

Term 3, Week 1 - Wednesday 27 July 2016

Kia ora families!

Welcome back to term 3. We have a very exciting term ahead with a focus on the Olympic Games for the first part of the term and then we jump into quality science as the term progresses. This term will absolutely fly by being just nine weeks and with so much packed in.

The most exciting news is that we have finally finished building on the site with the hall officially handed over to the school last week. The hall is a fantastic resource for the school and community. For us it will be used for sports, PE, PMP ([Perceptual Motor Programme](#)) for junior students, dance, Learning Celebrations, evening events, parent and community meetings. Our OSCAR programme now have a warm dry space for holiday programmes and for after school care on those cold, wet days. The hall will be used by [Rechurch](#) on weekends and some week nights and by Guides and other community groups. The hall has a lovely connection to a large outdoor hardcourt area and fits in so well with our new school. We appreciate the support of Mainland Foundation and Rata Foundation who provided funding for fit out including chairs, staging, audio and visual systems, signage and sports equipment needed for the hall.

As we settle into our systems and routines it is pleasing to see our children become more comfortable with learning in flexible spaces with multiple teachers. My daughter recently got her first job out of university. Her work is in a large media company in Auckland's CBD. No offices, few walls, collaborative team work, and high expectations.

Here is what she tells me about the environment:

"There are no offices; we all work together in spaces that are quite flexible. There are spaces for collaborative problem solving, spaces for independent work, and plenty of flexible furniture of different shapes and sizes. They expect you to be reliable, to manage yourself and your own workload and to work with others when necessary to do the job. They really don't check up on you so it is up to you to take responsibility for yourself and do the job well!"

[Here](#) is another recent example in the media of the fast changing world our children will work in.

Does this sound familiar? These are the skills, attributes and dispositions we are working to develop in your children at Waitākiri Primary School. It really is encouraging to be assured that what we are doing here is in the best interests of your child and their future. It is also encouraging to know that our Cluster Intermediate and High Schools are working hard to evolve their practice to better meet the needs of children in 2016.

On a final note we are eagerly awaiting our Educational Review Office report of the school. This is due to come back to the school in the next few weeks and provides leadership, the Board of Trustees, parents and the community with an independent review of the school. As soon as we have the confirmed report we will share this with you.

Looking forward to seeing you during the term

Neill O'Reilly, Principal

OUR NEW SCHOOL HALL

On Thursday 21 July our new school hall was blessed by our Kaumatua, Rev Sandy Kaa. Some staff, parents and children attended the blessing.



On Monday 25 July we had our first look at our new school hall. We sang a song and learnt why the hall was blessed. We are looking forward to using this amazing space! We would like to thank Rata Foundation and Mainland Foundation who provided funding towards the refit of our new school hall.



Waitākiri OSCAR is still based in Learning Studio 8. All children are still to be signed in and out from there. We do have use of the hall each day but we will continue using studio 8 as our base. Thanks, Waitākiri OSCAR staff

Waitākiri School Olympics: Opening Ceremony

Friday 5th August 11:20am in Te Ao Marama

With one of the most important sporting events to take place in only a few weeks, we will be holding our own Opening Ceremony to coincide with the opening of the Rio Olympics.

In Weeks 3 and 4 of this term, each studio will take a different focus on the Olympic Games and immerse themselves in everything Olympics.

On Friday 5th of August, every child is encouraged to come to school dressed in a country that they associate with. It may be New Zealand or it may be a country that is an important part of their family history. At 11.20am children will parade into Te Ao Marama behind a variety of flags and the Student Council will open our Olympics with a short presentation. Following this each studio will organise their own mini Olympics (weather permitting) from approximately 11.40am until lunchtime.

Parents and families are welcome and we encourage you all to come along and help us open our Olympics.

\$10,000 DONATION TO OUR SCHOOL.....

for CHOICE Room furnishing & resources,

additional playground resources & court markings

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Arête Property Ltd have agreed to promote a solution that will help fundraise \$10,000 + !

Arête have been purchasing off market uninsured (as is where is) properties at market value saving on the real estate fees. We have agreed that if any parents or friends of parents have a property that they would like to sell we will donate \$10,000 for every property sold. This was already done last year with \$10,000 going toward s the junior playground which is in the planning stage.

Benefits to selling your property with Arête:

- Waitākiri Primary School receives the money they need to build a new playground.
- Choose your own terms. If you require a longer settlement period while you find the home of your dreams, they can certainly cater for that.
- They offer market rates and save you the hassle of open homes and quick vacating – they will listen to your needs and requirements.

