

Term1, Week 2 – Wednesday 8 February 2017

Kia ora whanau,

In 2017 we want to simplify charges to parents to improve access to the curriculum for all children and to keep costs to you at a minimum.

To achieve this the Board of Trustees have agreed:

- To keep the donation at \$80 for one child and \$100 family (discounted by \$10 if paid by 31 March)
- A flat rate of \$25.00 swimming cost to parents (if children are enrolled in another swim programme they can write to their teacher and myself requesting their child be excused from swimming)
- Camp cost to be met by parents (Ruru and Korimako studios only) with parents notified separately about this. The PTA kindly subsidise cost for camp each year.
- Ski and snowboard trip in Term 3 for Ruru and Korimako studios is optional for students and remains user pays.

There will not be 'activity' fee each term this year as we are attempting to fund these important outings and guest speakers as part of our operational costs. This is a savings to parents of up to \$40 per year per child. We will also be funding buses for important events throughout the year.

All in all we are working toward making school costs minimal to parents so that no one misses out and that you do not have invoices coming home all year long! With this in mind, the donation to the school that 72% of you paid in 2016 is critically important to us. The donation allows us to provide:

- Additional learning assistant support in studios
- The incredible iPad to student ratio we achieve
- The sports equipment and activities we provide
- The additional support for children at play and lunch times
- The additional learning experiences, trips to venues and guest speakers to school

I am personally delighted the Board has taken this approach to support families and to help us simplify costs at school. I do hope you will continue to support us and your child/children by making the donation in 2017.

Kind regards

Neill O'Reilly
Principal



Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day

Wednesday, 15 February is Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day!

There are three organised meeting points: outside Burwood Hospital (on Mairehau Road), at the Burwood Scout Den (on Travis Road) and Clarevale Reserve (on Travis Country Drive). Staff will meet children at these points and leave to walk to school at 8.30am. Parents and preschoolers are welcome to join us. Children who walk or wheel themselves or with their parents independently of the three organised groups can also enter.

Entry forms will come home with the youngest child in the family today. All children who participate will go in the draw to win a Warehouse voucher. Please bring your completed family entry form on the day, 15 February and give them to your youngest child's home group teacher.

We're encouraging as many families to participate as possible in this fun event.
Thank you, Jacqui Malham, Deputy Principal

POLICIES & PROCEDURES UP FOR REVIEW

Waitākiri School works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

Our Board of Trustees has the opportunity to view changes and additions and comment on them before they are implemented. Parents have the opportunity to comment on some policies. A policy up for review this term is *"Recognition of Cultural Diversity"*. Please follow the instructions below to take part in the review by Thursday 13 April 2017.

1. Visit the website <http://waitakiri.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the user name (waitakiri) and password (waitakiri).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, there is a computer in the CHOICE Room for parents to use for this. Please ask at the office.

TE REO O TE WIKI

Kia ora (key-ow-ra) – Hello, thanks, great – a very useful word! Sometimes we say key-or-ra but the more correct pronunciation is ki-ao-ra where the a and o run together as in Aotearoa.



Waitākiri School 3-Way Conferences

(parent - teacher - child)

3-way learning conferences will be held on Wednesday 22 February from 3.30pm - 8pm and again on Thursday 23 February from 1.30pm - 6pm.

Bookings can be made online from Tuesday 7 February. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Log on to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. The school code is acem6
3. Follow the prompts on screen:



4. When you are done, your interview timetable will be emailed to you.
5. Bookings are now open.
6. Bookings will close on Tuesday 21 February at 11am.
7. Please only book one conference per child.
8. If you have any questions or do not have access to a computer, you may contact either office and they will be happy to make a booking for you. A confirmation slip will be sent home with your child.

If these dates and times do not suit your family, please contact the teacher directly about making a mutually suitable time.

On Wednesday 22 February school will finish at the usual time and interviews will begin at 3.30pm.

