

Term 3, Week 9 - Wednesday 21 September 2016

Kia ora whanau and families

Today the senior leadership team spent the day at Waimairi and Marshlands Schools and tomorrow we travel to West Rolleston. The sessions are hosted and supported by the Ministry of Education through [Grow Waitaha](#) to support school collaboration, and enhance the experience and learnings of teachers who visit our schools from around New Zealand. The visits were very affirming as we saw these great schools working equally as hard as the Waitākiri Team to create the best possible learning environment for their children. It also provided opportunity for us to reflect on some of the things we are doing and how we can do better.

As we head into the break I want to take the time to acknowledge the team at Waitākiri School. They (support staff and teachers) have all worked so hard to ensure children feel safe, are making positive progress with their learning, are developing as self regulated learners and have a positive sense of well-being (hauora). Most will take a well deserved break but as in every other 'holiday time' many will simply catch their breath, refresh and then come into school over the holiday to plan and prepare for term 4. We really are fortunate to have such a team of dedicated, passionate and hard working staff.

I hope you enjoy some precious time with your children, as the weather warms. I hope you get outdoors for walks and bike rides, that you play games with them as the evenings begin to lengthen and perhaps even have a day/evening with no technology! No TV, no phones, no ipads, no gaming - just real people in together talking, [playing](#) (perhaps cards, board games, hide 'n' seek etc) or making some meals together and creating memories of a lifetime.

A reminder about signing up for Tiqbiz - currently we have 350 who have downloaded the app – we know we have more parents that that! For you to keep up to date with what is happening at school, events and cancellations you need to sign up.

Enjoy your children these holidays; we have been enjoying them for 9 weeks, now it's your turn!

Kind regards, Neill O'Reilly, Principal

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.

Email: 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

OSCAR: 383 2649 or 027 655 8104

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.

REMINDER: Sun hats are compulsory for terms 1 & 4 – order your child's to arrive before the term starts if they don't have one!

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!

LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Windsor & Korimako Studios who had morning tea with Miss Reynolds and Mr O'Reilly recently.

Pictured right are: Leighton, Josh, Sophie, Boston, Ruby, Aroush, Addie, Samantha, Kayden, Jayden, Nicholas,

Harrison, Soni, Brylee, Kyla and Miss Reynolds.



Pictured left are: Jude, Lily, Flynn, Bradley, Zoe, Ollie, Livia, Jake, Tyler, Kyle, Renee, Jessica, Jacob, Saki, Lucas and Mr O'Reilly.

Te Reo o te Wiki

Homai – to pass/give

Here are some phrases using **Homai** to use at home.

Homai te panana – pass me the banana

Homai te āporo – pass me the apple

Homai te miraka – pass me the milk

Homai te wai ārani – pass me the orange juice.

In fact you can use any of the kai words we have learnt so far.

Remember to say **Kia ora** – thank you!



SPORTS NEWS

Sports uniforms

REMINDER: Please return all sports uniforms by the end of term to the box in the CHOICE Room. Thank you.

Touch Rugby Parent help needed

We are still looking for a coach/manager for the Year 5 Brumbies touch rugby team. Without a coach/manager the team will not be able to play. Please email roanne.riordan@waitakiri.school.nz if you have any questions about this. A big thank you to the parents who have offered to coach or manage a team.

School Athletics

School athletics day is on 18 October in the 2nd week of term 4 so plenty of time to break out the running shoes and get some training over the holidays!!

Digger needed... can you help?

We need to have our long jump pit dug out before Athletics Day next term. If anyone has a small digger who can help with this, please see Woody our caretaker or email kent.burnard@waitakiri.school.nz

Summer Soccer

This is not being organised through school. If you have any queries please email Kathryn at totalendurance4me@gmail.com. PLEASE NOTE: Payment is not coming through the school, you need to contact Kathryn on the email above regarding this.

Thank you parents!

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who transport, coach, manage our sports teams during the year. We very much appreciate your assistance. We hope you enjoy your chocolates!

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Keishyia (pictured right) achieved 1st in Vault at South Island Artistic Gymnastic Championship and also coming 5th overall in Step 3 unders. Keishyia has worked very hard this year in competitive gymnastics, her perseverance, dedication & positive attitude being huge contributing factors to reach this level of achievement.



Four Waitākiri Students were part of the Eastside Allstars Basketball team that won the y5/6 Final last Saturday as part of CBA Finals.

The first time a team from the East has won this Competition. Sam (2nd from Left) Tyler (4th F-L) Bradley (2 F-R) Tom (1 F-R)
The team was unbeaten through the season.



LOST PROPERTY

There is lots of lost property here at school - uniform, lunchboxes, jackets, helmets, etc. Please check the lost property box outside the CHOICE room when you come to school. Any unclaimed and unnamed items at the end of the term will be disposed of. Thank you.

