



TE WAOTU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our vision:

To build confident and resilient life-long learners.

Our mission (how we will achieve our vision):

Teachers will empower students to be active learners who work in partnership with the teacher.



Teachers will ensure students know what they are learning, when they have been successful and where they are going to next.



Self and peer assessment is a routine step in the learning process.



Success criteria are most effective when great examples of work are used to show what quality looks like.



Teachers will use the learning progressions in the curriculum in order to confidently work with a diverse range of students.



The school recognises the influence of the home and will endeavour to build and nurture learning focussed partnerships with parents and whanau.

Our values:

Kindness, respect, honesty, responsibility, courage.

Our houses:

Barnett, Rongowhitiao, Simmonds, Haszard

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou Parents and Whanau.

Late in the school holidays I received some notification from the Ministry of Education about COVID-19, winter illnesses, and mask wearing.

Due to combination of winter illnesses and increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases across the country the **Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly recommend that all children in Years 4 and above wear masks while indoors-and have this measure in place until Friday 19th August.** At this point they will review this recommendation.

The wearing of masks can significantly reduce new cases of COVID-19 and works alongside other health measures we have in place at school.

The effects of this new wave/rise of cases is already being felt at school. We have many staff members and children who are home as either a positive COVID-19 case, a household contact, or sick with a winter illness. Due to the unavailability of relievers, we are unable to cope with any further staff absences. If this were to happen, one option we will need to consider is asking children of affected classes to remain at home.

At this time, we are operating a high trust model, asking you to work alongside the school with mask wearing. Please take some time to talk with your child about the reason for this. Children should bring a mask from home but we do have supplies at school for those who may not have one.

Please understand that your support with mask wearing is about helping us to maintain learning environments, it protects staff and children at school, and wider community members too. The survey sent out last term identified a number of health compromised people and elderly people for us to be aware of. I will send out some more formal communication after I have had time to consider the information from the Ministry of Education, consult with others, and see what uptake we have with mask wearing over the coming days.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī-that is all for now.

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REPORTS FOR YEAR 4-8 STUDENTS

Midyear reports will be sent home this Friday for students in Years 4-8. These are a summary of the progress and achievements so far this year.

Due the impact that COVID-19 has on time at school we have taken away the statement that accompanies the attendance figure.

If there is anything you wish to follow up in these reports then please contact the class teacher.

Thank you for your patience with these.



SETTING WORK WHEN CHILDREN ARE SICK

We have had a growing number of requests for teachers to set work when children are at home unwell. While we are happy to set work for children who are a household contact or if we are having to enter into a distance learning arrangement, we do not do this for sick children. Reading eggs, Mathletics, PRIDE activities, or personal reading are good options for anyone wishing to continue to work at home without teacher involvement.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOT

Te Waotu School Board of Trustees elections are just around the corner with nominations now open.

One of Te Waotu Schools strengths has always been our school community and the corresponding connection between school and home. This has certainly been put to the test however in recent times with COVID-19 but now as we slowly start to move to a new normal one way parents can help is to get involved with either our BOT or SSG.

Standing for the BOT is a great way to get involved in your child's education. The BOT is the school governing body focusing on student achievement by setting and monitoring our strategic plan, employing quality teachers, setting policy, managing finances, maintaining property and providing a safe environment for all. We meet twice a term and occasionally in between if necessary.

The School Support Group is another important part of our school environment and does exactly what the name says-supports the school-to enrich our children's education with extras through fundraising efforts, organising events like pumpkin day and donut day, and filling in behind the scenes at school events.

Te Waotu School has greatly benefited over the years from dedicated parent support/involvement and now with the BOT election upon us, could this be your time to stand?

If you have any questions related to the BOT please contact one of the current parent trustees listed below.

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| Phil Winter | 07 8832733 |
| Janice Hemingway | 027 07270855 |
| Jess Mardell | 027 02959630 |



OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

If you know of anyone about to start school or considering a change of school, then please share this message with them and encourage them to make contact with us.

