

***Term 3, Week 6 - Wednesday 31 August 2016***

Dear parents and caregivers

Yesterday we hosted the Minister of the Environment Honourable Dr Nic Smith, and Associate Minister of Conservation, Honourable Nicky Wagner, local M.Ps, Selwyn District Mayor, and other invited guests for an announcement of significant funding for Environmental Education. Our Enviro Ferns proudly explained the Enviro map showing their plans for Waitākiri and talked passionately about their reusable coffee cup initiative and free lunchboxes for new entrant children. They escorted our guests around the orchard and Waitākiri Walkway, and chatted with them over nibbles in the staffroom. The Enviro Ferns are a group of environmentally aware children, superbly supported by Glennys Hill, Woody and Jacque Ching, who together are making their environmental vision for Waitākiri a reality.

Yesterday was also a celebration for another group of Waitākiri children – our Kapahaka performance group. These children performed with pride at the Cultural Festival at Horncastle Arena last night. The children prepare for this performance all year. Everyone who attended the festival has spoken, highly of how our children performed and conducted themselves before and afterwards. It is wonderful to receive such high praise about our children from so many people. Many thanks to Joy Banks and Matua Rihari for their untiring efforts to prepare the children to such a high standard for the festival again this year.

Neill is away in Thailand with several other local principals investigating opportunities for international students to learn at Waitākiri. In his absence, Dianna Reynolds and I are covering the Principal role. If there is anything we can help with, please call or email us.

The Minister of Education put a press release out yesterday regarding our positive ERO report. Here are the two links on the Government website and MOE website.

<http://www.education.govt.nz/news/first-christchurch-merger-school-off-to-flying-start/>

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/portfolio/Education>

Have a great week.

Jacqui Malham, Deputy Principal

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# VISIT FROM MINISTERS OF PARLIMENT

Yesterday we had Minister Nicky Wagner, Minister Nick Smith and invited dignitaries visit Waitākiri School. They made announcements that will advance Environmental Education for Sustainability in New Zealand. Our Enviro Ferns and showed them around our school and discussed what environmental achievements we have made and are continuing to make. They were very impressed! They were greeted by Sandy Kaa, our Kaumatua and members of DOC.

Here is the link to their visit and the purpose of their visit:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/double-boost-environmental-education>





## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

### **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, tiqbiz or email [shirelle.hamilton@waitakiri.school.nz](mailto:shirelle.hamilton@waitakiri.school.nz)) so we know how many staff we need to have at school. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

### **Waitākiri OSCAR Sep/Oct Holiday Programme**

Let our OSCAR Programme take the hassle out of the school holidays.

Two programmes available Junior years 1-3 & Senior years 4-8

We provide an excellent range of activities on & off site.

Arion Farm, Movies, Construction Day, Driving Range plus many more

Both our programmes are professionally run, plus all staff are well trained.

**Contact Amanda for more details**

[amanda.murray@waitakiri.school.nz](mailto:amanda.murray@waitakiri.school.nz) ph: 027 655 8104

### **LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA**

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Travis Studio who had morning tea with Mrs Malham. Pictured right are: Riley, Tahlia, Milo, Shyla, Azaria, Isaac, Eliza, Brandon, Daisy, Zodie, Hannah, Isaac T, Brennan, Lily and Mrs Malham.



### **Fun French Beginners' Classes Years 2-6**

A 4 session taster French course is being offered at Waitakiri School this term, and beyond. The major emphasis is on communicating orally through the interactive use of fun games, song, role-play and 'real life' activities. For more information, please email [admin@Lpa.co.nz](mailto:admin@Lpa.co.nz) or contact us on 022 358 2211. C'est si bon!

### **Health & Hygiene**

We have a confirmed case of Scabies (highly contagious) at school. If your child is presenting with a rash/sores you are unsure of please check with your doctor or pharmacist. If confirmed, children must be away from school for 24 hours after the first treatment. Also at school is Impetigo (School Sores). These are also highly contagious and must be treated and covered. Any child who comes to school with an open wound or sore must have it covered please.

Please talk to your children about the importance of correct hand washing and ensure all wounds are covered before they come to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

## SPORTS NEWS

Last week we had 2 teams competing in the Canterbury Winter Tournament held at Hagley Park for the Rugby and Mainland Football Stadium for the football.

Both teams did really well and represented the school proudly with sportsmanship, fair play and respectfulness showing those REAL values encouraged at school.

The football team went through pool play with 4 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss to play off for 7th and 8th. The closeness of the tournament was amazing and 1 goal more through pool play and we would have been playing off for 1st and 2nd!



