

Term 2, Week 2 - Wednesday 11 May 2016

Kia ora families

As our school continues to grow and we continue to improve how we teach children in collaborative teaching and learning spaces it is important we are looking at the trends internationally for our children in their future. This [article](#) affirms the anecdotal information regarding the changing workplace. Our children will need to be adept team workers confident working with peers to solve complex problems in specific time frames. Their ability to collaborate, communicate efficiently with technology, think critically and creatively, be numerate and literate and effective oral communicators will be even more important as they prepare for work in 2030 and beyond. Our intention is to develop these skills with our children while assisting them to self-manage and develop positive well-being.

Perhaps even more important is that our children learn to be positive, contributing members of our community and world. If cross country day last week was anything to go by, together home and school are doing a great job. It almost brought tears to the eyes to see our children not only giving 100% to their running but also giving 100% to encouraging others. To see children running to the finishing chute to cheer on their schoolmates no matter what place they were in, in one case children lined the chute to cheer the last runner in - he had a grin from ear to ear. In another case a parent overheard a child going up to another after the race and congratulating him on his place. The day was filled with such positive energy, Encouragement and Respect. Words cannot describe how proud I was of our Waitākiri Primary School REAL Heroes as they lived our values. Thank you to the many of you who reinforce our values of **Respect, Encouragement, Achievement and Lifelong Learning** at home.

Together we will make a positive difference for our children, our community and nation.

Kind regards

Neill O'Reilly, Principal

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Please ensure you are signed up to receive our texts.

This is one of the main forms of communication.

Text: follow WaitakiriSchool to 8987

Unfortunately Vodafone do not support this service, so if you are a Vodafone customer, please ask a fellow parent or family member to receive the texts and forward them onto you.

2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations have been posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself (make sure you sign both parts of the form). Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Nominations close at noon THIS FRIDAY 13 May 2016.

Voting papers will be sent by 18 May 2016.

Voting closes at noon on 27 May 2016.

Thank you
Kim Hillson, Returning Officer

LEARNING HERO MORNING & PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes (pictured right) in Ruru Studio who had morning tea with Mr O'Reilly today.



Well done to Learning Heroes (pictured left): Harrison, Savannah, Sam, Liam, Taylor, Jaxon, Jessica, Maddison, Lavaeai and Dominique who had a Picnic with the Principal, Mr O'Reilly today!

SPARE CLOTHES NEEDED PLEASE

The school sick bay is in need of small girls underwear or any size boys school uniform shorts please. If you have these and are able to donate them would be appreciated. We need spares for children to use when they have 'accidents' at school and don't have a spare to get changed into. Thank you.

ANZ SCHOOL BANKING & SUPPORT

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In conjunction with our ANZ Banking at school, ANZ is giving our school the opportunity to get school equipment for free. Further information below:

OPPORTUNITY TO EARN POINTS TOWARDS SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

ANZ is encouraging people within school communities to support their local school when taking out an ANZ home loan. I am contacting all Waitākiri Primary School parents and caregivers about this opportunity, as our school could benefit from the **ANZ Olympic Schools Programme**.

For those of you in the Waitakiri Primary School community about to draw down a home loan – please consider nominating Waitakiri Primary as ‘your school’. The school will earn credits from the ANZ Awards Centre for sports equipment or computers and the students benefit.

An eligible home loan drawn down of \$50,000 by somebody ‘nominating’ Waitakiri Primary will entitle the school to 800 credits and approximately \$400 of spending power at the ANZ Awards Centre. Please contact the local ANZ Representative Rebecca Snelgar on Ph: 3683988, Email: rebecca.snelgar@anz.com OR see her in the Choices Room every Friday morning before school during school banking.

Thank you for your consideration and please keep us in mind!

Rebecca Snelgar, ANZ Bank

UNIFORM FOR SALE

1 x Size 14 Soft Shell Jacket

1 x Size 14 Long pants

2 x Size 14 Shorts

6 x Size 16 Polo shirts

They were worn last year and in good condition. \$120 for the lot or I can sell as separate items.

Please call Susan on 021 345 126.

PTA UPDATE

PTA Entertainment Books will be available by 20 May. These will be sent home with children if this was the option chosen when ordering.

Beanies & Scrunchies

The school council are selling school beanies for \$10 each outside Korimako Studio on Tuesday mornings. Cash only please.

Scrunchies for hair also available for \$3 each. Cash with the correct change only to the office.

