

Term 4, Week 5 - Wednesday 9 November 2016

Dear Whanau

As we come toward the end of 2016 and begin the countdown to Christmas it is appropriate to pause and reflect on what we have achieved since we have merged in 2014. We have faced immense challenges yet through the dedication and support of the staff, Board of Trustees, PTA and you, our parents, we have achieved what can only be described as incredible results. Unlike other 'new schools' we had to do everything that a new school does while still running a school with 660 children, 80 staff, on two sites with major roadworks and against the backdrop of an unprecedented natural disaster.

Over the last three years we have:

- Merged the schools to create a new school
- Consulted with the community and established a new name, uniform, curriculum
- Transitioned to collaborative teaching in flexible learning spaces
- Designed a new school with the support of the community only to have the design cancelled at the last minute
- Developed a new design and then built a new school to allow children to learn in environments suited for 2016
- Relocated repeatedly and coped with a construction site
- Coped with major road works on both campuses
- Hosted over 1000 educational visitors to the school
- Run workshops for an additional 800 educators on co-teaching in flexible spaces
- Built a new hall
- Created new policies and procedures for the new school
- Implemented significant support programmes to assist children with the merger, dual sites and ongoing issues related to the trauma of the earthquakes
- Established new specialist teaching roles
- Moved in to our new school
- Received a 4-5 year ERO review and public recognition from the Ministry and Minister of Education and local MP's
- Created a school where our children feel safe, secure and excited about their learning.

This year we have no relocation, only minimal changes in staff and no building projects so we as a staff can have a decent break from school - the first decent Christmas break in over 3 years! This break is especially important as sick leave across Canterbury this year has been at unprecedented levels so it is evident many teachers and support staffs have been feeling the effects of the immense change processes they have been involved in. As we come toward the end of the year please take the time to celebrate all we have achieved as a community and please let the staff know how much you appreciate all they have done for your children, they really are a dedicated and exceptional team.

Kind regards, Neill O'Reilly, Principal

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Community Learning Celebration Week & Sausage Sizzle



Week 6 – Monday 14 to Friday 18 November 2016

Performances daily at 2.40pm in the school hall – all welcome!

Dear families

Like you, we were so disappointed we had to cancel our Community Event due to the weather. Our children are still keen to perform and we are keen to give you the opportunity to see them. In the week of 14 – 18 November we will have a Community Learning Celebration week. Each day at 2.40pm (Monday 2.30pm) in our school hall our children will perform. **Below is the REVISED programme.** Please see if you can come and enjoy the amazing learning and performances of our Waitākiri children.

PLEASE NOTE SLIGHT CHANGE OF EVENTS:

Monday - Kapa Haka and Wai Community (starting 2.30pm)

Tuesday - Junior Jump Jam team

Wednesday - Dance Group and Whenua Community

Thursday – Rock Band and Senior Jump Jam team

Friday – Choir and whole school singing followed by school song

Sausage Sizzle

On Wednesday 16 November we are going to have a lunchtime sausage sizzle for the children. You can pre order a sausage up until Tuesday 15 November. If you can, please provide a gold coin donation – this will help us to purchase BBQs for 2017 sausage sizzles.

-----please tear off below and return to the dropbox-----
last day for orders Tuesday 15 November

Yes, I would like a sausage for lunch please on Wednesday 16 November

Childs name.....

Studio name and number

I would like sausages Gold coin donation enclosed \$.....

SPORTS NEWS

Last week Waitakiri had 2 teams entered in the Kiwi League Tag Tournament played at Hagley park. Both teams played extremely well and represented the school with pride and REAL values. The Blue team played in the finals and came 2nd overall to an impressive Halswell side while the Red team came away with 4th place for the tournament and also got awarded the fair play award for the tournament!! Well done to all.



ANZ THE PALMS PRESENTS: INTERNATIONAL CRICKET - BLACK CAPS VS PAKISTAN. THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER

ANZ have generously donated 200 tickets for our school community to attend the first day of the test match.

