

Term 3, Week 8 - Wednesday 14 September 2016

Kia ora whanau and families

I have recently returned from 10 days in Thailand with the principals of Shirley Boys, Avonside Girls and Chisnallwood Intermediate. Richard Patton (recently retired principal of Chisnallwood) led the tour for the four schools to re-establish international students programmes. The trip was full on with daily driving of up to three hours and presenting each day to schools and agents. The most important outcomes and learnings of the trip were:

- I have a renewed respect and admiration for the leaders of our High Schools, both Sue and John work tirelessly for their students and on top of their normal massive workload they are doing everything in their power to ensure the new schools at QEII will be the best possible learning environment for children from the East
- We have a very strong and positive learning pathway for children from New Entrant to Year 13
- There is opportunity to attract International Students from Thailand in a measured and manageable way
- There is opportunity to continue the good work Chisnallwood has been doing in supporting those in need in Thailand through exchanges and scholarships for short term visits
- The visit showed relationships developed will produce a win:win for our school as well as students from Thailand
- All four schools (as well as the rest of the schools in the Ōtākaro Cluster) are very excited about the future for your children
- It is hot in Thailand, trying to lug promotional material in 30+ degrees heat and humidity in the main streets of Bangkok will result in significant sweat - not helpful before presenting at the NZ Embassy in front of 23 international student agents!
- The Thai people are wonderful hosts, caring, generous and humble

I will be reporting back to the Board of Trustees next week about the outcomes of the trip and we look forward to establishing an international students programme from 2017 onward. The programme will bring significant benefits to the school including revenue, employment, broadening of cultural understandings and development of our children's world view.

On a final note once again we have had much to celebrate over the last few weeks, the Kapa haka group at the cultural festival, the Rock Bands in action, the Chess team success and the ongoing positive learning experiences the children are having on a day to day basis! What a great community we have! Thanks to the many teachers and parents who put in extra time to supporting our children's extra curricular activities- you all make a big difference in the lives of our tamariki.

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Waitakiri OSCAR Sep/Oct Holiday Programme

Final week to enrol – bookings close 16 September

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 ph: 027 655 8104

Fun French Beginners' Classes Years 2-6

A 4 session taster French course is being offered at Waitākiri 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 or contact us on 022 358 2211. C'est si bon!

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.

PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with the Deputy Principal Miss Reynolds last week.

Pictured right are: Aja, Aarooshi, Logan, Sage, Owen, Ashley, Kyle, Gemma, Taylah, Hannah, James, Abby and Miss Reynolds.



LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Burwood Studio who had morning tea with Mrs Malham on Friday. Pictured left are: Connor, Rhys, Flynn, Chase, Lucas, Shyla, Taka, Izzy, Cade, Nevaeh, Angus, Noah, Josh and Mrs Malham.

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.

SPORTS NEWS

Thursday, 15 Sep 2016



Cowles Y5/6 2016 Term Three Competition

Date/Time	Cowles 1	Cowles 2
3:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball TB/TF 3 rd Place TWU Warriors vs Linwood Ave Clippers	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Rams Bromley Bulls vs Waitakiri Rams
4:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 A – winner is champ Queenspark Gold (4-0-1)vs Linwood Ave Lakers (4-1)	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Breakers Waitakiri Blues vs CBA Hoops Squad (5-0)
4:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball TB/TF Final Bromley Breakers vs Marshland Makos	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Breakers SNBS Seahorses vs Shirley Thunder
5:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Wildcats – winner is champ Banks Ave Sirens (3-2) vs Queenspark Maroon (4-1)	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Wildcats Te Pa o Rakaihautu vs Queenspark Blue
5:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Rams Waitakiri Nets vs Sumner Surfers (5-0)	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball A Grade Waitakiri Celtics vs St. Anne's Saints
6:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball TB/TF 5 th place Waitakiri Breakers vs Banks Ave Sparks	

REMINDER: Please return all sports uniforms by the end of term, thanks.

TOUCH RUGBY PARENT HELP NEEDED:

We need some extra parents to help manage or coach some of our touch teams please. Without your help I will not be able to enter the teams.

