

Term 3, Week 4 - Wednesday 17 August 2016

Kia ora families and whanau

Communication, communication communication!!!!

When family and school partner together and communicate things go well, please download the Tiqbiz app so you can get the most up-to-date message from school and stay connected. This is what a parent sent in about it: (instructions on the following page)

"I just wanted to say how great the new school app is and recommend all parents to download it! I have downloaded tiqbiz to my phone this week and it's got some great features. I love how you can put in the Studio news notifications only for your children, so you do not get information that does not affect you like the standard school text. Also the school calendar is brilliant and you can save the dates to your own phone calendar automatically. You'll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. A friend of mine this week used student absence section of the app and it worked great, all you do is authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger nice and easy! Nice work Waitakiri!"

Safety first

There is a very important safety message within this newsletter about using the crossing with your children and parking. Please read it.

Afternoon of Wednesday 7th September, please support us (further information inside)

The Government is planning to change the way teachers are funded with virtually no consultation and no clarity about the implications for schools. It has got to the point the Unions believe that we must stop and give a clear message to the Government. We do not want to stop learning for the afternoon, however significant changes to how teachers are funded could do far more harm to your children and their learning. Please support us if you can by collecting your children at 12:30pm so that staff can attend this important meeting. Thank you.

Waitakiri Olympics

We have been having a great time investigating the Olympics. The battle between staff and students rages on with the score now 2:2, we are neck 'n' neck as we come to the end of our Waitākiri Olympics with three events to go; soccer, volleyball and table tennis..... who will be the victor? Find out next week!

Kind regards

Neill O'Reilly, Principal

Here's how to set up tiqbiz

Phone and tablet.

Search **tiqbiz** in your app store.



Android



Windows Phone



iPad & iPhone

For Apple:

Select 'allow' notifications.

Computer Access the web version of tiqbiz.

Go to **web.tiqbiz.com** then register/log-in

Add us



Log-in

Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.



Search

Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name.
Select us from the results.



Add

Click the 'Add' icon beside the boxes that apply to you.



Return to search

Click the back arrow to return to search.



Home

Click the 'Home' icon to view.

Please email for technical support: support@tiqbiz.com

SAFETY AT OUR SCHOOL GATES

Parents and caregivers, PLEASE ensure you use the pedestrian crossing with your child when crossing Burwood Road to school. This may take an extra couple of minutes, however this is the safest way for you and your child to cross the road. This morning there were at five families (with adults) who crossed the road; not at the pedestrian crossing. Please teach and model for children how to do the right thing. Also a child was witnessed running to cross the road, then returned to the side of the road as cars were coming in the other direction. Please talk to your children about doing the right thing if they are coming to school on their own.

A reminder that the car parks at the front of school are for staff only who are working at school during the day, NOT for parents to pull into and drop their child off at school. The 3 minute drop off zone is also to be used for 3 minutes or less please. This works so well when used as it should be, as it frees up parks for children being dropped off and collected before and after school. Please be respectful to all by parking in designated areas only and using these areas as stated. Thank you to everyone who is using our pedestrian entrances into school, and not the car park entrances. The safety of all children is paramount.

ENGINEER REQUIRED

Is there a parent/caregiver who would be able to attach the cross bar on one of our rugby posts that has come loose. For Health & Safety reasons we need to have someone who is qualified for this type of job to ensure that it is completed correctly. If anyone can help please contact Kim or Woody, ph 383 2736 or email office@waitakiri.school.nz.

Thank you ☺

PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with the Principal last week. Pictured right are Chloe, Alec, Tyler, Madi, William, Fleur, Alyssa, Emily, Brooke, Shayla and Mr O'Reilly.



LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Otakaro Studio who had morning tea with Mr O'Reilly today. Pictured left are: Jaila, Keita, Luka, Maia, Noah, Tyrese, Taylar, Kyan, Ryder, Alyssa, Isaac, Jack, Alex, Jessica and Mr O'Reilly.

NZEI & PPTA UNION MEETING 7 SEPTEMBER

There is union meeting on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 1.30pm for teachers and support staff who belong to NZEI.

This meeting means that many of our teachers and support staff will not be here in the afternoon of 7 September. We are asking if you can please keep your children home that afternoon, so that our teachers and support staff can attend this meeting. For those who are unable to collect their children at 12.30pm, there will be a few staff here for supervision. If you are needing your child/ren to stay at school from 12.30pm, please advise the office as soon as possible (phone 383 2736, text 027 202 3543, tqbiz or email shirelle.hamilton@waitakiri.school.nz) so we know how many staff we need to have at school. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

SPORTS NEWS

Hagley Sport will be continuing for the next two weeks, this Friday 19 August and Friday 26 August. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have helped with Hagley, we very much appreciate your support.

