

Term1, Week 3 – Wednesday 15 February 2017

Kia ora families

Next week we have the wonderful opportunity to meet with you and your child to discuss his or her learning for 2017 and to find out all we can from you to ensure we do the best job we can to support your child's learning and wellbeing. This session has a range of purposes:

- It allows teacher and parent/s to have one on one time to discuss the child's learning
- Students have the opportunity to share their learning goals and next steps with parents and gain their support to achieve them
- Parent and teacher can have a frank and honest conversation with the child present about any specific self-management or behavioural goals that need attention
- Parents can share information that will assist the teacher
- Together parents, child and the teacher can set goals for the term ahead

To make 3 Way Learning Conferences more meaningful we want to give you three questions to think about in advance before we meet:

1. What is the most important thing you would like us to know about your child?
2. Is there any area of your child's learning that you have concerns about or want him/ her stretched/challenged in?
3. Is there anything else you would like to let us know or ask us?

We will have these questions written up so you don't have to remember them but please give them some thought. Last year we had close to 100% parent participation (as you would hope!) Make sure you are booked in. The link is [here](#). If you cannot attend at the times set aside please contact your child's home room teacher to make another time. If no parent or family member can attend please let us know.

In regards to school donations I talked about in the newsletter last week, here is a link to the Inland Revenue Departments rebate form. When paying donations families can claim back a third of the payment made.

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/resources/e/0/e0a79d7f-2ab9-47da-873d-77e656575295/ir526-2016.pdf>

Many thanks

Neill O'Reilly
Principal



This morning more than 200 adults and children walked, scootered or biked to Waitākiri School for the Christchurch City Council 'Walk or Wheel Safely to School Day'. It was certainly a lot less congested at the school gates this morning due to the number of children not travelling by car!

The winner of the \$25 Warehouse voucher, provided by the CCC, was Aaliyah from Windsor Learning Studio. She is pictured with Mr O'Reilly holding our school participation certificate.



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 Travis Studio who had morning tea with Mr O'Reilly last week. Pictured right are Opal, Te-Ariki, Amelie, Ali, Flynn, Quinn, Noah, Ella, Matthew, Lily, Taylor and Aimee.



PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with Mr O'Reilly yesterday. Pictured left are Renee, Melissa, Lucy, Giovanni, Malachi and Courtney.

SCHOOL BANKING

ANZ School Banking takes place in the CHOICE Room every Friday from 8.30am. Keep your saving momentum going! Any new account enquires welcome.

Remember about our Olympic School Programme - if you are getting a new mortgage or topping up your existing mortgage we want to talk to you. We look forward to seeing you.

TE REO O TE WIKI

He Tono – some commands

Our kaiako are using some of these commands at school. I hope they work at home too.



SPORTS NEWS

Cowles Term One 2017 Miniball – Grading Games Thursday 16 February

Tipoff Time	Cowles Court One	Cowles Court Two
3:30	Queenspark - More experienced (Gold?) Waitākiri Breakers	Banks Ave – More experienced (Slammers?) Marshland Mambas
4:00	Bromley – More experienced (Bulls?) Te Pā Y4	Banks Ave – Less experienced (Bouncers?) Marshland Makos
4:30	Bromley – Less experienced (Breakers?) Te Pā Y3	Queenspark - Less experienced (Blue?) Waitākiri Lakers
5:00	Bromley – Less experienced (Breakers?) Waitākiri Bulls	NOTE – Bromley is playing a second game – this one will be a regular game with no court switching. (NO GAME ON COURT TWO)

Miniball Rules/Notes

- Games will consist of two 13 minute halves, and will start on each half hour
- Hoops are lowered to a height of approximately 2.5m
- A size 5 basketball will be used
- The free throw line is closer to the hoop than in a standard game
- **Four Dribble Rule** Players are allowed a maximum of four bounces of the ball when dribbling at any one time, before having to pass it to a team mate
- **Wristband Rule** Players must guard players with the same coloured wristband as them.
- **Retreat Rule** Players must retreat to touch halfway when: They lose clear possession in the attacking half; or their team scores a basket (this promotes transition from offence to defense and creates space for dribbling and passing to develop)
- **Fouls** Each player has a maximum of four fouls for the game. (This promotes the concept of non-physical play and ultimately leads to better defence)
- Each team is to wear a consistent uniform, preferably numbered (though we can supply numbered bibs if needed)
- No timeouts permitted

SWIMMING SPORTS:

Last Friday 10 February we held our swimming sports at Jellie Park for our Year 5 and 6's. 33 awesome swimmers came along and every one of them competed like true champions. They showed determination not to give up, kept trying and came out of the water with smiles on their faces. You all did us proud. A big thanks to the wonderful Ms Reynolds who was our super starter and all the wonderful parents who helped out on the day with transport, timing, writing up results and supporting your children. It was a great morning!



SPORTS UNIFORMS:

Please return any sports uniforms that you may still have at home. These uniforms are not for keeping thank you. They need to be returned, washed and in a named bag so that other students can use them for the next events.

CHOICE Room:

The CHOICE Room is open for our children to come to everyday at lunchtime. We have a range of games and other activities for them or they can bring something that they want to do. One of the most popular things to do is draw and we are always looking for supplies of paper for the children to use. If you know of a supply of offcuts of paper/cardboard out in the community we would very much like to hear from you. If you are clearing out the toy cupboard and have any board games or something else that children might like to use at lunchtime and would like to donate to our CHOICE Room activities please let Dianna Reynolds know at the office.

