

Term 4, Week 3 - Wednesday 26 October 2016

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

On Saturday 23 October Ross Dobson (husband of our staff member Wendy Dobson) lost his battle with cancer and passed away. Together with his family, Ross has battled cancer for over three years. Ross and the family were able to have a significant reprieve from the disease but unfortunately it came back very late last year. Wendy has been a teacher at Windsor and Waitākiri Schools for over a decade and her daughters Erin and Lana work in our OSCAR programme. Our love and thoughts go to Wendy, Erin and Lana at this very difficult time. A number of staff and Board of Trustees members will attend the funeral on Thursday morning.

Last week my family and I spent time remembering our son Jamie who died eight years ago in a car crash just before his 18th birthday.

Both of these tragic events remind me of the importance of family, of spending quality time with the ones you love, of switching off the devices and spending time walking, talking, laughing (and at times crying) spending family time around meals and whenever possible recording and saving precious moments (especially making short movies). Nothing else in the world matters as much in the end.

He aha te mea nui o te ao

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

Take care folks, love those around you and cherish the moments.

Kind regards
Neill O'Reilly
Principal

Please ensure you are signed up to receive our alerts with the new tiqbiz app on your smartphone (see flyer in this newsletter)

If you don't have a smartphone, please sign up for 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.

FOR ALL YEAR 4 & 5 CHILDREN

REAL Challenges presentation

Year 4 & 5 students who have completed their home learning challenges
Friday, 9 December 2pm in the school hall - All welcome!

FOR ALL YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Year 6 Leavers Celebration & REAL Challenges presentation
Wednesday, 14 December 6.30pm in the school hall

Plus a fun night for Year 6 children provided by the PTA
Year 6 PTA Ice Skating evening - Tuesday, 13 December 6.00pm at Alpine Ice

Community Event



Thursday 3 November 5pm – 7pm

(event will be cancelled if wet)

Come and join us for a fun community event

- Sausage Sizzle
- Bouncy castles
- Performances by our students including Kapa Haka, Jump Jam, Dance Crew, Rock Band, Folk Dancing and Choir

We would love for our families, friends, neighbours and community to join us. Free sausage sizzle! Bring a picnic and a chair/blanket and enjoy some community spirit.

Coffee will be available for purchase.

All welcome! See you there!



NEIGHBOURHOOD
WEEK

28 OCTOBER –
6 NOVEMBER 2016

POLICIES & PROCEDURES UP FOR REVIEW

Waitākiri School works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

Policies are monitored by SchoolDocs and updated, modified, or created in response to changes in legislation, significant events, Ministry guidelines, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes and additions and comment on them before they are implemented. This is to advise you that there are two policies up for review, "*Education Outside the Classroom*" & "*Sun Protection*". Please follow the instructions below to take part in the review by Friday 16 December 2016.

1. Visit the website <http://waitakiri.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the user name (waitakiri) and password (waitakiri).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, there is a computer in the CHOICE Room for parents to use for this. Please ask at the office.

Positive Parenting Workshop 2

Friday 4 November 9-11 at Waitākiri School in the CHOICE Room

This workshop is a follow-up to the first Friday morning session held in term 3.

Please contact the office to let us know numbers attending.

Thank you, Dianna Reynolds, Deputy Principal

PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with Mr O'Reilly last week. Pictured right are Jett, Jayden, Oliver, Amber, Lavania, Mia, Aston, William, Zara, Shiloh, Tessa, Saki and Mr O'Reilly.



LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Otakaro Studio who had morning tea with Mr O'Reilly yesterday. Pictured left are Maddison, Daniel, Paige, Amber, Alex, Giovanni, Brayden, Hayley, Sasha, Flynn, Taylah, Sam and Mr O'Reilly.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics afternoon for **Windsor & Burwood Studios** (Years 1 &2) **TOMORROW Thursday 27 October 1.30-3pm.**

BASKETBALL - Starts this Thursday 27 at Cowles Stadium. Please see draw below and on website for game times. If your child can no longer play please let us know. Good Luck Teams!

Cowles Term Four 2016 Miniball – Grading Games

Thursday 27 October 2016

For the grading games on 27 October, each team will play two games of about 13 minutes in length against two other teams so we can try and make sure every team is playing in the appropriate competition grade. After the first game, the leading team on Court Two (or referee's selection) will head over to Court One, while the losing team from Court One will move to Court Two (i.e. both leading teams play on Court One, losing teams on Court Two).

NOTE: Teams in A Grade will play a regular game at 4:30pm (i.e. no switching courts half way through). There are five teams in this competition, most weeks one team will play a double header.

The 6:00pm game won't have a switch either, as there is no game on court two at the same time.

