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WEEK THREE

Thu 31 October

Waihi School Trust Board Meeting

Fri 1 November

Ashburton A&P Show
Clash of the Colleges (AgriKids)
Gumboot Friday

Sat 2 November

Ashburton A&P Show
Jump Jam Nationals (Cashmere High, Christchurch)

Sun 3 November

Y8s depart for Otago Rail Trail camp

WEEK FOUR

Mon 4 November

Y8s at Otago Rail Trail camp

- Wed 6 November

Thu 7 November

Top Team SC 2024

Fri 8 November

Y7 Science Roadshow

Sun 10 November

Year 6 (both classes) Expedition Day
Peter Prosser Cricket Game @ Waihi
(Old Waihians vs First XI)

WEEK FIVE

Mon 11 November

Y4-8 Exam Week

Thu 14 November

Production photo session (full cast involved)

Fri 15 November

EXEAT weekend starts at the end of the school day

EXEAT – no school today / Pyne House closed

TERM 4 EXEAT WEEKEND

Our Term 4 exeat weekend starts at the conclusion of the school day on Thursday 14 November. School recommences at 8:30m on Tuesday 19 November, boarders return from 5:00pm on Monday 18 November.

PLEASE NOTE:

no school on Friday 15th November or Monday 18 November 2024

Wednesday 30 October 2024

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents

It was with extremely mixed emotions that I announced to the staff team just over a week ago that I had resigned as Headmaster of Waihi School. We really are a very close family here at Waihi and I will miss my colleagues, the Waihi families and our wonderful children.

This was an extremely difficult decision to reach both professionally and personally. Kendra and I care deeply about the Waihi family and will not forget the love and support which we have felt from our community over the last thirteen years. We know that Own and Lachie had a fantastic start to their education here, whilst Evie and Leilani consider themselves honorary Waihians, just missing the co-education move, the girls have nevertheless played their part too, as Gap Tutor and Netball coach respectively over the last few years! It has been a privilege to be the headmaster of this wonderful school.

As you know we will be moving to Vietnam where I have accepted the position as Principal of the Kindergarten and Primary School at AIS Saigon, the Australian International School in Ho Chi Minh City. We are obviously excited about the prospect of a new beginning in a fascinating country and of the challenges that will be faced taking charge of a diverse community in an International School setting like AIS Saigon.

The staff team, children and our parent community at Waihi are, quite simply, second to none. I know that Mike Tayler and the Waihi Board will be keeping you apprised of the progress regarding their search for an exceptional candidate to take on the role of Headmaster of Waihi School. I will be staying on at Waihi at the beginning of 2025 to ensure this process is completed smoothly and that an effective handover can take place, before I start my position at AIS Saigon at the start of their Term 4 next April. I assure you all that I will be working hard to assist the Board in whatever way I can in this process.

Kindest regards

Allan Short
Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate is strength undefeatable.

Helen Keller



**SAVE THE DATE :
SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2024**



PLEASE COME AND HELP FOR A FEW HOURS IF YOU CAN AS WE TRY AND COMPLETE SOME JOBS AROUND OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL GROUNDS AND ORCHARD....MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Wednesday 30 October 2024

ON THE BUSES

It is 3.40pm as the group of Waihi School bus drivers gather to await their precious cargo to deliver safely to their respective drop off locations.

You will see us sitting on the bench seat by the hall discussing the day and trip ahead. A bit of a 'Last of the Summer Wine*' bunch of people. Solving the world's problems debate quickly comes and goes as 4:00pm arrives and from the shadows of the trees, locker rooms and dazzling sunshine our students appear.

"Afternoon" is the word of the moment as our commander-in-chief (Kat) issues out uniform parcels and advises who is on or off the runs.

Heading to our respective buses, helping with uniform requirements and awaiting the call "can I go...?" we prepare for the journey ahead.

A pupil's journey habits vary as much as their personalities. From using their Notepad, singing, laughter, homework and debates which often lead to engaging the skills (a loosely used term) of the driver.

A voice calls, "What is a factor?". Is this a homework question of a skill test? The sawdust of the brain (from the tree of knowledge of course) quickly engages **A Red Indian Thought He Might Eat Toffee In Church** process. Failing that, google helps or just make up an answer to seem intelligent. "Thanks" comes the reply.

The harder question comes from who knows where, "... says you can milk bulls, is that correct?". This seems an important question as everyone on the bus wants to know the answer.

"Of course you can!!!" is the answer. Oops now more questions on how and why. Should have gone with the majority and said "of course not". Today's driver lesson learnt.

Often the debate turns to who has what and which is better or worse. The thought immediately goes to the Monty Python 'The Four Yorkshiremen'. ("you think you had it tough..." YouTube).

However the common answer normally includes "... as long as you are happy with what you have, that is all that is important..."

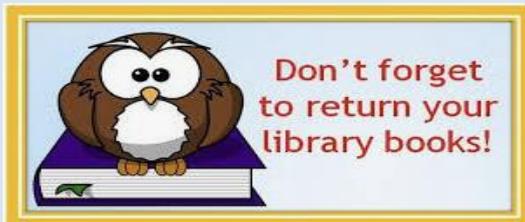
Just when we think our systems are working along comes Friday afternoon. Our respective pupils generally come from the direction of the dining room. Hands full of cake or whatever is on offer. Cream on the faces creating new moustaches is always worth a giggle to those on the bench. "Where's ours?" is the call from the bench, with little to no response, except the driver lucky enough to receive a gift from the kitchen. "Good onya mate".

I am sure you are starting to get the drift that the role is more than driving the buses, or was not in the school bus driver handbook, however to expand more would break the golden rule, "what goes on tour, stays on tour".

WAIHI NOTICES

Upcoming Events | Information | Updates

LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS



Please could all Waihi library books be returned to the School Library before Thursday 14th November 2024.

All books are to be returned to the return box in the library or handed to Mrs Cunningham directly please, not placed back on the shelves.

Any library books unaccounted for after the upcoming EXEAT weekend will be charged to your student's account, to allow the book to be repurchased and replaced in the library for the 2025 school year.

RETURN OF TROPHIES / CUPS

Calling for all Athletics, Awards Assembly and Prize giving trophies to be engraved, cleaned, and returned to school.



Athletics cups were due back on **Friday 18 October 2024.**

All Prize giving cups please by **Friday 22 November 2024.**



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PYNE HOUSE

Through the lens of the camera... capturing some boarder activities



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RURALCO LONGBEACH COASTAL CHALLENGE

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2024



EVENTS FOR ALL

- Bike, Run, Walk
- Team & Individual Event options
- Variety of distances
- Suitable for all ages
- **NEW** Duathlon Event & Year 5-8 Schools Challenge Event
- Medals when you cross the line

A HIGHLY ANTICIPATED COMMUNITY EVENT....
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!



 [LONGBEACHCOASTALCHALLENGE.COM](https://longbeachcoastalchallenge.com)

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!