We also encourage parents and caregivers to make use of our CHOICE Room as a community gathering place between 8.30am and 9:15am (you could indulge in a coffee/hot chocolate from our CHOICE Cafe) and also from 2:30pm in the afternoon while you are waiting to pick-up your children after school. As you walk in the door have a look to your right and you will see our parent/staff book exchange. You are welcome to grab a book/magazine to read or also to bring in any that you would like to exchange. There are some activities for your pre-schoolers to play with on the shelves under the books.

We also have some parenting books available for you to borrow..... just fill out the card and put it in the box and enjoys the pearls of wisdom.

Introducing the 2017 librarians...

This great group of Year 6 children from Ruru and Korimako learning studios are excited to have been chosen as librarians this year. They will be helping in the library each day during learning time and lunchtimes.



PTA UPDATE

REMINDER: Subway is available Mondays (orders in by Monday 9am) and Sushi on Thursdays (orders in by Wednesday 9am). Order forms are available on our school website or from the CHOICE Room. Also if you go to the movies at Reading Cinemas please take a Waitākiri movie ticket for each person attending – this gives our PTA the opportunity to be rewarded with movie vouchers to use for students at school. The movie tickets are available in the CHOICE Room.

Thank you in advance!

Waitakiri School PTA

DANCE INSTRUCTOR NEEDED

We are looking for a fantastic person to continue with our dance group at school. Amy, who previously took this group, is unable to do this this year. If there are any parents, friends or family members out there who can help teach our students a Hip Hop on a voluntary basis – usually just one hour a week for practice and then the odd performance – we would love to hear from you. Please enquire at the office. Thank you to Amy for her time previously teaching the children of Waitakiri – you have inspired many!

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.

Save our planet....

Ban use of plastic bags in New Zealand by 2020

We are supporting Caitlyn and Shakaia from Carisbrook School Envirogroup

Caversham, Dunedin who are petitioning Parliament to pass a law to ban single use plastic bags in New Zealand.



Every single piece of plastic ever made, still exists. An extremely large amount of plastic bags will inevitably end up in our oceans, littering the floors and branches of our forests, killing both mammal and marine life alike. Plastic bags are responsible for the decline and extinction of thousands of species in New Zealand and around the world. It is hard to recycle plastic bags. Recycling may hold off some of the problem, but certainly does not eradicate it.

Plastic bags do not degrade in the marine environment. Plastic bags photo-degrade, meaning they break down into smaller and smaller bits of plastic but never completely go away. Marine animals, such as turtles, and seabirds - even some fish see these micro plastic particles floating in the water and think that it's food. Plastic cannot be digested; thus the plastic blocks the digestive track and the turtle or bird dies from starvation because their food can't be digested. It is estimated that over 267 species of seabirds have plastic in their bodies. Numerous studies have proven this fact. Plastic bags also kill our land animals in huge numbers.

By banning plastic bags in New Zealand we will be setting a global standard and example for the rest of this planet while saving it. **Help us to look after our planet for future generations.**

We will have the petition in Te Ao Marama next week. Please come and show your support and sign the petition.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Statistics
Learning
Centre

**MATHS
MANIA**

Fridays 4:00 - 5:30pm
Upper Riccarton Library

Fun activities for ages 8 - 11

Dragon analysis


Maths with Lego


The maths of party games


Really BIG numbers


17 February - 7 April
\$15 per session or \$95 for eight
24 participants max per session

Register at
Maths.StatsLC.com
or contact Nic Petty
N.Petty@StatsLC.com or 0276987392

Note: This is not a tutoring programme. Our aim is to develop collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity through mathematics.

It is suitable for children who love mathematics as well as those who don't yet.

**PARKLANDS
@PLAY**

 **SUNDAY**
19 FEBRUARY
3-6PM
(CANCELLED IF WET)

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rachellouisebatchelor@gmail.com

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About us
 Shirley RFC are based at Burwood Park and have been on the Christchurch rugby scene for 100 years!



Our Club

- Has a strong and well run Junior rugby section with around 180 players over 12 teams.
- We have a lots of opportunities for Rugby Learning and Development. We run a Junior Academy for talented rugby players every year.
- We welcome everyone to come down to Burwood Park to register and pay your subs
Monday 13 February 5.30pm - 7pm
Monday 20 February 5.30pm to 7pm
Sunday 26 February 10am - 12pm






Contact our Rugby Officer - Hayden Mitchell
027 928 8405 or rdo@shirleyrugby.co.nz



"What's Lent?"




All Welcome at
All Saints Church
 305 New Brighton
 Road
 Crafts and Games
 Stories
 Shared Meal

Sunday 26th February 4.30-6pm

Kids, please remember to bring an adult with you ☺

Contact Lynne 0274194076. Carolyn 0274182530.



McDonald's Youth Duathlon

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL
South Hagley Park, Christchurch

7 to 10 years:	Run 1km	Cycle 4km	Run 500m
11 to 15 years:	Run 2km	Cycle 8km	Run 1km

A Rotary Club of Garden City Project

www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz



Summer soccer is back for term one.

Starting on the 22nd of February.

Free for term one.

School years times:

Year 1-2 4pm to 4:30 Year 3-4 4:40 to 5:10

Year 5-6 5:20 to 5:50 Year 7-8 6pm to 6:30

Please txt Kat on 0272559853 if interested

CHRISTCHURCH MARTIAL ARTS

250 Stanmore Road Ph03-3898831

CHILDRENS CLASSES

Chinese KICKBOXING Sun 2pm

JUDO Monday to Friday 4pm

KARATE Tues / Thurs 5.15pm

THAI BOXING Wed / Fri 4pm

WuShu KUNG FU Sun 3pm

BOXING Mon /Thurs 5.15 Tues 5pm

Keyboard Lessons

Learn to read and play music with easily accessible lessons during the school day.
 20 minutes lessons.

\$16 per lesson.

Please contact:

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