Buses will be departing school at 10.20am and leaving the Hagley Oval at 2.00pm to return to school.

There is no cost to this as ANZ are providing the buses and tickets for us.

We require approximately 15 parents to help manage groups of children on the day. (Approx. 10 per group) Children will not be able to purchase food, so a packed lunch, drink bottle, sunhat and sunscreen must be required. No Hat, No Go. Parents will be able to travel on the buses as well.

Yours sincerely, Kent Burnard, Sports/PE Team

On school grounds after hours

Children and families are welcome to come and use the outdoor school facilities out of school hours, all except the pool!. If children/adults do this after school when OSCAR is on we do ask that you keep away from the OSCAR children who are being supervised. Please be aware, we have had a report of a stolen skateboard from a child who was playing at school during the weekend and have security video of older teenagers on the roof.

Unfortunately we cannot control who comes onto the school grounds out of hours. We strongly advise that children are supervised by an adult. Parents please feel free to come to school anytime, and if you see anything suspicious please report it immediately to the police. We welcome your involvement in keeping our school safe.

Thank you.

PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes who had a Picnic with Mr O'Reilly last week. Pictured right are Ollie, Kyler, Amber, Max, Amelie, Molly, Freya, Jackson, Thea, Darnae, Flynn and Mr O'Reilly.



LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Travis Studio who had morning tea with Mr O'Reilly yesterday. Pictured left are Kaleb, Shyla, Keira, Jake, Taylor, Sophie, Summa, Connor, Ryan, Austin, Kyle, Sarah, Tristan, Keren, Bronte and Mr O'Reilly.

THANK YOU FROM THE JUMP JAMMERS!

Thank you to everyone who dressed in their 80's aerobics gear today and helped raise funds for the amazing costumes & regional championships. We had a blast in the hall jump jamming with the awesome jump jam teams.



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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.

SWIMMING HAS STARTED!

We are delighted that our pool is now up and running and swimming lessons have begun. We will be getting through all of those who need swimming during the summer months of 2016/2017. If your child is a capable swimmer and does not need to have lessons, please let your child's teacher know or email office@waitakiri.school.nz.



IT'S HERE SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS



**ORDERS 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:	SMALL	LARGE
TERIYAKI CHICKEN (NO VEGE).....	\$4.00	\$5.50
CRISPY CHICKEN (NO VEGE).....	\$4.00	\$5.50
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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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Why are TREES so important?

Trees Clean the Soil.
Trees can either store harmful pollutants or actually change the pollutant into less harmful forms. Trees filter sewage and farm chemicals and reduce the effects of animal wastes.

Trees Produce Oxygen
We could not exist if there were no trees. A mature leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year. The forest also acts as a giant filter that cleans the air we breath.

Trees Control Noise Pollution
Trees muffle urban noise almost as effectively as stone walls. Trees can lessen major noises from busy roads and airports.

Trees Clean the Air
Trees help cleanse the air by intercepting airborne particles, reducing heat, and absorbing such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. Trees remove this air pollution by lowering air temperature.

Trees Shade and Cool
Shade resulting in cooling is what a tree is best known for. Shade from trees reduces the need for air conditioning in summer. In winter, trees break the force of winter winds, lowering heating costs.

Trees provide shelter and food for wildlife
such as birds and insects. Trees provide food and cover for larger mammals, such as deer.

An average size tree produces enough oxygen in one year to keep a family of four breathing.

There are approximately 100,000 known species of trees in the world. There are also estimated to be thousands of undiscovered species in rainforests and other uninhabited parts of the world.

Trees do lots for us, our environment and other plants and animals in nature. They provide wood for building and pulp for making paper. They provide homes for all sorts of insects, birds and other animals. Many types of fruits and nuts come from trees, including apples, oranges, walnuts, pears and peaches.

Trees also help to keep our air clean and our ecosystems healthy. We breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide. Trees breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen.

So trees are a really important part of our world!