Please note: On Thursday 23 February, school will be closing at the earlier time of 12.30pm as interviews will start at 1.30pm that day. If you cannot arrange for your child to be collected at this earlier time, please contact the school office by Tuesday 21 February by phone 3832736, txt 027 2023543, tiqbiz or email office@waitakiri.school.nz

OSCAR will operate as per usual from 3pm on both days.

2017 REAL Challenges Home Learning

We are very excited to launch our 2017 REAL Challenges with a focus on Kaitiakitanga – Sustainability. Booklets and information will come home with your Year 4 – 6 child on Thursday, 9 February 2017. They will also be available on the school website under Our Learning/Home Learning. Please encourage your children to take on these challenges. All challenges must be completed by Friday 24 November 2017.

PARKING AND DROP OFFS/PICK UPS

Drop Off / Pick Up / 3 Minute Zone

At the front of school and at the back gate we encourage use of the 3 minute drop off /pickup zone between the hours of 8.15am – 8.55am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. This is very successful and convenient for parents who do not need to come into the school. If you need to come into the school and stay longer than 3 minutes we ask that you **DO NOT PARK** within this area

A reminder also to please do not stop **AT ALL** on the yellow lines either side of the pedestrian crossing or in the bust stop. It is illegal to stop on a broken yellow line or bus stop. Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Please be considerate.

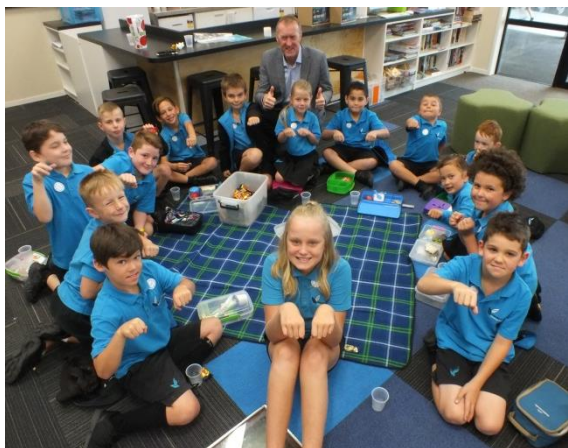
The City Council and Police regularly monitor these areas and issue tickets to offending vehicles.

CHOICE CAFÉ

We are looking for parent volunteers to help in the CHOICE Café on a Wednesday and Thursday from 8.30 – 9.30am each week. If you are able to help out please have a chat to Karen in the café or phone Kim on 383 2736.

LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Burwood Studio who had morning tea with Mrs Malham last week. Pictured are Kate, Rosalea, David, Eli, Ethan, Kaitlyn, Zack, Aurora and Evelyn.



PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with Mr O'Reilly yesterday. Pictured are Luca, Melissa, Cade, Ollie, Anneka, Sam, Jai, Tawaka, Luke, Ryder, Kyan, Brooke, Thomas and Riley.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club order forms and brochures have been sent home with children. Orders are to be placed in the drop box into the foyer and close on Friday 24 February. No late orders will be taken.

SPORTS NEWS

BASKETBALL - MINIJAMMERS YEAR 3 & 4

If you have not handed in your notice for the basketball you now have until Thursday 9 February to do so. It is an awesome competition and lots of fun.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Your child has shown an interest in representing Waitākiri School in the Primary Yr 3 & 4 Jammers Miniball League **Term 1 2017** at **COWLES STADIUM, PAGES ROAD**. Please only register your child if they are able to commit to the **WHOLE TERM**.

Please read the following details carefully, fill out the permission slip below, detach and return to **the DROP BOX in the office by Thursday 9 February. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

VENUE: Cowles Stadium Pages Rd

WHEN: **Thursdays after school starting approx. 16 February 2017 (grading games).**

TIME: 3.30pm-6pm. Draw yet to be finalised. Half hour games.

TRANSPORT: Private vehicles – see slip below

UNIFORM: A sports uniform will be supplied. Children will need their own shorts, sports socks and suitable shoes. All long hair is to be tied back please.