REAL Challenge thank you!

Thank you to everyone who added a coin to my coin trail for the Italy Earthquake.

I raised \$211.30 which will be sent to the Red Cross to go towards their help there. From Noah, Otakaro 1



SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to all our bankers this term. It is wonderful to see so many of you each Friday.

As this is the last week of Term 3 we will have a prize draw this Friday 23 September at 8.45am. I look forward to seeing you in the CHOICE Room. Have a great 2 weeks holiday and see you again in Term 4.

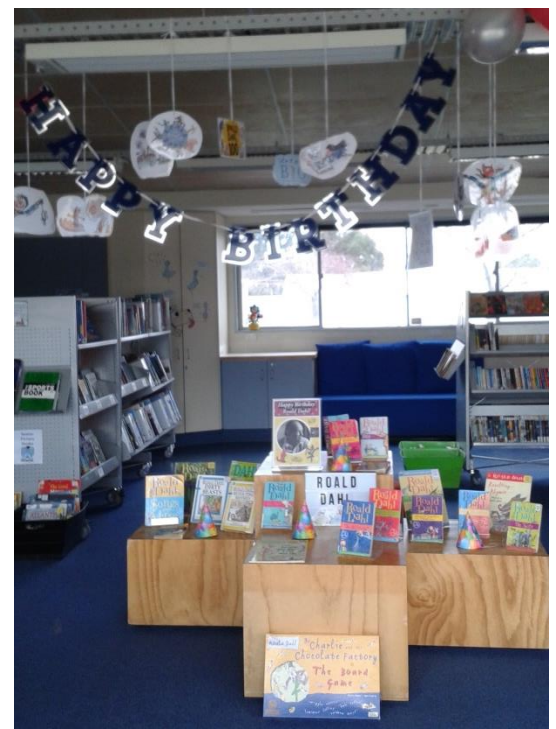
Rebecca Snelgar, ANZ Palms

ROALD DAHL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Last week we celebrated the 100th birthday of author Roald Dahl with a quiz, Dahl trivia and jokes each day and a display in the library. The winners of the quiz are pictured below with their Roald Dahl themed prizes. They were very excited to receive them.

Back row L -R: Mia, Lucy, Harlow, Theo and Caleb

Front row L-R: Mia, Aoife, Milla and Kyle



|TREE PLANTING DURING CONSERVATION WEEK

Many thanks to John Skilton, Park Ranger and the team from the Christchurch City Council who organised the planting of three trees at the Travis Wetlands last week.

The CCC wanted to thank our schools for the assistance they have received planting plants at Travis Wetlands. This began with Burwood School, then included Windsor School and now Waitākiri School advising us that students from the three schools have been helping the Council for 23 years. This outstanding commitment represents thousands of plants and hours of help.

Three Matai trees have been planted near the north entrance to the wetlands by our Enviroferns.



OUT OF SCHOOL HONOUR

I really enjoyed being Ball Carrier for the All Blacks at the All Blacks vs South Africa game. I got to go down on the side line and watch both teams warm up, right behind the All Blacks reserve seats. Then I got to run onto the field and put the ball on halfway. We then we're taken around the field to the other side to watch the teams run out, sing their national anthems, then watch the haka. It was such an awesome experience, and to top it off we won.

Thank you NZ Rugby for such a great time.
From Nathan, Korimako Studio





Please help us (Keren, Gemma and Tessa ☺) to sponsor an animal at Orana Wildlife Park as part of a REAL challenge! Our aim is to go for a GOLD adoption ☺

We will be selling cupcakes, animal biscuits and Caramel popcorn on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning in front of the Real choices studio.

Date: 12, 13 & 14 October (8:30-9:00am)

First week in Term 4

We will also sell raffle tickets to win a very special stuffed toy animal from Orana Park.

Just guess what his name is.....

Raffle tickets \$1 each

Animal biscuits and Caramel Popcorn \$2 each

Cupcakes \$3 each

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GREEN DAY

Waitākiri School

The Waitākiri Enviro Ferns are holding a green day. Which means you come to school wearing green clothes and bring a gold coin donation. Additional donations will be accepted. The Enviro Ferns need the money to get reusable coffee cups to improve the amount of rubbish our school produces. Be ready to learn about our native environment, how harmful rubbish really is and what you can do to help.

PTA INFO

Movies these holidays.....