The rugby team played really well throughout the tournament and ended up coming 3rd overall, a massive effort well done!!

A huge thanks to all the parents who coached transported and managed teams throughout the season, without this support we would not be able to compete in these events.



Also last week some of the Canterbury Kings and Magicians Cricket team members came into school and held a workshop for some of our year 5 & 6 children. It was great to learn some new skills and meet some stars of the 20/20 cricket format and a great time was had by everyone.



***All Hagley Sports uniforms are to be returned to the CHOICE Room Sports uniform box please. Please ensure these have been washed and returned in a bag with the child's name on it. Thanks very much.***

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Keishyia who achieved 1st vault in step 3 unders and 11th overall in step 3 unders at the Canterbury Artistic Gymnastic Junior Championships on 21st August.

She also placed 1st in vault in CSG in July and is off to south island championships in Timaru this Sunday. All the best Keishyia!

**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**



## **THANK YOU.....**

To everyone who supported our REAL Challenge Turtle Sanctuary fundraiser last week. We raised an amazing \$638! Thanks so much to all who purchased our goodies. From Olivia, Courtney and Grace.



## **MUFTI DAY FOR OUR SPONSORED CHILD....**

**Friday  
9 September**

Children please bring a gold coin donation if you wear mufti and give to your teacher.

Thank you!

SEPTEMBER  
**9**

**MUFTI DAY**  
Friday 9 September

**To raise money for our  
sponsored child Irene.**

We are having a mufti day on Friday 9 September to raise money for our sponsored child Irene. Irene lives in the Eastern part of Kenya with her mother and two sisters, her mother struggles to make enough money to support her family. Your gold coin donation will help her Mum to provide food, blankets and water to keep her family alive. Please give your donation to your homeless teacher and the Student Council will come round and collect them after school starts.



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

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

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Child \_\_\_\_\_ Studio \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

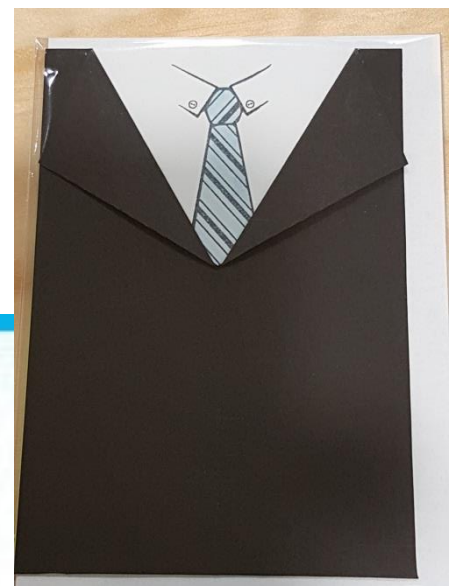
Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Evidence seen by teacher on \_\_\_\_\_



## **REAL CHALLENGE this week.....**

Cards \$3 each (pictured right) and Lolly Necklaces \$3 each  
Raising money for Prostate Cancer.  
Just in time for Fathers Day this Sunday!



LOLLY  
NECKLACES  
\$ 3.00



I WILL BE SELLING OUT FRONT  
OF THE CHOICES ROOM ON  
WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST  
THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER  
FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL  
TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
PROSTATE CANCER

**JAKE FROM**  
**OTAKARO**

# CAN YOU HELP TO COLLECT DURING BLIND WEEK?

## Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind And tick off a REAL Challenge at the same time!



Would you like to collect for the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind at The Palms Mall on Friday 7 or Saturday 8 October 2016 (end of school holidays)? Any child at school can do this with a parent or caregiver and for those Year 4 - 6 children who need to complete a REAL CHOICES Home Learning Community Challenge, this is the ideal opportunity!

If you would like to do this, you will need to be at The Palms Mall for one and a half hours collecting with a parent or caregiver. The parent or caregiver **MUST** stay with you the whole time. More than one child from each family can help.

Everything will be there that you need to complete your collection, so you just need to bring yourself and your parent/caregiver.

If you would like to do this, please complete this form and return to the school office. A confirmation letter of the time you are to collect will be sent home with you.

Thank you for your help!

Kim Hillson, Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Co-ordinator

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*--Please return this portion to the office--*

## Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind BLIND WEEK APPEAL

Yes, I would like to help collect for the Blind Week Appeal at The Palms Mall on Friday 7 or Saturday 8 October (1.5 hour time slot to be advised).



Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Room/s \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Ph No \_\_\_\_\_

### **PREFERRED DAY TO COLLECT:**

#### **Friday 7 October**

Preferred 1.5 hour time slot to collect (subject to availability)

9am - 10.30am

1.30pm - 3pm

3pm - 4.30pm

#### **Saturday 8 October**

Only time on Saturday left to collect is: 3pm - 4.30pm

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## **RURU SURVEY**

### *Waitakiri Explorers*

Hi we are the Waitakiri Explorers from Ruru Studio, we have set up this group to explore our community and we have some questions for you and your family.

**What services do you and your family use in the community?**

	Tick if your family uses this facility
Hospital	
Palms Mall	
Retirement homes i.e a family member lives there	
Shops - please write which ones	
Library	
Preschool	
Forests including Bottle Lake	
High schools	
Services e.g police	
Wetlands	
Burwood park	

**Tick any one which your family use every week.**

**Are there any other services you use? Write them below.**

**Please hand in to your home base teacher.**

***(If you would like a paper copy, please collect from Ruru Studio)***

Thank you for completing our survey. Ruru students.



# Waitākiri

## PTA FUNDRAISER 2016

# MATHATHON

## WEEK 1 TERM 4

# COMING SOON...

**ITS GOING TO BE GREAT!**  
**EVERY SPONSORSHIP FORM HANDED IN ON**  
**COLLECTION WEEK GOES INTO AN AWESOME,**  
**SPOT PRIZE DRAW AND ALSO THE STUDIO WITH**  
**THE BEST SUPPORT WINS HOT CHIPS FOR LUNCH !**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON...**



## Come and join us for the Positive Parenting Workshop Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 9am to 11am Waitākiri School in the CHOICE Room

Explore the issues...

“What causes children’s misbehaviour?”

“Strategies on managing misbehaviour move positively”

These are the key messages that we will be weaving them through the workshop

- Uncertainty about parenting and ability to parent well
- Feeling judgment as a parent, yet also being judgemental of other parents
- Child wellbeing is not well understood
- Isolation which appears to be self-perpetuating
- Parents are tired
- There are still on-going effects of post-earthquake stressors
- Fathers needing to find their place and role as parents.

Anne Gibling

Team Leader, Community Settings  
Christchurch Methodist Mission

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Burwood Park Tennis “Club of the Year” Junior Tennis Starting



Are you a **Tennis Hot Shot**? **August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** are the Community Play days at Burwood Park Tennis Club. New juniors are welcome. Session times are 9:00 - 9:45am & 10:00 - 10:45am



For a limited time, new junior player registrations into our tennis program (tennis **HOTSHOTS**) will receive this Wilson racket as part of their membership for “Free”!

Visit [www.burwoodparktennisclub.kiwi](http://www.burwoodparktennisclub.kiwi) or come see us at 55 Creswell Ave, Burwood Park. Registrations are now open online.

## Garage Sale

### Saturday 3rd of September

Starts at 8:00am items can be brought to be sold before 8:00am

At Burwood Scout Hall (16 Travis Road)

There will be a car wash (hand done by scouts) and a sausage sizzle

Be sure to buy some things because it is fundraising for the scouts to go to jamboree



# KIDS on BOARD

Looking for something to do with the kids next holidays? Head to [kidsonboard.co.nz](http://kidsonboard.co.nz) for great ideas as recommended by other families.



Find and share things to do with kids around New Zealand

Where to go:  OR Full Region:

Add Tags

Tags:

GO

Recently Added:



Preschoolers' ABCs



Wild Cam & Tara



Big Book of Transport



Discover, Discover



Big Book of Animals

**NORTH BEACH TENNIS CLUB Incorporated**  
34 Palmers Road  
North New Brighton  
Christchurch 8083

## COME AND PLAY TENNIS!

Our junior tennis season commences Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 from 9.00am. We provide an affordable subscription and coaching for all juniors so come along and see what we have to offer.

We also provide a Kiwi Tennis coaching programme starting 19<sup>th</sup> October for beginners in the 5-7 year age group which is designed to teach basic skills and generate enthusiasm for tennis. It is a popular programme and a great introduction to tennis.

For more details and information please contact: Ethna 981-5491 or Varinia 323-6393



CLARKVILLE SCHOOL

# ★ QUIZ ★ NIGHT

FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPT ★ 6.30 PM

\$15 PER HEAD ★ TEAMS UP TO 6 PEOPLE

★ QUIZ STARTS AT 7PM SHARP ★

PRE-ORDER PIZZA & NIBBLES

BAR OPEN 6.30PM FOR DRINKS & SNACKS

EFTPOS AVAIL ★ SPOT PRIZES & RAFFLES

★ STRICTLY NO BYO ★

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE PH. (03) 327-8218

ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK: CLARKVILLEPTA

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