cathedral Grammar School, Waihi School

Thu 15 August

Sports Exchange (away): in Christchurch

St Andrew's College, Medbury School, St Margaret's College, Cathedral Grammar School, Waihi School

Sat 17 August

Duets Fundraising Evening

WELCOME TO WAIHI SCHOOL & PYNE HOUSE

Massive Waihi welcome to:

Zoe INNES

8TC

Eva INNES

7JS

Toby Haxby

Gap Tutor

arriving shortly



Friday 26 July 2024

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents

Later in Term Three the senior staff and board will set about rewriting our strategic plan. This process usually starts with a blank sheet of paper and three words – *The Waihi Student*. The decisions we make are all centred around our Waihi Student and the knowledge of what makes them tick.

As part of this process we will consider feedback already received from parents, staff, students and the Education Review Office team who are visiting Waihi in a few weeks.

The Waihi Way is a document that we constantly refer to – it outlines our philosophy and sets the foundation for all we do. **'The Waihi Way'** is who we are and what we believe. Many of you will have heard us speak at parent meetings and open days about aspects of the Waihi Way and "Why Waihi?" As I often say it is tempting to describe what we do and how we do it, however the essence of Waihi is in what we believe.

We believe...by offering every student a broad holistic experience, they will discover their talents and passions – *everyone does everything*.

We believe...that *learning to fail is important*; Tu Igitur Perfer Adversa – our children have the resources, attitude, and resilience to cope with life.

We believe...in expecting every student to give 100% in everything they do – *expect to be your best, not the best*.

We believe...in *celebrating successes, but not judging people by them, nothing is more important than your Character* – our aim is to nurture good young men and women.

From the children's perspective they understand the Waihi Way through our three 'Rules to live by' and the promise made at their enrolment interviews. They promise to:

Work Hard - Hard work, giving 100%, is the basis of all success, and a strong work ethic is displayed by students and teachers at Waihi. Aspiration and excellence are encouraged throughout the school. We want everyone to be their best version of themselves.

Get Involved - We all know that a happy child learns more effectively than an unhappy one. There is a very wide range of activities and opportunities on offer here at Waihi and staff work hard to make both lessons and co-curricular experiences inspiring and aspirational. Involvement and participation in all aspects of school life helps students discover their passions and builds confidence and resilience.

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Be Kind - Kindness is no trite buzzword (and as the children know it is Mr Short's favourite school value). Being kind requires a higher level of behavioural expectation than merely tolerance or respect. We believe in a positive and generous approach, in collaboration and cooperation, and that leadership, both staff and student, is about compassion and service.

Underlying the development of the Waihi Way is a foundation of research and evidence into educational practice and over the next few newsletters I want to share some of this with you all, particularly in regard to three specific areas: *Curriculum; Values, and Dispositions for Learning*. As one of the staff said at our teacher only day on Monday –

"I like the fact that "The Waihi Way" is actually built on research and not just a thought that someone had, which sounded good as a motto. I like that a closer look has been given to why values are important, why different teaching and learning approaches are important etc. It shows the depth to which we go to help our learners achieve their best."

Kind regards

Allan Short
Headmaster

Education Review Office

In Week Three we welcome the team from the Education Review Office (ERO) to Waihi School. The Waihi Leadership group have already spent several hours talking to the team prior to their visit and provided them with a multitude of information and resources, to assist them in really getting to know the real Waihi.

They will be with us throughout the week and will have an opportunity to see all aspects of life at Waihi from the classrooms to Pyne House and from the Orchard to the river, and most of all they get to meet our wonderful students and staff.

The visit is part of the normal cycle of reviews by ERO of schools in New Zealand and we look forward to sharing with them just what makes Waihi such a special place to be.

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

**"Be kind whenever possible.
It is always possible."**

14th Dalai Lama

W A I H I N O T I C E S

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

Winter Sports

2024 Final Game Dates

South Canterbury Rugby

Last games this weekend

Sat 27 Jul 2024

Tuesday Hockey

Last games are on Tue 6 Aug 2024

Friday Hockey

Last games are on Fri 9 Aug 2024

Netball South Canterbury

Finals and Prize Giving on

Sat 24 Aug 2024

Football South Canterbury

Last games to be confirmed



Founders Day / Grandparents Day

This year we are celebrating our eleventh annual Grandparents' Day.

Our special afternoon is being held on **Thursday 5 September** starting at **1.00pm**, exactly 117 years to the day since our Founder Joseph Orford opened the doors of Waihi to its first three boys.

It is hoped that all grandparents will receive an invitation to the afternoon over the next week or so from their grandchildren. Should there be any trouble with New Zealand Post, or Telecom, or indeed from slack grandchildren, please can you ensure that all grandparents know that they are invited and are more than welcome to attend!

This is always a wonderful afternoon both for our children and grandparents and we hope to see as many visitors as possible on the day.



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WAIHI SCHOOL TRUST BOARD Parent Representative Election

Following our May 2024 Waihi School Trust Board meeting we called for nominations for the vacancy of a Parent Representative on the School Board.

As we have received more than one nomination, an election will now take place to select the person to fill this vacancy on the Board.

Today under separate email a document containing a brief Bio for each of the four candidates who are standing has been sent to all current parents who we hold email addresses for.

In alphabetical order, the candidates are:

- Jarrod Marsden
- Stacey Mawle
- Nick Roughan
- Charlotte Steetskamp

Each current Waihi parent is allowed to vote once in this election.