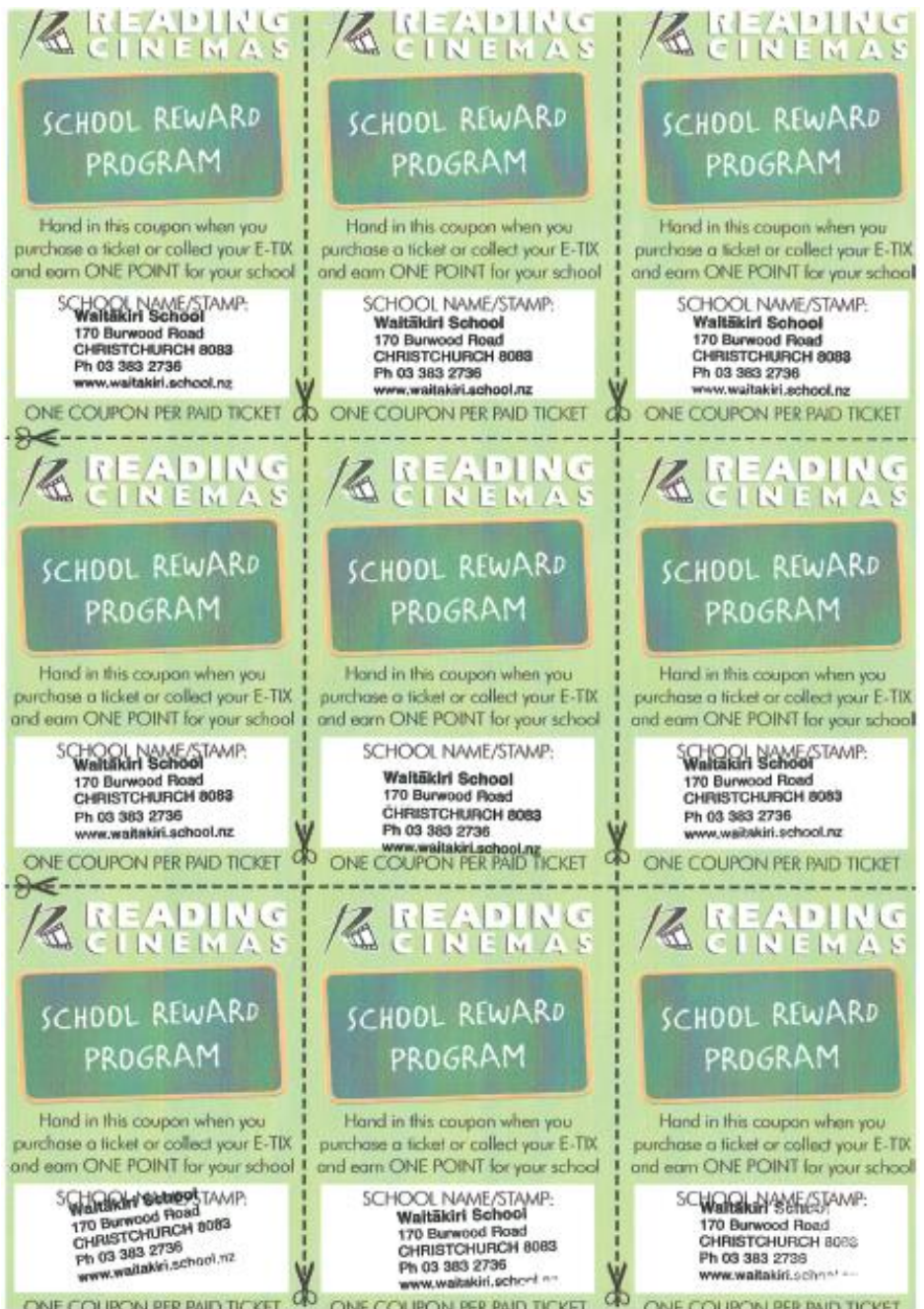
Don't forget – if you visit Reading Cinemas at the Palms during the school holidays please present our vouchers.

Print off these or collect a copy from the CHOICE Room.

Thank you!

Happy holidays everyone!

Thank you for supporting the Waitākiri PTA.



Sushi is coming next term.....

Last orders for Pita Pit tomorrow.

Sushi will be our new Thursday lunch option. Check out the newsletter next term for further information.



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



PTA FUNDRAISER 2016

MATHATHON

WEEK 9 TILL WEEK 1 TERM 4

**SPONSORSHIP FORMS COMING HOME
TODAY!**

IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!

EVERY SPONSORSHIP FORM HANDED IN ON COLLECTION WEEK GOES INTO AN AWESOME, SPOT PRIZE DRAW AS SEEN AT THE LEANING CELEBRATION LAST WEEK

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

START COLLECTING YOUR SPONSORS!



The Dragon Games have arrived...

The Dragon Games are here and ready to get out into the world for children to enjoy playing. You may have heard some of your children talking about these (especially in Ruru and Korimako studios).

Here is a link to see the Dragon cards in action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wLhOx4hGaQ&feature=youtu.be>

The Dragon Games Fundraiser

The Dragon Games are REALLY FUN, have LOTS of variety, and are EDUCATIONAL. You can buy them from just inside Ruru Studio for only \$30.00.