Arête follow a simple 3-step process;

1. Arête agree upon a price that both parties are happy with
2. Arête agree on the terms of the Sale and Purchase contract (long settlement, rent back for a year etc)
3. Arête donate \$10,000 to Waitākiri Primary School once the property goes unconditional

If the option of selling your home with Arête sounds appealing and you would like to help Waitākiri Primary School raise money feel free to contact Arête for an obligation free appraisal to discuss the many options. Please email aretepropertyltd@gmail.com

Early Childhood Centres There are a selection of local early childhood centres listed on our website under 'General Information' for parents and our community to view.

PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with the Principal today with Mr O'Reilly.

Pictured right are:

Ji Woo, Breeana, Millie-Jane, Jai, Brennan, Mila, Laine, Jessica, Isla, Belle, Tatum and Mr O'Reilly.



Waitākiri School Parent 3-Way Conferences

3-way learning conferences will be held on Wednesday 03 August 1.30pm – 6pm and again on Thursday 04 August 3.30pm – 8pm. Bookings can be made online from Wednesday 29 June. Please follow the instructions below:

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

A sequence of four buttons illustrating the booking process. The first button is green and shows three stylized figures. The second button is green and labeled '1' with a list icon and the text 'Enter your details'. The third button is green and labeled '2' with dropdown menus for 'Year 1' (selected), 'Mr Able' (selected), 'Maths' (selected), and 'Ms Bell' (selected), with the text 'Choose teachers'. The fourth button is blue and labeled '3' with a grid of time slots (4:30, 4:40, 4:50) and checkboxes, with the text 'Choose times'.

4. When you are done, your interview timetable will be emailed to you.
5. Bookings open on Wednesday 29 June.
6. Bookings will close on Monday 01 August 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 use the computer in the CHOICE room.

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

Please note: On Wednesday 03 August, 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 Monday 01 August on phone 3832736, txt 027 2023543 or email office@waitakiri.school.nz . On Thursday 04 August school will finish at the usual time and conferences will begin at 3.30pm. Please note OSCAR will operate as per usual from 3pm on both days.

PTA NEWS

PTA PITA PIT LUNCH UPDATE

Dear parents and children - this is to let you know that Pita Pit lunches on Thursdays will be finishing at the end of Term 3, the last day being Thursday 22 September 2016. If you have on-line credit with Pita Pit please use this prior to that date.

The PTA are organising another lunch option for Thursdays, and we will let you know what this is soon. Watch this space!

READING CINEMAS VOUCHERS

Please remember, if you visit Reading Cinemas at the Palms please present our vouchers (one pictured right). Collect a copy from the CHOICE Room or email office@waitakiri.school.nz and ask to have a page emailed to you to print.

Thank you, Waitakiri School PTA



WEBSITE DESIGNERS & FILMMAKERS!

We are Flynn and Bradley from Korimako 2, and we have entered a competition called the Digi Awards. There are all different types of categories. Our category is website making. We are making a website called "The Enviro Warriors" that explains why we want to make a difference about the environment so are filming staff and children at school for our website. Watch this space to see the link for our website when it is made!

Thanks from Flynn and Bradley, K2



SCOOTERS FOR SALE!

We have a selection of scooters for sale. They were used by children to travel between our two campuses during 2014 & 2015.

They are \$15 each and come with a helmet. If you would like to purchase one, please come to Woody's shed on Thursday 28 July 2016 from 8.30am-9am. Cash or eftpos only please.

Thank you 😊

Milly, Samantha & Molly

are raising money for the



The Champion Centre

T A M A R I K I T O I O R A

By doing a lolly jar – Guess the number of Lolly's



There is a prize for 1st 2nd and 3rd

1st - Lolly Jar 2nd 2 favourite boxes

and 3rd gets one favourite box and 3 lollypop's.

Cost - \$ 1 for 3 guesses, 50C for 1 guess

When - 3 -5 August Outside Choices Room

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball draw for the next three weeks starting Thursday 4 August 2016.