In addition, it is important that we know if you have a son or daughter starting school sometime in the remainder of this year. This will allow us to put organisation in place for new students-especially those starting school, and to understand our predicted roll throughout the year.

You can do this by contacting the office to confirm that we have your son or daughter on our records, or by completing an enrolment form (which can be collected from the school or downloaded off our website).



2022 SENIOR CAMP

The new date for camp is 20-22 November (Sunday-Tuesday).

There were limited options available however we thought it important to take this opportunity and have it go ahead.

We see enormous potential in camps because of the strong connections it forges amongst all those attending-both students and adults.

Camp is also an authentic opportunity for our children to put in action our school values of responsibility, respect, courage, independence, kindness and honesty; along with additional ones like resilience and perseverance. Our teachers work very hard to ensure that the experiences vary from year to year, and are safe and enjoyable for all. While there is a cost involved it is subsidised by fundraising and support from the School Support Group and BOT. The cost per child is \$250 and we believe this represents great value for money considering all that we are doing while away.

As usual, we will need parent support-we will be requiring up to 10 parents to help with transport and supervision. It is our goal to have all students attending camp and if there are barriers (personal or financial) we ask that you find a time to meet with your teacher to talk this through.

We will be in touch soon with a new permission form and will also arrange a camp meeting where we can share our organisation and answer any questions you have.

ICAS EXAMS

Registration for the International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) closes at the end of this week. These are external assessments that your child can participate in if they are in Years 4-8 and are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and are also a great opportunity to develop familiarity with online assessments.

All assessments are done online and the subjects available are: Digital Technologies, Science, English, Spelling and Mathematics.

These exams take place at school in the month of August. They can also be used towards the completion of PRIDE. Through the parent payment system, parents can pay for ICAS directly online. Please use the following details to register your child no later than the 30th July. There is also a permission slip to complete so contact the school if you need one of these (notices were sent home earlier this term to all interested students).

Our school access code is: **LJF710**

Our parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>



BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Year 5-6 basketball team who were winners of the final against Te Kura o Te Kaokaoroa o Patetere. This group of children really showed a sense of team throughout the season-playing to each other's strengths but also creating some real synergy on the court! Many thanks to the efforts that Sam Hunt put in to coaching and managing the team-the results speak for themselves!



TERM 2 PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Well done to our Principal Award recipients for Term 2-Jake, James, Jordan, Julian, Zac, Liam, Douglas, Chorus, Reuben, and Chloe. It always makes me proud to hear of the reasons for being selected by their teacher-with many of the reasons being skills for all life-long learners.

CONTINUATION OF FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

It is my understanding that football will continue for the next two weekends for all children-in order to accommodate semi-finals and finals. Netball will continue for another three weeks for those in grades Year 3/4 and above. The Future Ferns programme for Year 1/2 children has ended. We will update you around this and pass on draws as soon as information becomes available.

IGNITE ARTS ACADEMY-MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are a great opportunity to get your child trying something new, to explore their creative side, or to develop an existing passion or talent.

These will start up again on Wednesday. There are spaces available for anyone else wishing to be involved-just use the details on the flyer in this newsletter to register your interest.

Students in Years 1-2 have the opportunity to be part of Ignite the Beatz. Ignite the Beatz has been designed specifically for them and term the children get to try new instruments. At the end of the programme, the students would have had a good feel for a variety of instruments and this should give them an indication of which particular instrument they would like to continue with.

IGNITE MUSIC CONCERT

Ignite visited our school in the final week last term to share their passion for music by putting on a concert. They introduced each band member and their instrument, played some songs including Zombie (by the Cranberries)-supported by some children from school, and even had time for a couple of teachers in a dance off! Well done to all those children that are busy learning an instrument and to those children who performed on stage-Katrina, Ethan Rueben, Cameron, Olive and Sean!



PRIDE ACTIVITIES



Being half way through the school year, now is the ideal time to check your progress with PRIDE activities. Take a moment to look over what you still need to do so you're not caught by surprise-and if you need to, talk to your teacher about any questions or concerns you may have. Normally we end the submission of PRIDE activities about Week 4 of Term 4 so factor this into any planning!