Better yet....each set of cards sold, automatically gives \$10 to the school. That's fantastic – thanks to the Statistics Learning Centre who have been working with Waitākiri this year.

Dragonistics Data Cards win Academics' Choice award

Statistics Learning Centre is pleased to announce that the Dragonistics data cards has been honoured with a 2016 Academics' Choice Mind Spring Award, a prestigious seal of educational quality, reserved only for the best mind-building media and toys.

The independent Academics' Choice Awards programme and its seal of excellence are recognized worldwide by consumers and educational institutions as a mark of genuinely effective learning tools that stimulate the mind, and provide potential for the student to fully develop higher order thinking skills.

And better still - the reviewer comments showed they really understood what the cards were teaching.

The Dragon Games are primarily a family game, that also teaches.

So...if you are keen to buy a set of cards (great for a Christmas present)...or would just like to see how the games are played...pop into Ruru studio between 8.30-8.50am any morning during Maths Week (Week One of Term 4).

If you are wanting to purchase a set of cards please send \$30 in a sealed envelope with your name and child's name and studio please.

Any questions email Kaye Royle at

kaye.royle@waitakiri.school.nz



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

EAST CHRISTCHURCH-SHIRLEY

CRICKET



CLUB

2016 – 2017 SEASON

NEW PLAYERS REQUIRED

SENIORS

REGISTRATIONS - MEN Contact Dave Grocott 027 453 2641
or Ryan Burson 027 406 7087

WOMEN Contact Steve Graham 029 968 3071

SEASON STARTS Saturday 1 October

JUNIORS

REGISTRATIONS - Sat 17 & 24 September, 10 am – 12
Contact - Nicola Smith 021 744 114

CJCA STARTS Saturday 15 October



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rockitCHCH Guitar and Drum tutor

My name is Danial Neale and I'm a local music tutor, operating a music school called rockitCHCH, situated in the heart of Sydenham. I provide guitar, drums, and bass lessons to aspiring musicians, with a contemporary focus and an emphasis on providing performance opportunities for my students. I am a professional, friendly teacher with a modern approach to learning and a focus on the student as an individual. One on one lessons are available as well as lower-cost group lessons. I can teach all levels, beginners to advanced. All ages welcome. If you would like to find out more please feel free to contact me.

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Open day / Registration
Sunday 25th September 2016
2pm to 4pm



Come and join our family friendly club
New members are welcome we invite nippers from 7 years of age
(younger siblings welcome with parent help), come down to our club
and talk to us on our registration day.
www.northbeachslsc.org.nz

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children

Our Community Dental Service preventive mobile will be leaving your school soon.

- After checking your child's teeth a 'Care Plan' may have been sent home to let you know that further dental care is required. If you have not made an appointment yet please phone our Call Centre today as we would like to see your child as soon as possible
- If your child has not been seen during our visit you can talk to the staff in the mobile, or phone/email our Call Centre
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- We have enjoyed our time at your school. Please remember to encourage your child to brush their teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste!

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email

commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Exciting Football on offer at Mainland Football

Holiday Programmes OPEN for registration

Registrations are now OPEN for Mainland Football's fantastic fun football holiday programme.

The programme will run over 3 days in the upcoming break between terms 3 and 4.

Be in quick as these very popular events fill up fast!!

MAINLAND FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2016

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) *10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.*

Keen to play? [Click here to Register](#)

See you in the holidays!

Term 4 Summer Futsal - Early Bird Registering closes this Friday!

As Summer is around the corner, the hottest event in Christchurch will start again from 17 October!

Summer Futsal offers you the great opportunity to form a team with your mates, stay fit during Summer and have a lot of fun.

In addition, you will also get the chance to play football at English Park, Christchurch's premier football park.

Whether you are a new team or returning, we have a division for you.

Mainland Football runs a variety of Summer Futsal Junior, Mondays and Tuesdays, and then for those wanting to kick start the weekend we are running a Summer 7's league Youth Teams on Fridays!

Juniors

5-aside

Junior competitions will be played on Monday afternoons from 17 October until 12 December 2016.

The regular price is \$248.00 per team; Early Bird price is only \$216.00 per team!

Youth

7-aside

Youth competitions will be played on Friday afternoons from 21 October to 16 December 2016.

The regular price is \$312.00 per team; Early Bird price is only \$396.00 per team!

Early Bird prices are only available until Friday 23 September 5.00 pm, so make sure your team is registered by then and score some discount!

CLICK HERE for more information and registering, click on the link below:

Please contact colin.van.gool@mainlandfootball.co.nz if you have any competition related enquiries, or visit www.mainlandfootball.co.nz

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your mates at English Park for the upcoming Summer Futsal programme.