We strongly encourage the wearing of a school uniform and its importance to promote:

- Pride in the school
- 'Managing self' – one of the key competencies in The New Zealand Curriculum and
- safety. In the event of emergencies, children in uniform are easily identifiable and quickly associated with their school.

Without their sports uniform, children are unable to play representative sport for the school.

COST: Approx. \$20.00. This is depending on numbers and coaches available. Final cost will be confirmed once teams are finalized and a confirmation letter will be sent home.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely, Roanne Riordan, Sports Co-Ordinator

JAMMERS MINIBALL PERMISSION SLIP: TERM 1: 2017

(Please return to the DROP BOX by the OFFICE by Thursday 9 February.

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

My child _____ of Studio _____ has my permission to participate in the (Yr 3 & 4) Jammers Miniball League at **COWLES STADIUM** on Thursday afternoons.

I am able/unable (**please delete one**) coach a team.

I am able/unable (please delete one) to manage a team on the day of play.

I will be responsible for transporting my child both to and from the playing venue each week.

Name: _____ Mobile: _____



Enviro FERNS News

Page



This is where the Enviro FERNS will write what events have happened or are going to. We will also write about what a AWESOME group we are to support.

Last year was an amazing year that brought a lot of success. To name a few achievements...

- The Bronze award
- Our Orchard
- Reusable Coffee Cups
- Flax gardens
- Garden stepping stones



THIS YEAR WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE EVEN MORE. SO MAKE SURE YOU LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEWS PAGE IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THE DETAILS OF OUR LATEST EVENTS.

Everyone don't forget that our school Café does sell reusable Coffee Cups. So don't be afraid to grab one with your next hot drink.



Waitākiri School



Reusable Coffee Cups

Support the Environment.
Buy our reusable coffee cup - get a free drink!

Price:

\$13- Hot chocolate/ Fluffy

\$15- Coffee

Supported by the
Enviro FERNS Coffee
Cup Approach

PTA MEETING (AGM)

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

MONDAY 13TH FEB 7.00PM

(IN THE STAFFROOM)

**LOOKING FOR MUMS, DADS, FAMILY MEMBERS, TEACHERS
ANYONE THAT WANTS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**

**PTA IS AN OPEN GROUP OF WARM AND WELCOMING SCHOOL
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS. WE MEET ONCE A MONTH
FROM 7.00PM DURING THE WEEK.**

WHY COME ?

- A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**
- YOU WILL GET TO KNOW OTHER PARENTS**
- HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL**
- MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT**
- ENHANCE THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

SEE YOU THEN!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Singing and Guitar Lessons at Waitakiri

Individual or group lessons available. Singers, bring your favourite songs and your happy face. Budding singer songwriters bring your ideas and a guitar. Lessons are fun, friendly and fabulous. Contact Claire for more information. clairecoleman@xtra.co.nz

claire coleman

Your donations don't just save lives; they also significantly improve the life quality of many chronically and terminally ill patients. You can make a real difference! Thank you to all who donate, I am eternally grateful.



Are you the **type** to save a life?

Our mobile team will be in **Burwood** soon, at the

Chch Baptist Church on Burwood
9 Burwood Rd

Thurs 16th Feb 2-6pm

New donors welcome!

To book your apt to donate at the **Burwood** mobile

- Download our new app
- On www.nzblood.co.nz
- Call 0800 GIVE BLOOD (0800 448 325)

Eat & drink plenty before you donate & bring your photo ID or donor card.

Eligibility Criteria applies.

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COWLES HOOPS ACADEMY

The Cowles Stadium Hoops Academy has been up and running since the stadium re-opened late in 2012, and has had a tremendous increase in the demand. Because of this we've managed to increase the number of coaches we have available at the sessions, and can now enrol more interested children. This is a great opportunity for young basketball players to improve their skills with expert coaching in fun practice sessions. The Hoops academy is suitable for both beginners looking to learn, as well as basketballers looking to consolidate their skill level.