CALF CLUB 2022

It is time to think about Ag day so here is some information to help get ready:

- Agri Day and the Great Farming Auction is normally held the first Thursday of Term 4. This would make it 20th October. Group day is generally held a week later-and we are hosting it this year.
- For those of you who are new to Agri Day and have questions, please feel free to ask other families, or phone the school.
- There are a lot of information and fun activities on the LIC calf club website www.calfclub.co.nz
- We have sections for lambs, kids, and calves.
- Calves are split into light/heavy/beef sections based on breed.
- Pets must be born after July 1st 2022.
- Remember-entering Agri Day and Group Day is a lot of fun and it also counts towards a PRIDE activity.



If you need to get either a calf/lamb or goat, please ring farmers to put your name down sooner rather than later as the main part of calving/lambing or kidding is usually done between **July and August**. This is especially important for anyone wanting lambs as the preference is for an orphaned lamb to be given for the children to raise.

CALF CLUB AND GREAT FARMING AUCTION PREPARATIONS

Preparations are due to begin for Calf Club and the Great Farming Auction on 20th October!

This has always been a highlight of the school year and so we are organising to meet on Wednesday 27th July, 7pm at school, to start putting things together.

If you have thought about getting involved and helping put this day together, please put this in your diary now!

SCHOOL APP

Te Waotu School has a School App.

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device. Then search 'Te Waotu School' to find our app. Your login details are generated by the school and sent in an email to the email address we have on record. You will need to let us know that you are keen to register. If another family member wishes to have access to the app also, please contact the school office so we can add in the extra people-we will need to be provided with their name and email address.

Once this is set up please remember to sign up to *School News* for all school updates, and the relevant classrooms and sports teams for your child.

For existing users, now is the time to update rooms and events you wish to receive information about. Just head to the three bars at the top left of the home screen then go to alert subscriptions.



SCHOOL BOARD PARENT ELECTION 2022

Nomination round:

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for five School Board vacancies. This process has started with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community.

The nomination form and instructions on how to place your nomination into our school election website has been emailed to you if we have your email address or you would have received it by post if we don't have your email address.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

Wayne Jamieson

Returning Officer

NETBALL, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL



Sport fees are now due for netball, basketball, and football. Netball fees are \$5 for Future Ferns (Years 1-2) and all others \$25 per player, basketball fees are \$10, and football fees are \$10 per player.

Thank you to teachers for the work they have put into getting these sports organised and to the parents who have given up time to coach and manage teams.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT DETAILS

If you are wanting to pay for anything via internet banking our details are: 03-0418-0096222-000. In the particulars section just enter your child's name and reason for the payment in the reference section.

Note: Please be aware that the School Support Group have their own bank account details if your payment needs to be made to them.

CASUALTY CALF COLLECTION

- Starting collection: 18th July
- Finishing: 10th September
- Mon-Wed -Fri pickups
- Your Local collectors are Bruce and Karen Telfer
- Any new /or changes to client details please phone 07 8724774 or 027 2289126

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 25 th July: | First day of Term 3 |
| 27 th July: | Calf Club and Farming Auction meeting, 7 pm at school |
| 3 rd August: | Mid-winter Christmas dinner-Year 1-4 (postponed) BOT nominations close |
| 4 th August: | Mid-winter Christmas dinner-Year 5-6 (postponed) |
| 8 th August: | SSG meeting |
| 15 th August: | New Zealand Playhouse visiting |
| 24 th August: | Winter sports day (Year 4-8) BOT meeting |
| 31 st August: | Winter sports day postponement day |
| 7 th September: | BOT elections |
| 8 th September: | Hamburger day |
| 24 th September: | Culturefest (for Kapa Haka children) |
| 27-29 th September: | Student led conferences-TBC |
| 30 th September: | Final day of Term 3 |
| 17 th October: | First day of Term 4 |
| 20 th October: | Calf club and Great Farming Auction |

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Sandra, Sarah, Cara, Synnove, Amber, Hildegard, Angela, Nadia, Trish and Ryves

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