Tipoff Time	Cowles Court One	Cowles Court Two
3:30	Te Waka Unua Thunder Marshland Magic	Waitākiri Falcons Te Pā Ma
4:00	Bromley Breakers Marshland Mambas	Waitākiri Lakers Te Pā Whero
4:30 A GRADE – REGULAR GAMES	Bromley Bulls Marshlands Makos	Waitākiri Breakers Queenspark Swishers
5:00	St. Anne's Supersonics Banks Ave Slammers	Waitākiri Bulls Queenspark Blitzers
5:30	Shirley Rockets St. Anne's Slammers	Waitākiri Celtics Queenspark Ballers
6:00 REGULAR GAME	Shirley Thunder Banks Ave Bouncers	
Bye Team – CBA Hoops Squad (A Grade)		

Any questions, competition details or feedback – please contact James Lissaman via james@canterburybasketball.co.nz, or Carol Bathurst via referees@canterburybasketball.co.nz if you have any older students interested in learning to become referees.

Miniball Rules/Notes

- Games will consist of two 13 minute halves, and will start on each half hour
- Hoops are lowered to a height of approximately 2.5m
- A size 5 basketball will be used
- The free throw line is closer to the hoop than in a standard game
- **Four Dribble Rule** Players are allowed a maximum of four bounces of the ball when dribbling at any one time, before having to pass it to a team mate
- **Wristband Rule** Players must guard players with the same coloured wristband as them.
- **Retreat Rule** Players must retreat to touch halfway when: They lose clear possession in the attacking half; or their team scores a basket (this promotes transition from offence to defense and creates space for dribbling and passing to develop)
- **Fouls** Each player has a maximum of four fouls for the game. (This promotes the concept of non-physical play and ultimately leads to better defence)
- Each team is to wear a consistent uniform, preferably numbered (though we can supply numbered bibs if needed)
- No timeouts permitted

LANYARDS NEEDED

Hi everyone – we are needing some lanyards for our many visitors we get here at school. Would any families have any at home they no longer need and could please donate to us. If you do or know where we could get some, please let the office know. Many thanks!

ENVIROFERNS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who wore green and supported our Green Day last week. We raised \$595 for our school enviro projects, some of which are CHOICE Cafe cups, orchard and butterfly garden. If you havent seen our fantastic orchard and gardens behind the library, make sure you take a look. We are very proud of them! Thank you from the Enviroferns.



Waitākiri School



Reusable Coffee Cups

Support the Environment.
By our reusable coffee cup get a free drink!!!!

Price:

\$13- Hot chocolate/ Fluffy

\$15- Coffee

Supported by the
Enviro FERNS Coffee
Cup Approach

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS STARTS THIS WEEK THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER

**ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE PLACED
NO LATER THAN 9AM WEDNESDAY MORNING
SUSHI WILL BE CASH ONLY**

**PLEASE PUT ORDERS WITH CASH INTO THE
DROP BOX IN THE FOYER**

**SUSHI ORDER WILL BE DELIVERED TO
THE OFFICE ON A THURSDAY LUNCHTIME**



THE PARKLANDS LUNCH BOX THURSDAY SUSHI ORDER FORM

STUDENT NAME:

STUDIO

PLEASE CIRCLE THE ITEM AND PRICE YOU WISH TO ORDER
(PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR FLAVOUR(S) AND SIZE(S))

SUSHI:

	SMALL (4 PCS)	LARGE (8 PCS)
TERIYAKI CHICKEN (NO VEGE).....	\$4.90	\$7.90
CRISPY CHICKEN (CABBAGE, CAPSICUM).....	\$4.90	\$7.90
TUNA (CARROT).....	\$4.90	\$7.90
FRESH SALMON (AVOCADO).....	\$5.50	\$8.50
VEGE (CABBAGE, AVO, CAPSICUM, CARROT).....	\$4.90	\$7.90

SPECIAL ORDER: \$4.90 \$7.90
(EG. GLUTEN FREE, NO MAYO ETC)

RICE BALLS:

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SUSHI STICKS:

TERIYAKI CHICKEN (NO VEGE).....	\$3.50
TUNA (NO VEGE).....	\$3.50

SUSHI ROLLS:

TERIYAKI CHICKEN (NO VEGE).....	\$4.50
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REAL CHALLENGE NEXT WEEK

SPCA[®]

REAL CHALLENGE

2,3,4 of November 8:30-9:00.

We will be selling cupcakes for \$3, cookies for \$2, and goodie bags for \$2 outside the CHOICE room.

If you do not want to buy anything you can always donate animal food or some of your old blankets and towels. we hope to see you there. Sasha, Tahlia, Daisy, & Bronte'.





