

Term 3, Week 2 - Wednesday 3 August 2016

Kia ora families and whanau

Just a few days to go to the official opening of the 2016 Rio Olympics! We will be having our opening at 11:20am on Friday in Te Ao Marama (weather permitting!) Feel free to join us. Over the following two weeks we will be having great fun learning about the Olympics and getting involved in a lot of sport and competition. The Olympics are a great time to celebrate sports, culture, competition, team work, perseverance and achievement. You can be sure we will be enjoying the event at school.

As you will have seen we received our [2016 ERO \(Education Review Office\) Report](#)

This report endorses the great work the team have done over the last 2 1/2 years. To receive a 4-5 year review period is the best that can be achieved and evidences the Review Office have confidence the Board of Trustees and Senior Leadership Team have robust systems and processes in place to ensure the children of Waitākiri Primary School are learning in the best possible learning environment. The report was full of positive comments, however a few stand out:

- *High quality professional learning and development (PLD) for all teaching staff, and a collaborative approach, are helping to accelerate children's learning.*
- *The school is highly effective in responding to other children whose learning and achievement needs acceleration.*
- *Senior leaders are actively involved in supporting teachers to raise achievement. They place priority on high quality teaching practices. There is a strong shared understanding about how children learn. Teachers identify specific strategies designed to address barriers to learning and promote successful outcomes.*
- *Children learn in focused, well-paced lessons within calm, settled environments. They make effective use of a range of digital technologies to support their learning.*
- *Teachers provide children with choices about their learning, within a carefully planned framework. The child-centred learning approach enables children to have their voice heard and valued.*
- *The senior leadership team has high expectations for teaching and learning. A significant strength is the way senior leaders use research effectively to inform decision making and practice. They provide very clear guidelines for teachers and instil a sense of urgency about responding to children's learning needs and wellbeing.*

We couldn't be happier and are really pleased the Review Office was so specific in their feedback. Our ongoing agreed focus as a staff is to further develop personalised learning approaches to best meet needs of your children. So onward and upward for Waitākiri Primary School as we strive to do all we can for your children.

We are doing regular uniform checks once a week to ensure that all children are wearing the appropriate uniform. What we are noticing is that children are choosing to wear coloured shoes and

coloured socks, the only option is black shoes and black or white socks. We have investigated and black shoes can be purchased for as little as \$10. Please do your bit to make sure your child is wearing the appropriate uniform. If you are struggling we do have some supplies of shoes and socks. Please ask at the office.

A wee reminder that driveways are for cars not pedestrians, we have separate gates at each end of the Burwood Road entrance for pedestrians, please make sure you use these and the pedestrian crossing with your children.

Kind Regards

Neill O'Reilly
Principal

LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Ruru Studio who had morning tea with Mr O'Reilly on Monday. Pictured right are: Ashton, Blaine, Keira, Laura, Riley, Alex, Maddi, Connor, Toma, Guy, Tessa, Tommy, Hayley, Tom, Seth and Mr O'Reilly.



Welcome Windsor 6!

Welcome to Waitākiri to our new entrants in Windsor 6, pictured left with Mrs Riach.

Te Reo o te Wiki

Kai - food

Our topic this term is kai. We are looking at items in our pouaka kai (lunch box) such as:

hanawiti – sandwich

āporo – apple

panana – banana

pihikete – biscuit

pātara wai – drink bottle

kotakota rīwai – potato chips

pea – pear

kerepe maroke – raisins

Reka! - Delicious!



Waitākiri School Parent 3-Way Conferences

3-way learning conferences will be held TODAY Wednesday 03 August 1.30pm – 6pm and again TOMORROW Thursday 04 August 3.30pm – 8pm. Online bookings are now closed. Please contact your child's teacher if you still need to make an appointment.

Waitākiri School Olympics: Opening Ceremony Friday 5th August 11:20am in Te o 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.

ANZ SCHOOL BANKING & SUPPORT

Our two school 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

Orchards in Schools Programme



This wonderful programme has been initiated by the Canterbury Horticulture Society. Mary, from A Place Of Learning, has been developing this programme in 2016. She is working with the Enviro Ferns from Waitakiri School. Under instruction from Mary they are planting apples, peach, pears and plums trees in garden boxes that they have built with the help of Woody, the school property manager. A big thank you to Tony from the Canterbury Horticulture Society who donated the fruit trees.

