

**Term 4, Week 9 – Wednesday 7 December 2016**

Kia Ora families

It is great to give!

Over the years we have been the recipients of so much kindness and generosity from all around New Zealand, especially directly after the earthquakes. People just went out of their way to help. It is so great that we can reciprocate. A few weeks back we sent \$657 to Waiau School to help them help their community and just today I received a message of thanks from the principal. She said how humbled they had been by the generosity of schools from around New Zealand.

This week we celebrated our awesome hall with a disco and when we added in a mufti day you were so generous. We raised \$1100 for the schools of Marlborough and Kaikoura. The money has been sent to the Marlborough Principals Association for them to distribute, I know it will make a difference!

*Thanks for being kind and caring!*

This week we are writing reports and looking at achievement data, while the workload is immense and many staff have been working till late at night over the last few weeks, it is worth it. We are so pleased with the progress our children have made in 2016. It shows that when home and school, whanau and staff work together we make a big difference in the lives of our children. Watch this space next week to see the amazing 2016 results!

*Thanks for working with us!*

As you know we encourage children to use digital devices to enhance their learning. There is a need however for parents to monitor use and monitor sites. Here is a [tool](#) that has been recommended by colleagues to help families manage the difficulty around screen time and access to appropriate sites.

*Thanks for considering your child's electronic well-being!*

Regards

Neill O'Reilly, Principal



*Charlie from Burwood Studio was saving his pocket money for a Lego set. Instead he donated his pocket money to the children of the schools affected by the earthquake. What a REAL Hero!*

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OSCAR: 383 2649 or 027 655 8104

School bank account number for paying children's accounts: 03 1700 0622075 025

Christmas is around the corner and how lucky we are that this week the construction of the new school playground is beginning; providing our children with another space to play, explore and have fun in the school environment.

This would not have been possible without the funds contributed by the PTA. They have given many hours of their time to organising events and raising money which directly benefits every student at our school. Not only have their efforts produced a very tangible reward but this wonderful group of people have modelled to their children one of our school values – Achievement.

The Board of Trustees is passionate about Waitākiri being the best school it can be. This requires collaboration from students, staff, families and our community. So thank you, very much, to the parents and staff on the PTA, as well as those who support their fundraisers. We appreciate all that you contribute.

New parents are always welcomed to the PTA. This is the perfect opportunity to meet other school families and become more involved in the Waitākiri School community.

Chrissie Hughes, BOT Communications

***THIS WEEK!***  
**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  
No cost to attend, please bring a plate to share

**FINAL LEARNING CELEBRATION & LAST DAY**

On our last day of school, Friday 16 December we will hold our final Learning Celebration for the year at 11am. All welcome! School then closes at 12.30pm for the year.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

ALL library books must be returned to the library by the end of this week please.  
Thank you

**NEW ENTRANT PHOTOGRAPHS**

Photo orders have gone home with those new entrant children who had photos taken. Orders with payment must be returned to the office by this Friday 9 December. No late orders can be accepted.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of lost property, all unnamed in the CHOICE Room lost property box – some non uniform and lots of lunchboxes! Any unnamed lost property remaining at the end of the term will be used by the school or disposed of.

## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking in the CHOICE Room is available on Fridays from 8.30am to 8.55am. All children banking this term go in the draw for an end of term prize. Last day for school banking is Friday 16 December, and we return on 3 February 2017.

Rebecca (ANZ), Leni and Amelia look forward to seeing you.

## HAS YOUR CHILD LOST A SCOOTER THIS YEAR?

There are a few unclaimed and unnamed scooters in Woody's (caretaker's) shed. If your child has lost a scooter this year and it has not been found, please contact Woody to see if it belongs to your child. Thank you.

## CHISNALLWOOD INTERMEDIATE ENROLMENTS

Chisnallwood Intermediate are still taking Year 6 enrolments for 2017. Any parents who would like a look around are welcome to contact the school office for an appointment.

Please phone 388 4199.

## LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Burwood Studio who had morning tea with Mrs Malham yesterday. Pictured are Josh, Harry, Theo, Harlow, Cooper, Ryan, Lily, Lincoln, Oscar, Kayden, Sam, Anton, Tayla, Emma, Fleur, Lara and Savannah.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM HOLIDAY DELIVERY

Uniform orders received by 12 noon Monday 23 January 2017 in the school holidays will be available for collection at the school office on Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 January 2017 from 8.30am – 3.30pm.

