

***Term 3, Week 7 - Wednesday 7 September 2016***

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Spring has definitely sprung in Christchurch - the mornings are lighter and flowers are starting to burst out around our garden city. It's about time to get out the gardening tools and some lovely rich compost to feed our gardens so they will reward us with wonderful fruit and veges in the coming months. Our Enviro Team and helpers have been busy out in the school orchard planting. If you haven't done so yet, please do go and have a look at how busy they have been. This is an ongoing project so watch this space!

This week our staff have been fortunate to once again be working with Joan Dalton - internationally respected educator - enhancing our collaborative practice - working together to achieve the best outcomes for your children.

Congratulations to our two Rock Bands who performed in the Primary & Intermediate Schools Band Quest Competition in Rangiora last night. "The Reckless Bunch" from our school came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and won \$200 from The Rock Shop. And Jonty from "Bandboozle" won The Rocking Drummer award! Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr Bush for your support.



Last week we advertised a Positive Parenting Workshop to be held this Friday 9 September from 9am -11am. Full details for the workshop are on the next page. So far a few parents have been in touch to say they will be attending the morning workshop. It's not too late to make the date and join us on Friday. Due to interest from some other parents we will hold an evening workshop next term.

Our schools recent success and acknowledgement by both Education Review Office (ERO) and the Ministry of Education has led to this feature in the New Zealand Educational Gazette.

<http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=9352>

Kind regards  
Dianna Reynolds  
Deputy Principal

Hello parents and caregivers

## **Positive Parenting Workshop**

Parenting and childhood can be a wonderful experience and it can also be tough. Sometimes it can feel as though you are the only ones experiencing the tough stuff.

In the last few years counsellors with the Christchurch Methodist Mission have been working with us to provide 1-1 and group child counselling and parenting workshops. Post quakes and until June 2016 this was generously funded through the Red Cross. In June the funding ran out, and our Board of Trustees stepped in to make available the funds to keep this service running at least until the end of 2016 for the wellbeing of our children and community.

As part of this partnership with CMM we are offering the opportunity to our parent community to come and join us for a relaxed and informal positive parenting workshop. Depending on interest this could be the first of more workshops and/or parenting support/coffee groups who meet more regularly.

See below for details. If you would like to attend please email [shirelle.hamilton@waitakiri.school.nz](mailto:shirelle.hamilton@waitakiri.school.nz) with your name and intention of attending the workshop. (This will help us to cater for the correct numbers). If you are interested in attending another workshop but an evening time would work better for you please also let us know and if there is interest we will set this up.

You are welcome to talk to me or email me at [dianna.reynolds@waitakiri.school.nz](mailto:dianna.reynolds@waitakiri.school.nz) if you have any specific concerns you would like to talk about.

Kind regards

Dianna Reynolds  
Deputy Principal/ Special Needs Co-ordinator

**Come and join us for the  
Positive Parenting Workshop  
Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 9am to 11am  
Waitakiri 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**

# 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

## 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!

## CHESS CHAMPS!

Our Waitākiri chess team competed and gained 3rd place in the South Island Chess Championship last Wednesday. They played against other schools from Christchurch as well as Dunedin and Queenstown. You can see from the smiles on their faces how proud they were of their result and how much they enjoyed the day of strong competition. Well done team - you are our REAL heroes.



## 2016 TERM DATES

*Term 3* : Last day of term 3 - Friday 23 September

*Term 4* : Monday 10 October - Friday 16 December finishing at 12.30pm

### 2016 remaining Public Holidays

Labour Day - 24 October

Canterbury Anniversary Day - 11 November

## School holiday uniform ordering & collection

Uniform orders received by 12 noon Tuesday 4 October 2016 in the school holidays will be available for collection at the school office on Thursday 6 October from 8.30am – 3pm.