Waitākiri
PTA FUNDRAISER 2016

MATHATHON

**A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS THAT
PARTICIPATED IN THE MATHATHON
AND RETURNED THEIR FORMS WITH SPONSORSHIPS!**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RETURNED YOUR SPONSORSHIP FORM, PLEASE DO SO THIS WEEK
INTO THE DROP BOX IN THE FOYER OUTSIDE THE OFFICE.**

**AND DONT FORGET
SPECIAL MATHATHON CELEBRATION
THURSDAY 9.15AM
IN THE HALL**

**TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED FOR OUR SCHOOL
WILL BE ANNOUNCED!**

PLUS

**THE LUCKY LEARNING STUDIO TO WIN HOT CHIPS
FOR LUNCH WILL BE ANNOUNCED
THIS THURSDAY MORNING
AND OUR LUCKY SPOT PRIZE WINNERS!**



NOVEMBER

4

MUFTI DAY

Friday 4 November

To support our Jump Jam teams at Nationals

We are having a mufti day on Friday 4 November to help costume and support our Jump Jam teams at the regional championships! Please come to school in your funkiest 80's aerobics outfits and get ready for a day of Jump Jamming fun! **Please bring a gold coin donation and give it to your teacher.**

THANKS FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

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.



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SHIRLEY DISTRICT MUSIC SCHOOL

- Affordable (\$160 beginners - per year)
 - Wide range of instruments
 - Qualified tutors paid by the Ministry of Education.
 - Play in an orchestra!
- (Orchestra also available to non SDMS students learning privately who want the experience of playing music with others)
- Enquiries to SDMS Director:
Delwyn McKenzie 960 8222 or 021 1019 063

Enrolment forms available at the school office from November 1st for 2017. Be in early to be sure of a place! Some instruments fill quickly.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUR PLACE | YOUR BOOKSHOP

Proud to be YOUR local bookshop

Scorpio Books

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL ON NZ BOOKSHOP DAY

Make a purchase at Scorpio Books on NZ Bookshop Day and **choose a Christchurch school to receive 15% of your purchase**, to spend on books of their choice!

IN-STORE EVENT

City Store



CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

A free workshop on Children's Illustration with Lynne McAra, the illustrator of *Toby Goes To Grandma's* and *Toby Goes Cycling*.

2:30pm – 4pm. Suitable for ages 6 – 12.

Limited spaces available to book a space
email: rachel@scorpiobooks.co.nz

COMPETITION



Take a photo of your favourite book in an inspired location. Post it on Instagram or Facebook and tag your image with #scorpiobooks and #nzbookshopday and go in to the draw to WIN a \$200 Scorpio Books Voucher.*

*Entries for the Photo Tag Competition close 31st October 2016, winner announced on the 5th November 2016.

JOIN US... CITY STORE BNZ Centre, 120 Hereford St or RICCARTON 113 Riccarton Rd.

For more information on the days events, competitions and T&Cs visit:

scorpiobooks.co.nz/events

NZ BOOKSHOP DAY 29 OCTOBER 2016

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 6th NOV
JUNIORS 10am
SENIORS 12pm



www.newbrightonslsc.org.nz
info@newbrightonslsc.org.nz

New Brighton surf life saving opens its doors to the community and members to celebrate the start of this summer's season.

Juniors start at 10am with an introduction to surf and first training of summer.

12pm we have the official opening of the season. Anybody that is interested in finding out about surf lifesaving at New Brighton please come down to find out more about us.



ASB

2016 ASB Canterbury



Primary & Intermediate Tennis Championships

Z Energy Wilding Park, Christchurch

SHOW WEEKEND –
11, 12, 13 NOVEMBER

(YEAR 8 & UNDER)
(YEAR 6 & UNDER)

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY – ENTRIES CLOSE 6TH NOVEMBER

COST \$50 FOR MINIMUM 4 GAMES (IF ENTERED IN SINGLES & DOUBLES)
(NO DOUBLES ONLY)

(FAMILY CONCESSIONS FOR MORE THAN 1 PLAYER)

OPEN GRADE – YEAR 8 AND UNDER
SEPARATE GRADE FOR – YEAR 6 AND UNDER

GROUPS BASED ON “CONFIGURE RANKINGS” (TENNIS NZ GRADING SYSTEM)

SEE WWW.CANTERBURYTENNIS.CO.NZ OR ASK YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE
 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

OR EMAIL: TOURNAMENTS@CANTERBURYTENNIS.CO.NZ



ASB

2016 ASB CANTERBURY
PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE

TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Z ENERGY WILDING PARK, CHRISTCHURCH
Canterbury Show Weekend
11, 12, 13 November

(Year 8 & under)
(Year 6 & under)

Online Entries Only
Entries Close 6th November
Cost \$50 for minimum 4
games (if entered in singles &
doubles)
(no doubles only)

(Family concessions for more than 1 player)

OPEN GRADE—Year 8 and under
Separate grade for Year 6 and under

Groups based on “Configure Rankings”
(Tennis NZ grading system)

See www.canterburytennis.co.nz
 or ask you school office for further information
 OR Email: tournaments@canterburytennis.co.nz