Te Reo o te Wiki

Ono (or-nor) – six. For example; E ono ngā tamariki – six children or E ono ōku tau- My age is 6.

As part of our Te Reo lesson we look at Māori legends. Below is a youtube link that retells the legend of Rangi and Papa, Māui and the fish and Aoraki.

<https://youtu.be/P6q8E1aQjY>

A reminder to all the tamariki who would still like to hand their mihi in to me, it's not too late!



SPORTS NEWS

Waitākiri Primary School Cross Country Results

Well done to all the children who took part in this. You all showed REAL HERO values and did yourselves and the school proud.

Year 1 Girls

1st Savannah W
2nd Savannah C
3rd Eden

Year 1 Boys

1st Ollie
2nd Xavier
3rd Marshall

Year 3 Girls

1st Piper
2nd Samara
3rd Lily

Year 3 Boys

1st Jai
2nd Iziah
3rd Lauchlan

Year 4 Girls

1st Layla
2nd Kelisia
3rd Keishya

Year 4 Boys

1st Noah
2nd JJ
3rd Finn

Year 5 Girls

1st Samatha
2nd Annelise
3rd Lauren
4th Jessie
5th Olivia
6th Ella
7th Hayley

Year 5 Boys

1st Sam
2nd Tyler
3rd Fergus
4th Bradley
5th Nixon
6th Jaylen

Year 6 Girls

1st Holly
2nd Payton
3rd Saki
4th Norah
5th Lavania
6th Zoe
7th Emma O

Year 6 Boys

1st Nathan
2nd Jackson B
3rd Ethan N
4th Tom
5th Will
6th Blair T
7th Kobe

The top 6 from year 5 and 6 will be representing our school at the cross country Zones which will be held on Tuesday 24th May. (7th place children will be our reserves in case anyone can't make it.)



Waitākiri Primary School Canterbury Duathlon Results

The following children competed in the Canterbury Duathlon yesterday at Ruapuna Raceway. They were fantastic! Thanks to all the lovely parents who helped transport them and their bikes out there.

9 year Boys

Caleb 108th
Tyler 58th
Sam 19th
Lucas 101st

9 year Girls

Hayley 82nd
Thea 71st
Ella 72nd
Abby 49th

10 year Boys

Jackson 80th
William 90th
Ethan 81st
Nathan 56th
Tom 114th
Jacob 70th
Jonty 110th
Landon 134th

10 year Girls

Sophie 90th
Leni 97th



Well done to everyone involved!



Report on Waitākiri Primary School, written by Bradley, Korimako Studio

Waitākiri Primary School has 627 students that are from Year 0 - 6. Waitākiri School has a lot of opportunities for all the students, and is a modern learning environment. It is located on the eastern side of Christchurch.



Waitākiri is a brand new school and has lots of advantages because of this. One of the advantages is our new learning studios. There are so many things we can do like, learn with each other and meet new people. It is a great learning space because we have these things called breakout spaces, which are on the side of the studios. We can use them in all different ways like, working in a quiet space if the common area is too noisy. There are 3 breakout spaces. We have the Media Zone, which is the quiet corner and where the green screen is, to film all different types of things. We also have the Silent Room which is a space where we go to learn if we just want some quiet time. The last breakout space is the Collaboration Station which is the most common breakout space because the space is where we all meet and discuss what's happening next and we also sing songs. Another advantage to us is that the students have 4 teachers in the studio and the teachers all have different strengths, and ways of teaching. The kitchen is in the corner of the studios and not only do we use it for cooking, we also use it as a learning space for some of us. We are also very lucky because we have lots of technology in our learning space which is quite handy for people who don't bring their own iPads. We have all different types of technology like Computers, TVs and iPads, which are used lots in the studios.

The culture we have at Waitākiri is amazing. There are so many different types of people from all different types of cultures. The most common are European and Māori, but there are all different types here at Waitākiri. We take culture here really seriously and the teachers want us to learn as much about it as possible. We are taught this by, putting Māori word labels on most of the things around our school, and we have even named our eating area after a Māori word, Te Ao Marama, which means the place of light. On a Monday we do Te Reo and Kapa Haka which is a great way to be exposed to the language. Our teachers also greet us in Māori and give us simple commands and we are given the option to learn Mandarin and French.

We have so many opportunities at Waitākiri. All the students from Year 0 up get a chance to involve themselves in at least something. Some of the opportunities Waitākiri has to offer are, Chess Club, Enviro FERNS, Jump Jam, Hagley Sports, dance crew, gardening club, tinkering with tools and camp. The options are endless, there is something for everyone at this school.

In conclusion Waitākiri School have brand new learning studios that meet a huge variety of needs and abilities. The Culture of the school is important and valued by the students and teachers offering a variety of languages. The opportunities are vast and there is something for everyone. We hope to see you soon at Waitākiri School.

OLIVER'S REAL CHALLENGE - REACH CHILD CANCER

Hi everyone,

Would you like to see me get my hair shaved off all in the name of charity??

If yes please support me by buying my home baked chocolate chip biscuits for \$1 each or gold coin donation to help raise funds for child cancer research. My goal is \$500.

Did you know that more than 3 children are diagnosed with cancer each week in New Zealand and a child is diagnosed every 3 minutes world wide?? Only 3 new drugs have been approved specifically for childhood cancers in the last 20 years.

REACH Child Cancer are trying to raise awareness and funds for projects at Otago University and I want to help them.

Orders/donations returned in named envelope with home base and studio name to drop box in office by Friday 20th May

Biscuit deliveries to home bases on Monday 23rd May

REACH Child Cancer BE BALD or BOLD event - The Palms 11am-2pm Saturday 28th May

Thank you for your help.

Oliver (Ruru 4)

Full Name _____

Home Base _____

Studio _____

Number of Biscuits _____

\$ enclosed _____





Waitākiri
Primary School
Parent Teachers Association



HELLERS BACON FUNDRAISER

\$8.00 PER PACKET

**OR \$20.00 FOR
3 PACKETS**

ORDER FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME
(IF YOU NEED ANOTHER COLLECT FROM PTA WALL IN CHOICE ROOM)

**PLEASE PLACE ORDERS AND MONEY
INTO THE OFFICE DROP BOX
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 20TH MAY**

BACON ORDER WILL TAKE 4 WEEKS TO ARRIVE BACK

**MONEY RAISED: OUR MAIN FOCUS TO
GO TOWARDS OUR OUTDOOR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

PLUS

**EVERY STUDENT ORDER GOES INTO A SPOT DRAW
THERE IS TWO SPOT PRIZES PER STUDIO !**



COMMUNITY NOTICES

ADHD RESEARCH

The Mental Health and Nutrition Research Group at the University of Canterbury is currently running a study testing a broad-spectrum vitamin-mineral formula to treat ADHD in children. If you have a child 7-12 years old with ADHD symptoms (an existing diagnosis is not required) who is not currently taking medication, see the website for further information and to register interest: <http://bit.ly/childadhd>. Or contact Kathryn Darling 03-3642987 ext. 7705 or Kathryn.darling@pg.canterbury.ac.nz

FREE EVENT CELEBRATING NZ MUSIC MONTH MAY 2016

Sunday 15th May 2016 from 9.30am-10.30am
Orange Recording Studios, 1063c Ferry Rd, Ferrymead, (access via Kite Lane)

Calling all young musos, songwriters, music fans and kids who sing, play an instrument, do karaoke, busk, make you-tube videos or just like to listen to cool sounds...

Do you wonder how the songs you hear on the radio or itunes are made? Ever been inside a recording studio? Now's your chance.

Come and tour one of New Zealand's biggest purpose-built studios right here in Chch. Orange Studios has a fantastic vibe and their staff make it such a cool place to visit.

You will hang out with Michael the studio owner and his team, see how the place works, where the musicians sit, where we put the loud instruments and how each room is set up.

Some things you will learn about are:

- *How the rooms are specifically built to make sure the music sounds great*
- *How we get the best sound out of each instrument*
- *What all the buttons on the sound desk do*
- *How a recording session runs and who calls the shots*
- *How after we record the music, we work on it to make it sound even better!*

The tour will take about 1 hour (depending on the questions that you ask) and costs nothing. The sessions are open to any child (between 6 and 14 years) who are interested in how the songs or music you love is made. Parents are welcome to attend as well but please discuss this at the time of booking, so we can keep track of our numbers!

To register you can visit the website orangestudio.co.nz/shows or can submit your details (name, age and number of attendees) to charlotte@orangestudio.co.nz.

Check out the facebook event: for juniors (ages 6-14 yrs)
<https://www.facebook.com/events/153264898402892/>

and for seniors/adults (ages 14+ yrs)
<https://www.facebook.com/events/577552022402066/>.

Or you can click through via the Orange Studio FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/orangestudioltld/> or the Orange Studio webpage: www.orangestudio.co.nz

View and Print our Studio Tours flier [HERE](#)