PTA NEWS

PTA PITA PIT LUNCH UPDATE

A REMINDER 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.

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.

Concrete pad needed

The PTA have fundraised for a "SMILE SEAT" and this needs to have a concrete pad put down under the seat before it can be installed. Are there any fantastic parents out there who would be able to do this please? The school will supply the materials, we just need the expert! If you can help please email office@waitakiri.school.nz or phone Kim on 383 2736.

Thank you, Waitakiri School PTA



Swimming instructor required

Waitākiri Primary School require a qualified swimming instructor for our students to start 12 September until the end of the year. Hours Monday- Friday 9am - 3pm, and possibly after school lessons. Please send CV & two contactable referees to office@waitakiri.school.nz by 3pm Friday 19 August 2016.

UNIFORM CHECKS

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.

Te Reo o te Wiki

Porohita Taumāhekeheke – Olympic rings

Can you name the colours of the rings in Māori?

Kikorangi/kahurangi – blue

Pango – black

Whero – red

Kōwhai – yellow

Kākāriki - green



LEARNING CELEBRATION & OLYMPICS CLOSING CEREMONY

This Friday 19 August 2016 at 9.15am in the school hall. Team Otakaro are presenting this weeks Learning Celebration. All welcome!

Please ensure you are signed up to receive our texts:

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.

AND that you have added the new tiqbiz app onto your smartphone.
PLEASE follow the instructions in this newsletter



Home Learning “REAL Challenge”

As part of the Waitākiri Primary School Community REAL Challenges, children have the opportunity to not only Keep New Zealand Beautiful but tick off a REAL Challenge as well!

If you would like to do this, you will need to help Keep New Zealand Beautiful by doing something that is good for our environment. This can be collecting rubbish, removing graffiti, planting trees, etc. and can be done anytime between the 12th and 18th of September 2016 during Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week.

Please complete this form and return to your home teacher and record evidence that you have completed this challenge (take a photo or video).

Thank you for your help! Now go and help Keep New Zealand Beautiful!

----- *Cut here and return to your teacher* -----

Waitākiri Primary School Real Community Challenge –

KEEP NEW ZEALAND BEAUTIFUL, 12th – 18th September 2016

Yes, I would like to help Keep New Zealand Beautiful between the 12th and 18th of September 2016.

I am going to Keep New Zealand Beautiful by doing the following:

Child _____ Studio _____ Date _____

Parent _____ Parent Signature _____

☐ Evidence seen by teacher on _____

Love Your Water

By Sam - Otakaro 3

1. Why should people care about water?

Because you need it to be able to live and keep hydrated. We love to swim in clean, clear seas, lakes and rivers. We need to care about our water because fish and other sea creatures need to keep healthy.

2. Why donating old phones will help.

If you can donate your old mobile phone it means that not as many new ones need to be made. The old ones can be resold overseas and they can be reused by other people. Recycled materials from the phones can also be used to create new things. This saves on rubbish, energy and helps to look after our waterways.

3. Planting with Sustainable Coastlines

On Friday 29th July, Oliver from Sustainable Coastlines showed us an example of how to plant a plant. We then went off with buddies and planted lots of different plants. These plants help by keeping the river banks strong so the mudfish can lay their eggs in the banks. The trees need to be there because it stops cows and other animals from pooing on the banks which collapses them.

The box for the cell phones will be in the office and the CHOICE room.

The poster features a scenic background of a waterfall cascading down a lush green hill. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'sustainable coastlines' which includes a stylized tree icon. To its right is the 'RE:mobile' logo. The main title 'LOVE YOUR WATER' is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the middle of the waterfall. Below it, in smaller green capital letters, is the subtitle 'RECYCLE YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO HELP RESTORE IT'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a green banner with white text that reads 'RECEIVE AMAZING REWARDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY DONATING YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONE HERE'. To the right of this banner, smaller text states: '\$2.5 MILLION has been raised for NZ Charities from the proceeds of unwanted mobile phones. For more information visit www.remobile.org.nz or call 00 377 4780.' At the very bottom, there are three logos: 'swapkit', a small text block about the swapkit program, and the 'Recycle Now' logo. On the far right edge, there is vertical text: 'The Sustainable Coastlines Foundation Trust Charities CC000001 www.swapkit.co.nz/sustainable'.