CHOICE Café



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Children's Menu

Hot Chocolate- Regular \$2.50 Large \$3.50

Fluffy- Regular \$2.50 Large \$3.50

- Vanilla
- Banana
- Strawberry
- Chocolate
- Caramel

Steamer- Regular \$2.00 Large \$3.00

- Lemon Honey
- Blackcurrent

CHOICE Café

Coffee Menu

Regular \$3.80 Large \$4.20

- Latte
- Cappuccino
- Mochaccino
- Flat White
- Long Black
- Chai Latte

Extra Shot 50c

Flavoured Syrup Vanilla, Caramel 50c

SOY MILK AVAILABLE

Hot Chocolate- Regular \$2.50 Large \$3.50

Steamer- Regular \$2.00 Large \$3.00

- Lemon Honey
- Blackcurrent

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QEII Recreation and Sport Centre update – November 2016



Contractor chosen for QEII rebuild

Christchurch City Council has chosen Apollo Projects Ltd to build the new QEII Recreation and Sport Centre.

Apollo is scheduled to start work onsite in December 2016, creating the eagerly awaited 4573 square metre facility which will return swimming and fitness amenities to QEII Park. The previous facility was badly damaged in the 2011 earthquakes and demolished in 2012.

[You can see the latest floorplan for the new facility here.](#)

"Apollo are experts in aquatics and have done sterling work for the Council before, rebuilding the Norman Kirk Memorial Pool in Lyttelton and the Scarborough Paddling Pool," says Coastal Ward Councillor David East.

"The project has some very particular specs, and Apollo are the ideal contractors to deliver exactly what we're after, on schedule and on budget."

When will it open?

Burwood Ward Councillor Glenn Livingstone says the centre is expected to open in mid-2018.

"The community is eager to see a facility of this calibre return to QEII Park, and it's great news that the start date is just around the corner," he says.

"The new centre will include leisure and training pools, as well as a hydroslide, water adventure playground, steamroom and sauna, fitness centre and a café. For the cherry on top, the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust has generously provided \$7.47 million (including GST) towards the water attractions."

The project will be the first sign of construction in QEII Park as it enters a busy period of redevelopment. The Ministry of Education is also set to begin the relocation of Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' High Schools to QEII Park in 2017.

Keeping you up to date

Check our [QEII homepage](#) for more background information.

Email easterpool@ccc.govt.nz if you have any questions.

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS of CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH ANXIETY & DEPRESSION

MEETING THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2016 – 7.30PM TO 8.30PM AT

North New Brighton Community Hall (Downstairs)

WHO ARE WE

Angela and Helen are both mums who have families that have experienced a child who has been diagnosed with some form of mental illness at a young age.

Angela's daughter was 14 and Helen's daughter at the age of 19.

We were fortunate at the time to be working together, and through simply lunchtime chit chat we found our common ground, we both had a child dealing with some form of Anxiety and Depression.

Hind sight is a wonderful thing, but as a parent watching mental illness rob your child of their abilities and their prospects, it becomes heart breaking and all too apparent the questions that you ask, need answering.

- Was there early warning signs that were over looked?
- Has this happened because of something I have done/not done as a parent?
- Could I have done something to change it?
- Will it ever go away?

With professional help, anyone suffering from these conditions, can live completely normal lives. You just need to know the signs and get the right professional help and support, as soon as possible.

This is why Angela and I are keen to come together with other families who are going through, or have been through this crisis. We found support wasn't well advertised to parents of children and feel the stigma of 'Mental illness' is still holding some back from coming forward. Children and teenagers have more than enough to cope with in today's busy Society, so you can imagine how complicated and seriously confusing it must be to a young person, when Anxiety or depression creeps in the back door and turns their world upside down. The more we speak out and with one another, the more barriers we can break through. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

WHAT ARE WE ALL ABOUT

Simply supporting one another in a caring environment and sharing experiences & ideas over a tea or coffee. We are both committed to supporting our children in the community. We meet once a month to discuss anything from 'Ways of Improving coping skills and sense of adjustment' to dealing with a teenager who struggles getting out of bed.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories.