

Term 2, Week 3 - Wednesday 18 May 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have recently watched an inspirational movie called '[Chasing Mavericks](#),' based on the true story of the surfing legend Jay Moriarty. There are so many lessons to take from the movie and the lives of Moriarty, his family, friends and those he interacted with. For me the messages included:

- Be grateful and take the time to thank those in your life who have encouraged you, supported and challenged you and helped you to become who you are today
- Encourage others to be the best they can be without judgement
- Give freely, not because you have to, but because it is the right thing to do
- Tell those in your life who are special to you that you love them, not via social media but face to face
- Set goals in your life and work hard to achieve them
- Don't let your past be an excuse not to achieve all you can in the future
- Seek out your passions in life
- Push the limits
- Laugh and smile a lot!

As parents there are also some great messages in the movie:

- Give your children as many experiences as possible so they might find a passion (you might want to get them to turn off the devices!)
- Challenge your children to be the best they can be and then support them to achieve their goals
- Model a love of life, get out there and have experiences and involve yourself in activities that your children will want to follow
- Encourage your children to ask questions, to seek to understand and to be a contributing member of a positive community

In Canterbury we are so fortunate with the environment we have, so close to beaches, parks, harbours, mountains, rivers, and lakes. It is fantastic to see how many of our families are active and take the time to explore the outdoors with their children, be it walks in the forest, on the beach, in the Port Hills or Alps, getting them into the snow, the surf, or into the rivers and the lakes. Through school and the community they have opportunities to have a go at music, singing, dance, drama, martial arts, scouts and guides, chess, sports galore and so much more.

Encouraging and actively supporting your child to develop a passion beyond the confines of the screen is giving them a gift for life, if you are already doing this then you are setting your child up for a better future, if not it is never too late!

Neill O'Reilly, Principal

2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The following parents have been nominated as a parent Board of Trustee representative:

Brooks, Jonathan
Hughes, Christina
Naylor, Ben
Sheere, Steve
Shipley, Andrew
Thompson, Danielle

Voting papers have been sent to all eligible voters on the school roll. Please follow instructions on your voting cover letter to return your voting paper to the school.

Voting closes at noon on 27 May 2016.

Thank you
Kim Hillson, Returning Officer

SCHOOL UNIFORM BLACK SHOES

A reminder that all children should be wearing black shoes or sandals as part of their school uniform. For children who are playing sport, they can bring and wear sports shoes for sport and PE. They simply have to change into them for sport or PE and then back into their uniform shoes afterwards. If you are having trouble getting black shoes or facing financial difficulties, please contact the office. Thank you.

LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes (pictured right) in Otakaro Studio who had morning tea with Miss Reynolds & Mrs Malham yesterday.



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School: 383 2736 or 027 202 3543

School bank account number for paying children's accounts: 03 1700 0622075 025

Website: www.waitakiri.school.nz

OSCAR: 383 2649 or 027 655 8104

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.

ANZ SCHOOL BANKING & SUPPORT

ANZ School Banking is getting really busy thank you to all our children supporting this every Friday.

For some extra encouragement, every Friday when your children bank, their name will go into a draw for a prize pack which will be drawn on the last Friday of the term. Remember it's not how much the children bank just about doing it every week.

For those that are not aware, our two bankers "Holly" and "Tia" are in the CHOICE room every Friday from 8.30am to 9.00am. Please come and check it out. Also, if you already bank with ANZ and looking to top up your mortgage or get a new mortgage (minimum \$50k) please come and see me (Rebecca - ANZ) in the CHOICE room on Friday mornings as Waitakiri School benefits from each draw down (below are further details).

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

BOOK READING AFTERNOON

Students pictured right, attended an afternoon at Chisnallwood Intermediate to meet Liz Pichon, the author of the Tom Gates books. Liz talked about the characters in her books, created a doodle inspired by suggestions from the children and showed the children how to draw their own doodle. There was a Q & A session followed by book signing and photos. What a fantastic experience for these Waitākiri students!



TE REO O TE WIKI

This term we are looking at “Taku Akomanga”- my classroom. Here are some basic objects you may want to practise at home.

pene – pen
pene rākau – pencil
pepa – paper
tēpu – table
tūru – chair
pukapuka – book
pēke kura – school bag



PTA NEWS

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP !!

The new 2016/2017 Entertainment Books are here. Current memberships expire on 01 June.

You can preview the book using the following link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/flickbook/christchurch>

For easy online ordering, visit: www.entbook.co.nz/13f7156



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2 for 1

And much, much more...

OUR NEW LEARNING SEAT

The school council and PTA have been working together to add a couple of new features to the playground. This seat has been placed into our Te Ao Marama area as an extra learning space for all studios. Pictured are Jessica Lennan and William Sheere who have spent a lot of time with their families researching different chairs, makers and costs. Jessica found this one and pitched her idea to the PTA who decided they loved the idea and organised and paid for this awesome addition to our outdoor learning area. Keep your eyes peeled for Wills contribution!



SPORTS NEWS

Year 5 & 6 Basketball Competition starts tomorrow – Thursday 19 May. Timetable for games below and will be placed on the school website each week as we get the draw under “Notices”.

Cowles 2016 Y5/6 Competition – Grading Games Thursday 19 May 2016

For the grading games on 19 May, each team will play two games of about 13 minutes in length against two other teams so we can try and make sure every team is playing in the appropriate competition grade. After the first game, the leading team on Court Two (or referee’s selection) will head over to Court One, while the losing team from Court One will move to Court Two (i.e. both leading teams play on Court One, losing teams on Court Two).

Referees will also start teaching the players and teams about any rules this week too

Tipoff Time	Cowles Court One	Cowles Court Two
3:30	Bromley Bulls Waitākiri Rams	Linwood Ave Lakers CBA Hoops Squad
4:00	Bromley One South New Brighton Seahorses	Waitākiri Breakers Queenspark Gold
4:30	Banks Ave Sparks Te Pā o Rākaihautū	Te Waka Unua Warriors Queenspark Blue
5:00	Banks Ave Sirens Queenpark Maroon	Sumner Surfers Waitākiri Nets
5:30	Marshland Makos St Anne's Saints	Shirley Thunder Waitākiri Blues
6:00	Marshland Makos Waitākiri Celtics	



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FINAL WEEK TO GET ORDERS IN!

**PLEASE PLACE ORDERS AND MONEY
INTO THE OFFICE DROP BOX
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 20TH MAY 3PM**

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

PLUS

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

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 _____



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Family Free Movie Night

Saturday 28th May

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE

Come along and enjoy a FREE Family Friendly Movie.

@ 180 Queenspark Drive, Parklands Baptist Community Church.

Doors open at 5.45pm for those who want to come along and bring there dinner to eat before the movie starts.

Movie starts at 6.30pm

This months Movie is "A Good Dinosaur"

Snacks and drinks available for purchase.

Bring your cushions or bean bags and enjoy a fun night out.

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