REAL CHALLENGE

Yesterday in Ruru Studio Hayley C and Hayley S had their first session of Colouring for Relaxation (their REAL Challenge) at lunchtime. It was a great success!



PTA NEWS

Abacus Calendar end of year orders

The PTA wish to advise that the artwork made by children for calendars, cards and diaries at the end of each year will now be done as a fundraiser every second year. This will be completed odd years, the next being 2017, then 2019, 2021, etc.

SPORTS NEWS

Winter Hagley results from last week:

Hockey Blue 1-4 Loss

Hockey Red 9-4 win

Netball Blue Bye

Netball Red 11-11 Draw

Soccer Blue 1-9 Loss

Soccer Red Bye

Rugby Blue 25-30 Loss

Rugby Red 40-5 Loss.

Cheers Kent

P.S There is only 2 weeks left of Hagley



Our Rippa Rugby Team

REAL CHALLENGES

Congratulations to the following children who received their half way certificates for completing their REAL Challenges. For those still going, keep going!. They need to be completed by Friday 18 November and handed into your home group teacher by this date to be presented your end of year completion award! As you finish a challenge please share it with your teacher.

Pounamu Year 6 Ruru : Jack, Emma T, Emma O, Blaine, Harrison, Sophie, Grace, Jessica, Abigail, Lexi, Jonty, William, Tessa and Jacob.

Harekeke Year 5 Ruru : Natalie, Laura, Luke, Jordan, Ella, Ethan, Toma, Fraser, Taine, Hayley, Kieran, Oliver, Kun Woo, Thea, Hayley, Tom and Jackson.

Pounamu Year 6 Korimako : Dominique, Georgia, Ben, Blair, Brayden, Isla, Natalia, Nathan, Hayley, Olivia, Meadow, Landon, Aimee, Lily, Norah, Connor, Jacob, Jessica, Leni, Livia, Nathan, Renee and Saki.

Harekeke Year 5 Korimako : Molly, Brooke, Emily, Georgiana, Harrison, Jake, Lauren, Owen, Samuel, Shayla, Shelby, Kyle, Tatum, Bradley, Alex, Ollie, Jessie, Caleb, Saxon, Flynn, Caleb, Rosa, Kipri and Lucas.

Rata Year 4 Travis : Mahe, Oliver, William, Tia, Felix, Bronte, Mia, Keren, Kyle, Sasha, Tahlia, Ben, Gemma, Finn, Layla, Daisy, Jaxon, Mason, Ryan, Nova, Austin, Lucas, Takira, Alya, Charlie, Selene, Sarah and Chanelle.

Rata Year 4 Otakaro : Holly, Theo, Yuki, Meg, Sasha, Tommy, Matilda, Ollie, Sam, Tyrese, Zoe, Rachael, Bayden, Tayla, Jake, Olivia and Noah.



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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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Canterbury DHB message to parents: Make your GP team your first call 24/7

GP teams provide care around clock

This week the Canterbury DHB kicked off a 'care around the clock' campaign to raise awareness of the fact that you can call your usual general practice number 24/7 and when they're closed, a team of nurses is available to answer your call. The nurses provide free health advice, and if you need to be seen urgently by a doctor, they can tell you what to do and where to go.

It's always important that people access the most appropriate health care. In most cases this is provided by general practice teams, even after hours.

Canterbury DHB would appreciate any support your school could give letting Canterbury parents know about the care around the clock service General Practices provide. It would be great if your school could use communication channels such as your newsletter and Facebook page to help us inform parents of the following:

- Make your GP team your first call 24/7
- After-hours (when the practice is closed) a team of nurses is available to give free health advice. If you need to be seen urgently, they can tell you what to do and where to go.
- It's easy – phone your usual General Practice number 24/7
- Put your family doctor's phone number in your contacts in your phone – then you'll have it at the ready whenever you need it – any time of day or night.

When a child is unwell it's always good to seek medical attention sooner, rather than later. It's best to phone your own general practice team any time of the day or night. If a child does need to have an appointment, most practices in Canterbury have free consultations for those under 13.

Attached to this message is a banner and advert on the care around the clock service that you are welcome to use in any of your communications with parents.

More information is available at www.cdhb.health.nz/carearoundtheclock

Thanks for your support,

David Meates
Chief Executive
Canterbury District Health Board