Please complete the Google Form online to cast your vote. The vote is entirely confidential, names are only required to ensure each parent votes a maximum of ONE time.

<https://forms.gle/rhySB48vrUUatqoUA>

Voting opens at **midday on Friday 26 July 2024**, closing at **09:00 on Monday 5 August 2024**.

Warm regards

Mike Tayler
Board Chair

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been advised by the Ministry of Health that any Waihi families who are seeking a GP appointment related to Whooping Cough need to seek an appointment with their registered GP due to resourcing matters.

As ever, please do contact a matron on matron@waihi.school.nz if you have any initial queries.

Many thanks,

Ollie Clayson

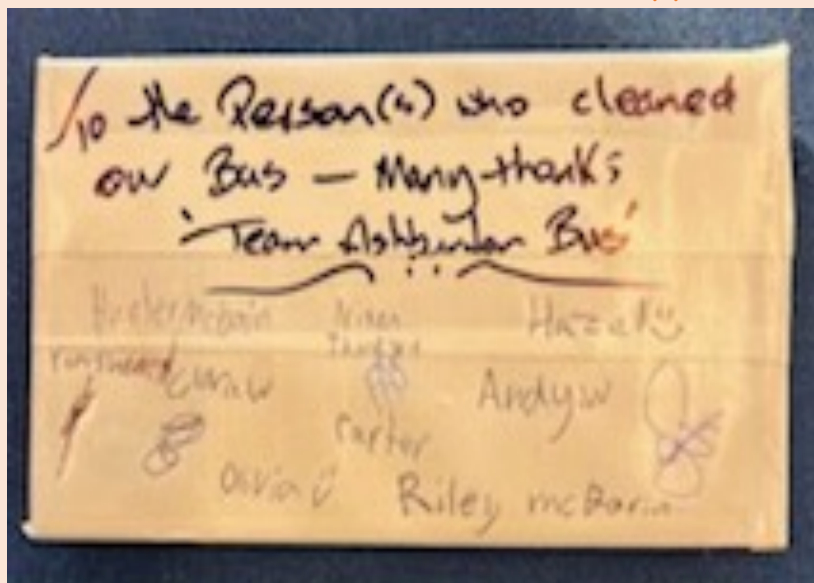
Assistant Head Pastoral and Head of Boarding

WAIHI APPRECIATION

'TEAM ASHBURTON BUS' APPRECIATE YOU TARA ARAIPU

Thank you Tara!!!

Our Waihi vehicles were so sparkly clean inside and out for the start of term – we appreciate you!



W A I T H I : C L A S S R O O M

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Term Two – the one where 6TW became published authors

Last term in 6TW we undertook a huge writing project that took the children the entire term to complete. We made our own books!

Our inquiry topic was about Myths and Legends, so we decided to have a go at creating our own Myth. Mrs Westland set the task to create a Myth about how electricity was made.... and it couldn't be the truth with all the science. No! She wanted to read about magic and demigods!

First, we had to plan it out with a plot map, before we drafted our myth. We could not forget to put in all that added detail to make it super interesting. Then we got to publish our work and have a go at using AI and Canva to illustrate our books.

Everyone did such an amazing job. If you are looking for a quiet activity or want to get lost in the world of TW's imagination, come on in and have a read.



Friday 26 July 2024

W A I H I P E & S P O R T

Term Two Wrap Up | Information | Updates

Term Two PE Roundup

Last term our PE focus was invasion games, with an emphasis on exploring traditional Maori games. The students enjoyed learning how to play Ti Uru and Tapu-ae, but many found a particular love for Ki-o-Raki, a game of multiple methods of scoring, attacking and defensive strategies and all-round fun and enjoyment.

A fantastic term for PE!



This Term

Before continuing and concluding our invasion games unit after the Term Three mid term break, students will create their own Olympic events for their peers to compete in to coincide with the Olympic Games.

REMINDER

Please encourage your child to bring their tracksuit for PE during the Winter term.

New Sports Kits

I am delighted to announce and share with families our new first team kits for hockey, football and rugby ahead of the John McGlashan exchange on Sunday.



A lot of blood, sweat and tears have gone into making this happen, and as such, please be aware that first team kits will be allocated to students a little differently going forward to prevent many of the issues from the past. When students are selected for the first team, they will be assigned a kit by Emily or Katrina, and their kit number will be recorded.

If the shorts or jersey fail to be returned within a respectable time frame, families will be charged the replacement fee for the unreturned item. This not only encourages and teaches our children to respect the privilege of being able to wear our white strip and the pride that comes with it, but also eliminates frustration when trying to organise kits for future fixtures.

We cannot wait to see it debuted this weekend by our students representing Waihi!

For all general Sport enquiries, please email sport@waihi.school.nz

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WAIHI MUSIC

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UPCOMING EVENTS : DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS



AUGUST 10th



AUGUST 26th



SEPTEMBER 7th

For all music or itinerant enquiries, please email music@waihi.school.nz

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WE'RE TAKING PART IN WIG WEDNESDAY



Help us
support
Kiwi kids with
cancer



Josh,
diagnosed
age 10

Johnny,
diagnosed
age 8

Mya,
diagnosed
age 5

Theo,
diagnosed
age 5

DONATE NOW

Visit wigwednesday.org.nz or
text **WIGGY** to **3457** to donate \$3