If you do not collect your order from the office during this time, your child will bring it home on the first day of school, 31 January 2017.

## REAL CHALLENGE THANK YOU!

Two weeks ago I sold Bath Bombs for Aviva (formerly known as Christchurch Women's Refuge). I went to Aviva last Thursday and gave them the giant cheque and leftover bath bombs. They were stoked that I made \$911, especially after they thought I said \$111 on the phone! I am really happy with how everything turned out and how much help and support I got. Thank you to everyone who support me and this good cause. From Livia.





## Waitākiri OSCAR Holiday Programme LAST WEEK TO BOOK

Fri 16th Dec 2016 open from 12.30pm to 6pm

Mon 19th to Fri 23rd Dec 2016 plus Mon 9th to Mon 30th Jan 2017 open 7.30am to 6pm every day

Age appropriate activities for years 1-3 and years 4 & up

Orana Park/Olympia Gym/Clip n Climb/Movies plus many more exciting activities

Email [amanda.murray@waitakiri.school.nz](mailto:amanda.murray@waitakiri.school.nz) for a programme plan or pick one up from our OSCAR Programme

**Bookings close Friday 9 December 2016**

## SPORTS NEWS

**Cowles Miniball  
Competition  
Term 4 2016**



### **Thursday, 8 Dec 2016 – Finals Day**

Date/Time	Cowles 1	Cowles 2
3:30 PM	Cowles MB TB&TF Third Place Te Pa Ma Miniball vs Marshland Mambas Miniball	<b>Cowles MB B&amp;S Final</b> Banks Ave Slammers Miniball vs Waitakiri Bulls Miniball
4:00 PM	Cowles MB A Grade Waitakiri Breakers Miniball vs <b>CBA Hoops Squad Miniball</b>	<b>Cowles MB R&amp;W Fifth Place</b> Banks Ave Bouncers Miniball vs Te Pa Whero Miniball
4:30 PM	<b>Cowles MB A Grade First Place</b> <b>CBA Hoops Squad Miniball</b> vs Marshland Makos Miniball	<b>Cowles MB B&amp;S Third Place</b> Waitakiri Celtics Miniball vs Queenspark Blitzers Miniball
5:00 PM	<b>Cowles MB TB&amp;TF Final</b> Shirley Thunder Miniball vs TWU Thunder	<b>Cowles MB R&amp;W Third Place</b> Waitakiri Lakers Miniball vs St. Anne's Slammers Miniball
5:30 PM	<b>Cowles MB B&amp;S Fifth Place</b> St. Anne's Supersonics Miniball vs Shirley Rockets Miniball	<b>Cowles MB A Grade</b> Bromley Bulls Miniball vs Queenspark Swishers Miniball
6:00 PM	<b>Cowles MB R&amp;W Final</b> Waitakiri Falcons Miniball vs Marshland Magic Miniball	<b>Cowles MB TB&amp;TF Fifth Place</b> Queenspark Ballers Miniball vs Bromley Breakers Miniball

**Please ensure you are signed up to receive our alerts with the tiqbiz app on your smartphone. This is how we notify parents about important events, like the need to evacuate school, cancellations etc.**

**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.*

**Our school has an app!**

Download the tiqbiz app, then find and tick our school.



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Android Device



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

*Your donations don't just save lives; they also significantly improve the life quality of many chronically and terminally ill patients. You can make a real difference! Thank you to all who donate, I am eternally grateful.*



*'tis the Season for Giving (Blood)*

Our mobile team will be at **Burwood Hospital** soon...

at the **Burwood Hospital Chapel**  
use Entry 1 on Burwood Rd

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 11:30-3:30**

**New donors welcome!**

Download our new app, call us or go onto our website to book your appointment to be a Lifesaver.

Eat & drink plenty before you donate (at least 1.5 litres of water) and please bring your donor card or photo ID.

**0800 GIVE BLOOD**

**0800 448 325**  
[www.nzblood.co.nz](http://www.nzblood.co.nz)

**NZBLOOD**  
Te Atanga Tahi o Aotearoa



# Mainland Football Outdoor Holiday Programmes

*Get active during the holidays!*

## DECEMBER:-

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 20th, 21st and 22nd December 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.*

## JANUARY:-

Age: 7-14 year olds.