**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**

Email: [office@waitakiri.school.nz](mailto:office@waitakiri.school.nz)

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](http://www.waitakiri.school.nz)

OSCAR: 383 2649 or 027 655 8104

## **A LOVELY EMAIL FROM ONE OF OUR FAMILIES**

We just wanted to let you know that Jude (Korimako 3) and ourselves have become New Zealand citizens this last month.

The reason we've titled this message "Thank you" is because we are so grateful and appreciative of your welcoming hearts.

Waitakiri (Windsor at the time) played no judgment on our nationality when we arrived and welcomed Jude with open arms.

It has been an easy journey for Jude because of Waitakiri.

He has a wonderful group of friends who have never thought of Jude as a foreigner but instead have treated him as one of their own, which we thank the parents for teaching his friends to love and accept one another.

We want to thank you for the amazing impact on Jude's life so far at Waitakiri, he loves going to school every day and that makes our hearts so happy.

Seriously we cannot thank you enough for making this journey easier for us.

We feel privileged to call New Zealand our home and will be forever grateful to Waitakiri school.

With love, Brennen Jayde and Jude



## **REAL CHALLENGE THANK YOU.....**

Thank you to everyone who supported my REAL Challenge last week by buying my lollie necklaces. I hope your dad enjoyed his present! In preparation for Fathers Day I wanted to highlight the need for Dads to be aware of prostate cancer.

I raised a total of \$502.10 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of New Zealand. They were very proud of my efforts!



## **Te Reo o te Wiki**

Next time you're driving past and you spot the golden M try saying it in Māori.



**Makitanara**



# **THIS FRIDAY! 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!



## **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.

# **RAWHITI SPORT TOUCH** **MONDAY'S AFTER SCHOOL** **(Yrs 0-6) Term 4**



1 September 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Your child has shown an interest in participating in the **RAWHITI SPORT TOUCH** Sports Competition. Entries will depend on numbers and parent help available to coach and supervise on the day...eg if I only get 1 person offer to coach...there will only be 1 team. It will involve one practice per week (on the day of play prior to the game has previously been successful) and coaching on the day of play. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

Please carefully read the details below, fill out the permission slip, detach and return to the **DROP BOX in THE MAIN OFFICE by Friday 9 September.** Please only register your child to play if they can **COMMIT FOR THE WHOLE SEASON.**

- VENUE:** Rawhiti Domain – New Brighton Rugby Grounds
- WHEN:** Starts **Monday 17 October – Monday 12 December**
- TIME:** **Years 1&2 @ 4.00pm til 4.30pm**  
**Years 3&4 @ 4.40pm til 5.10pm**  
**Years 5&6 @ 5.20pm til 5.50pm**
- COST:** Approx. **\$25.00** The final cost per child will be calculated once team numbers are confirmed. **You will be notified of the final cost in a confirmation notice that will follow once teams are collated.**
- TRANSPORT:** You will be responsible for transporting your own child both to and from New Brighton Rugby Grounds each week.
- UNIFORM:** Your child will need to wear their School Sport top, their own black shorts, short sports socks and suitable trainers. All long hair is to be tied back please. Shoes must be worn when playing. (NO RUGBY BOOTS).
- CANCELLATIONS:** Schools will be notified prior to 3pm. It will then be put on the school website and a tweet sent out. Please ensure you are on our school tweet system. Important information is communicated via this.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Roanne Riordan  
 Sports Co-Ordinator

## **RAWHITI SPORT TOUCH COMPETITION**

*(please return to the DROP BOX in the MAIN OFFICE by **Friday 9 September.** NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED*

My child \_\_\_\_\_ Studio \_\_\_\_\_ School Year \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the **RAWHITI SPORT TOUCH** Competition at New Brighton Rugby Grounds.