Thursday, 4 Aug 2016

Date/Time	Cowles 1	Cowles 2
3:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Bromley Bulls vs Waitakiri Nets	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball CBA Hoops Squad vs Waitakiri Blues
4:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Bromley Breakers vs TWU Warriors	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Marshland Makos vs Linwood Ave Clippers
4:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Banks Ave Sparks vs Waitakiri Breakers	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Linwood Ave Lakers vs St. Anne's Saints
5:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball SNBS Seahorses vs Shirley Thunder	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Queenspark Gold vs Waitakiri Celtics
5:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Banks Ave Sirens vs Te Pa o Rakaihautu	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Queenspark Blue vs Queenspark Maroon
6:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Sumner Surfers vs Waitakiri Rams	

Thursday, 11 Aug 2016

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3:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Queenspark Maroon vs Te Pa o Rakaihautu	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Queenspark Gold vs Linwood Ave Lakers
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6:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball St. Anne's Saints vs Waitakiri Celtics	

Thursday, 18 Aug 2016

Date/Time	Cowles 1	Cowles 2
3:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Linwood Ave Lakers vs Waitakiri Celtics	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Waitakiri Rams vs Bromley Bulls
4:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball TWU Warriors vs Linwood Ave Clippers	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Waitakiri Breakers vs Bromley Breakers
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WRITING & PHOTOGRAPHS BY TRAVIS STUDIO CHILDREN

The Library

We have a great library. You will go there with your teacher once a week to change your books. You can have two books issued at a time. You need to have a library bag to carry your books in so they don't get damaged. Shirelle sells library bags at the school office or you can use one from home.

You can go to the library at lunchtimes too. The big children will issue your books for you. There are lots of cool pop up books to read in the library.

By Sumara

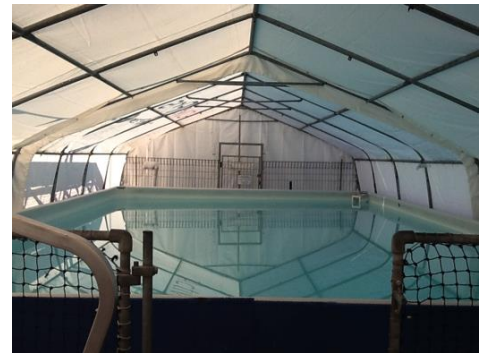


Swimming Pool

Did you know we have a swimming pool? It is in the big white tent behind Learning Studio 8. We have swimming lessons each day for two weeks with a swimming coach. The water is warm but quite deep. You can wear a life jacket. Please listen to the swimming coach.

We get changed in Learning Studio 8. Please walk to the pool so you don't get hurt.

By Sam and Emma



ANZ SCHOOL BANKING & SUPPORT

Every new account opened in Term 3 (with an initial \$25 deposit) will receive an ANZ Money Box.

Please also remember if you, your friends or family are either topping up their mortgage or getting 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.

Thank you for your consideration and please keep us in mind!
Rebecca Snelgar, ANZ Bank

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required.
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care
- Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our Call Centre to make an appointment
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email
comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Shirley Intermediate School Open Night

Thursday 28 July 6.30pm - 8pm in the hall

Performances and displays. Principal's and children's address, and stage display begin 6.30pm. Come and find out about our new vision statement, new FIRE values and new logo. Refreshments provided.



RKS

RICHMOND KEA'S SOFTBALL
2016-2017

- Mixed Tee Ball.
- Senior Open Grade
- Junior Softball
- Social

How to get involved?

Where: Linfield Sport Club 56 Kearney's Road

When: Sunday 10th July 11am-12pm
Sunday 7th August 11am-12pm
Sunday 28th August 11am-1pm
Sunday 04th September 11am-1pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Tania: 0273027463 **Sheree :** 0210616071

Email: rks.secretary@gmail.com



Some facts about blood donation.

Did you know...

- Blood only lasts **35 days**
- We require **3,000** donations **EACH AND EVERY WEEK** to meet hospital needs
- With each donation **YOU** can save up to **3 lives**
- You can get tea, coffee, juice and chocolate biscuits after every donation!!

The NZ Blood Service mobile team is in your neighbourhood in the first week of August. Can you please roll up your sleeve and help us out?

Burwood Mobile Blood Drive

Where: Chch Baptist Church on Burwood, 9 Burwood Rd

When: Thursday 4th August, 2-6pm

If you are keen to donate, it's a good idea to book an appointment. Booking an appointment helps to ensure you are away from work or home for the minimum amount of time and it helps us to know how many people to expect and when to expect them and what blood types are coming in.

3 easy to book an appointment...

1. Download our new app
2. On our website www.nzblood.co.nz
3. Call 0800 GIVE BLOOD (0800 448 325)

Please remember to eat & drink plenty before you donate and bring along your donor card or photo ID.