We have had a great response from our children wanting to play so please let me know if you can help out. I will send home a notice with the teams that need someone to help. If no one puts their hand up to help with these teams I will NOT be able to enter them.

Please email me roanne.riordan@waitakiri.school.nz if you have any questions about this.

Thanks very much, Ro.

And just to continue Waitākiri's amazing media coverage lately, we have been mentioned in the New Zealand Herald and will be on CTV regarding hosting the Davis Cup Tennis Champions here at school today. See this article below and watch out for the broadcast on CTV. Many thanks to Andrew Falck from the Burwood Tennis Club for organising them to visit us.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/tennis/news/article.cfm?c_id=94&objectid=11708737

REAL CHALLENGE tomorrow!

Help the Italy earthquake survivors



When: Thursday 15th 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.

Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind Collection

Thank you to everyone who has offered to collect for the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind on 7 & 8 October. Confirmation forms have been sent home. Parents/caregivers please sign and return these to the office. I will be in touch before the end of the term to confirm you are all good to go. Thank you students and parents/caregivers for your time – you are all REAL Heroes!

Kim Hillson, Collection co-ordinator

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Harry from K4, along with winning the trophy for Most Valuable Player for his team he also received the trophy for the Most Promising 10th grade player for the Nomads Club. Well done Harry!



OLYMPIC VISITOR TO OTAKARO STUDIO

Meikayla Moore visited Ōtakaro Studio last week. Meikayla has represented New Zealand in association football at international level and recently competed in the Rio Olympics. She plays her club football with Eastern Suburbs AFC.

Thank you Meikayla for coming to talk to us about your football journey and getting to the Olympics this year and taking a selected group of girls out for a mini skills lesson. It was awesome!

Ōtakaro Studio



Thank you BNZ Closed For Good Team

Many thanks to the awesome team from the BNZ who came do to a community day of work at school last week. They helped so much in the garden and around the grounds of the school, their time and effort is very much appreciated.



SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS COMING NEXT TERM

STARTS WEEK 3 TERM 4

**SUSHI WILL BE REPLACING OUR THURSDAY
PITA PIT LUNCH ORDERS SO PLEASE MAKE
SURE YOU USE ANY CREDIT YOU HAVE LEFT
WITH LUNCH ON LINE, SUSHI WILL BE CASH ONLY**

MORE DETAILS START OF TERM 4



Waitākiri

PTA FUNDRAISER 2016

MATHATHON

WEEK 9 TILL WEEK 1 TERM 4

**SPONSORSHIP FORMS COMING
HOME NEXT WEEK !**

**THIS WEEK THE PTA ARE GOING TO BE AT THE
LEARNING CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY TO TALK ABOUT
THE MATHATHON AND SHOW SOME OF
THE GREAT SPOT PRIZES!**

IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!

**EVERY SPONSORSHIP FORM HANDED IN ON COLLECTION
WEEK GOES INTO AN AWESOME, SPOT PRIZE DRAW**

**PLUS ONE LUCKY LEARNING STUDIO WITH THE HIGHEST % OF
RETURNED FORMS WINS HOT CHIPS FOR LUNCH!**



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Active Kids Holiday Programmes

September registrations now open!

Week 1 - Monday 26th - Friday 30th Sept AND Week 2 - Monday 3rd - Friday 7th Oct

Active Kids is an exciting structured programme of sport, physical activity and play for primary school aged children. The programmes are safe and affordable; there are a number of programme/venue options to suit you and your children's needs. OSCAR subsidies available. Visit our website for full details:

<http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>

SURFKIDS Childrens Surfing Programme

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years.

School Holidays 10 am -12 pm. 26, 28, 30 September 3 - 7 October.

Sundays 10am -12 pm from 30 October.

Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential. Venue: Sumner.

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at www.surfcoach.co.nz

Holiday Programmes

Mainland Futsal Holiday Programme

Age: 6-12 year olds.

Dates: 28th, 29th and 30th September 2016

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: CHCH Boys High School, Straven Road

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) *10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.*

Mainland Football Outdoors

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 5th, 6th and 7th October 2016

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days)

All information on Mainland football website.