My child is in this year level (please circle)	<b>1&amp;2</b>	<b>3&amp;4</b>	<b>5&amp;6</b>
I am able to coach my child's team (please circle)	YES	NO	
I would like _____ to be the manager I work with			
I am able to manage my child's team...(please circle)	YES	NO	
I would like _____ to be the coach I work with			
I will be responsible for transporting my child each week. YES	YES		
Please endeavour to put my child in the same team as...(please list up to 2 friends)			

Parents name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# MINIJAMMERS BASKETBALL

## YR3&4: TERM 4: 2016



2 September 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Your child has shown an interest in representing Waitakiri School in the Primary Yr 3 & 4 Jammers Miniball League **Term 4 2016** at **COWLES STADIUM, PAGES ROAD**. Please only register your child if they are able to commit to the **WHOLE SEASON**.

Please read the following details carefully, fill out the permission slip below, detach and return to the **DROP BOX in the office by Friday 9 September. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

VENUE: Cowles Stadium Pages Rd  
WHEN: **Thursdays after school (dates TBC) starting approx. 27 October.**  
TIME: 3.30pm-6pm. Draw yet to be finalized. Half hour games.  
TRANSPORT: Private vehicles – see slip below  
UNIFORM: A Sports uniform will be supplied. Children will need their own short sports socks and suitable trainers. All long hair is to be tied back please.

We strongly encourage the wearing of a school uniform and its importance to promote:

- Pride in the school
- 'Managing self' – one of the key competencies in The New Zealand Curriculum and
- safety. In the event of emergencies, children in uniform are easily identifiable and quickly associated with their school.

**Without their sports uniform, children are unable to play representative sport for the school.**

**COST:** approx. \$20.00 This is depending on numbers and coaches available. Final cost will be confirmed once teams are finalized and a confirmation letter will be sent home.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely

Roanne Riordan  
Sports Co-Ordinator

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### JAMMERS MINIBALL PERMISSION SLIP: TERM 4: 2016

(please return to the DROP BOX by the OFFICE by **Friday 9 September.**

**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ of Studio \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the (Yr 3 & 4) Jammers Miniball League at **COWLES STADIUM** on Thursday afternoons.

I am able/unable **(please delete one)** coach a team.

I am able/unable **(please delete one)** to manage a team on the day of play.

I will be responsible for transporting my child both to and from the playing venue each week.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





## 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 next week.....**

## **Help the Italy earthquake survivors**



When: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September before school

What: A coin trail in the shape of Italy

Where: Te ao Marama (central courtyard)



*Please give generously we all know what they are going through.*



All donations received will be sent to support  
the recovery through the Red Cross.

# CAN YOU HELP TO COLLECT DURING BLIND WEEK?

## We need just three more helpers!

### 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)

1.30pm - 3pm

3pm - 4.30pm

##### **Saturday 8 October**

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

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

**ON BEHALF OF THE PTA A HUGE**

**THANK YOU**

**TO IAN MESSENGER AND HIS TEAM FROM  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHRISTCHURCH**

**FOR LAYING OUR CONCRETE PAD FOR OUR SOON  
TO ARRIVE SMILE SEAT WATCH THIS SPACE!**



**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...**





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Papanui ToCH Athletics Club Open Day 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 11am – 2pm

The summer athletics season begins in the first week of term 4 and we'd love to see you at our open day on the 9<sup>th</sup> Oct or one of our open club nights on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 5:30 to 7pm.

Come along and experience our 130m all weather track, 400m grass track, top Discus, Shot-put, High Jump and Long Jump facilities and some of Canterbury's best coaches. We are based at Papanui High School, and you can find more about us at our web page

[www.papanuitochathletics.org.nz](http://www.papanuitochathletics.org.nz) (see the Junior section), or contact our junior club captain for more information at [jcc@ptoch.org.nz](mailto:jcc@ptoch.org.nz)



## 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.



Kidsfirst kindergartens Shirley (aka Shirley kindergarten,  
Ajax st kindergarten) is 60 years old in September!

To celebrate this we are hosting an afternoon at  
kindergarten on Saturday 17 September from 1pm until  
3.30pm. 3B Ajax st.

We would love to see past pupils, committees and staff  
visit us and view our place as it is today. We would love  
photographs of days gone by for our photo display  
through the decades.

Come and join us, you are very welcome!