REAL CHALLENGE THIS WEEK

Do you want to win these cool sports prizes?

1st prize
worth \$341



2nd prize
worth \$78



3rd prize
worth \$34



First prize includes: 4 green fees to Waimairi Beach Golf Course, Gilbert Rugby Ball, Gilbert Netball, Adidas Football, Nerf Vortex, and a Family Pass to Inflatable World Redwood.

We want to raise money for some equipment for the Hagley Sports football teams.



We are going to do a raffle. You can buy tickets before school on:

Wednesday 17th August

Thursday 18th August

Friday 19th August

Prizes drawn Friday 19th August

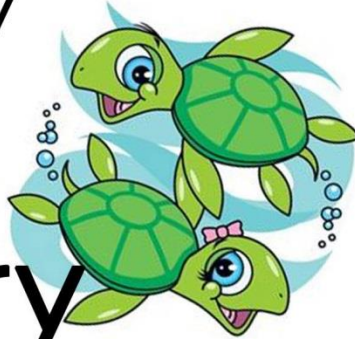
Thank you from Fraser, Jackson, Saxon, Alex & Harry!

Only
\$1
ticket

REAL CHALLENGE NEXT WEEK

Help Olivia, Courtney & Grace
raise money
for the

Turtle Sanctuary



24, 25 and 26th August
outside the CHOICE room
before school

We are selling:

Keyrings
Cookies
Bracelets
Cupcakes
Bookmarks

Items are \$1 - \$3



COMMUNITY NOTICES

PCU Softball Club

Registration Day

Sunday 21st August

10am - 12pm at New Brighton Tennis Club

Rawhiti Domain, Shaw Avenue, New Brighton

Family Free Movie Night

Saturday 27th August 2016

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 "Kung Fu Panda 3"

Snacks and drinks available for purchase.

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

Coffee and Support Group

For family/whanau raising a child with autism,
disability or a health impairment.

Connect with other parents/whanau for support
and share a cuppa. Everyone is welcome.

Date: Wednesday 24 August

Venue: CCSDisability Action,
224 Lichfield Street,
Christchurch.

Time: 10am-12pm

Morning tea and refreshments will be
provided as well as toys for young children.

RSVP:

Parent to Parent Greater Canterbury
Regional coordinator Laura Lighfoot
gtc@parent2parent.org.nz
09 365 3239 or 0508 236 236





20-28 August 2016

Storylines Festival

of New Zealand Writers and Illustrators

Over 50 Authors, Illustrators, Storytellers and Performers from all over New Zealand will enthral and entertain children and families at the nationwide Storylines Festival Family Days.

So come along!

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL

Saturday
27 August
DUNEDIN
Dunedin City Library
11am - 3pm
Fifi Colston, Leonie Agnew
Scott Tulloch &
many more

Saturday
27 August
NORTHLAND
Te Ahu and Kaitiaki Library
11am - 2pm
Maria Gill, Tim Tipene
& many more

Sunday
21 August
AUCKLAND
Aotea Centre
10am - 3pm
Leigh Hobbs, Robyn Bellon
Richard Taylor, Martin Baymon
Donovan Boxley, Kyle Mewburn
Cao Wenxuan, Joy Cowley
& many more

Saturday
20 August
SOUTH AUCKLAND
Mangere Arts Centre
11am - 3pm

Saturday
27 August
WELLINGTON
Michael Fowler Centre
10am - 3pm
Ruth Paul, Mandy Hager
Bob Kerr & many more

Sunday
28 August
CHRISTCHURCH
Upper Riccarton Library
10am - 3pm
Fifi Colston, Leonie Agnew
Scott Tulloch &
many more

For over two decades Storylines has brought children together with authors, illustrators, storytellers and performers.

FULL DETAILS OF EACH FAMILY DAY

WWW.STORYLINES.ORG.NZ

Koha appreciated



Do you know a Kiwi Kid who is a champion on and off the field?

Weet-Bix™ is searching for Kiwi Kids aged 5-16 that demonstrate the same champion qualities that set our All Blacks apart; dedication, determination, respect, integrity, teamwork and sportsmanship - in every area of their life.

The three most deserving all-round champions will get a once in a lifetime opportunity for them and a mate to hang out with the All Blacks.

To nominate, [complete the online form](#) telling us in 250 words or less why they are an all-round champion.

Hurry! Entries close on Thursday, the 8th of September.

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