From 3:45pm - 4:35pm, Children in Years 0-4 have their sessions.

From 4:40pm - 5:30pm, Years 5-9 are coached (with higher ability players in this age group shifted into the Level 1 class, held at the same time on the other court).

A full term of basketball coaching only costs \$85!

Cowles Term One 2017 Dates: February 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3

Click [here](#) for further information.



Fun Football Festival

Age: 6-12 years old
Cost: FREE!
When: Saturday 11th February
Time: 1-4pm
Where: Christchurch Football Centre,
466 Yaldhurst Road, Yaldhurst, 7676



To register please e-mail Emily.Toase@ccc.govt.nz





NEW BRIGHTON JUNIOR RUGBY 2017

U6 - U7 RIPPA RUGBY

U8 - U13 TACKLE

U14 - Numbers Depending

U8 & U9 Girls only teams (Numbers Depending)

2017 REGISTRATION

SUNDAY	12th FEB	3-5pm
TUESDAY	14th FEB	5:30-7pm
MONDAY	20th FEB	5:30-7pm
WEDNESDAY	22nd FEB	5:30-7pm

Upstairs at the Club Rooms, Rawhiti Ave, New Brighton
New players ID is required (Birth Cert or Passport)

SUBS- \$65 per child, includes team photo
\$95 per family up to 3 children / \$20 each child thereafter.



Email: nbrfcjuniors@yahoo.co.nz | Contact: Michael Woodrow (03) 382 4475
www.newbrightonrugby.co.nz/jnr-club/

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Netball

Registration Information

Parklands United Sports Club is a club with a family focus based in the heart of Parklands. The club offers a range of teams across all netball grades, including:

Fun Ferns - school years 0 – 2, where players learn ball skills and have mini games at the Queenspark School Courts once a week during the week.

Future Ferns - school years 3 – 5, where players play a short game at 8.40am every Saturday at the Hagley Park Courts. Practises are held once a week at the Queenspark School courts.

Juniors - Under 11 - Under 17yrs, where players aged 11 – 17 years play competition netball every Saturday at the Hagley Park Courts. Practises are held once a week at the Queenspark School courts.

Seniors – Senior netball is for adults and is more social than competitive, it is usually player coached/managed. Games are every Saturday at the Hagley Park Courts. Not all senior teams practise.

Subscriptions

Subscription fees are as follows:

FUN FERN \$ school years 0-2 – Discounted to \$60 if paid in full by 31st May 2017 otherwise \$75

FUTURE FERN \$ school years 3-5 – Discounted to \$85 if paid in full by 31st May 2017 otherwise \$125

JUNIOR Under 11 – Under 17 years - Discounted to \$125 if paid in full by 31st May 2017 otherwise \$165

SENIOR \$ Under 19 years and above - Discounted to \$150.00 if paid in full by 31st May 2017 otherwise \$205

If you have difficulties paying your subscription fees and would like to discuss payment options please contact the Club Treasurer, Debbie Newman on nigel.debbie2014@gmail.com

Register online at www.sporty.co.nz/parklandsnc

Or in person at the Clubrooms on Queenspark Drive (opposite Subway)

Sat 11 Feb 10am-12.30pm and Sun 12 Feb 11am-1.30pm

Registrations close Friday 3 March 2017

Enquiries and questions welcome

Jenny Dickinson (Netball Convener)

Parklands United Sports Club

Email: parklandsunitednetball@gmail.com

Phone: 03 3833 096 or 021 658 085

Club website:

www.parklandsunitedsportsclub.net.nz



XRACE is a family mystery adventure race where parent and child race together as teammates to complete 10 mystery challenges.

Sunday 5 March

Pick a teammate and go online now to sign-up your family team for the best family event of the summer.

"For the following week, my son wanted to do everything with me, his XRACE partner! And he lives in his t-shirt!"

Raewyn Wilson, Blenheim



Find us on Facebook

xrace.co.nz