ANIMAL SCHOOL



For children
aged 6-9 years
Available
School Holidays

Hands on and interactive exploration of Willowbank.

Find out about the animals and birds from our experienced and knowledgeable staff. Add in some arts, crafts and activities to have a fun and educational time!

An all weather activity so come dressed for the elements!

\$55 per child includes snacks and a T shirt

9.30am—12.30pm

Bookings essential

Full payment required at time of booking



60 Hussey Road Christchurch 8051
phone 64 3 359 6226
info@willowbank.co.nz

JUNIOR KEEPER



For children aged
10-14 years who
Available during
School holiday

A behind the scenes experience into life as a Keeper. Work alongside one of our keepers to help with the feeding, watering of our animals and birds and cleaning their enclosures. Be ready to have heaps of fun in a very hands-on way.

This activity is all weather and sometimes messy so come dressed appropriately!

\$70 per child includes lunch and a T shirt

10.30am—2.30pm

Bookings essential

Full payment required at time of booking

HOLIDAY CIRCUS WORKSHOP

for ages 6yrs to 13 yrs

Monday 26th September, 10 am to 11:30, \$12

Roy Stokes Hall, 146 Seaview Rd New Brighton

To book email: circustrust@gmail.com

Holiday Programme

Including art, craft, games, music and fun!

Mon, Tues, Wed, Friday 9-12, Thursday 9-2 - cost \$3 per day plus \$10 for trip to Zoo or \$20 for whole week

St Lukes - 212 Pinewood Ave, Sth New Brighton
25th-30th September

St Andrews - 109 Marriotts Rd, Nth New Brighton
3rd -7th October

email Jenny Brawley, Holiday Programme Supervisor, Anglican Parish of East Christchurch to request a registration form; holidayprogrammes2016@gmail.com or text 022 054 2093

St. Stephen's Church
along with the incredible Quizwork team from Australia!
invites you to

The AMAZING

Have an amazing adventure!
Meet new friends!

Ages 3-11

RESCUE

Learn about Jesus through games, crafts, Music, dramas and much more

Holiday Club

26th-30th September 2016

1pm - 4pm
Includes a delicious afternoon tea

Spaces are limited so book now!
email: saintstephenschildrengmail.com
or phone 98003829
by 22 September to book your place!



Sunday 16th October

10am - 3pm

20 Broadlands Drive, Rolleston

Family Fun / Food & Beverages / Clothing / Jewellery / Coffee
Arts & Crafts / Books / Bouncy Castles / Raffles / Pony Rides
Babies & Children Goodies / Plants & Outdoor Accessories
Health & Beauty / Homewares / Entertainment
and lots more....

Entry is \$5 per person, under 12's free (accompanied by an adult).

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CFA Holiday Camps

Registration Now Open! Registration for the popular Christchurch Football Academy holiday October programmes fill fast so please register at now at the link below.

Please click on this link to register for our holiday camp now! <http://www.cfa.org.nz/>

Summer is coming!

Register now to play
junior cricket at your local club!

Boys & Girls
All ages
All Skill Levels
All over Christchurch

Visit www.cjca.org.nz

Christchurch Junior Cricket Association

Living Springs Kids Camp: 4 nights from Monday Sept 26 - Friday Sept 30.

A fantastic fun way to have your child fully supervised during the school holidays. A four night/five day sleepover camp, packed with adventure activities and an opportunity to get out and explore nature in beautiful Allandale, at the head of Lyttelton Harbour, only 20 minutes from Christchurch. A sample programmes is available on the website. Camp does include a daily 1 hour 'sesh' which includes music, games and stories based on Christian principles and values. Excellent and well trained leaders and qualified staff. Book now online at www.livingsprings.co.nz. Early bird payment \$265 for registrations before Sept 18, includes accommodation, food, activities and memories that are priceless! For more information phone 329-9788 or email info@livingsprings.co.nz.

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Hospital site.

Monday, 26th September to Friday, 30th September 2016 (excluding weekends)

and

Monday, 3rd October to Thursday, 6th October 2016 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.