Dates: 25th, 26th and 27th January 2017

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

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

## Mainland Futsal Indoor Holiday Programmes

### JANUARY:

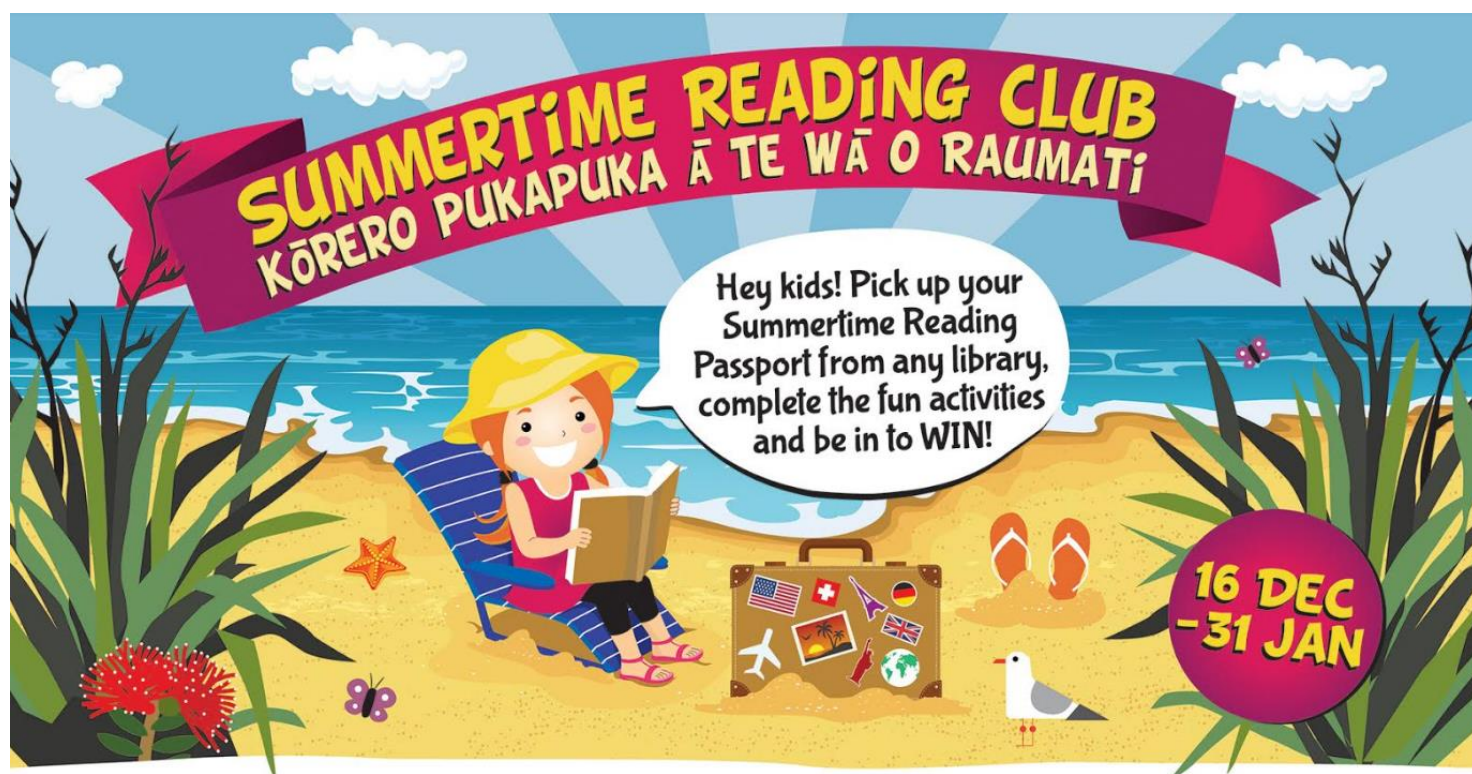
Age: 6-12 year olds.

Dates: 23rd, 24th and 25th January 2017

Times: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: Pioneer Stadium

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



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# KIDS CAMP



Summer is here. Time for the kids to get out of the city, detox from their devices and get outdoors.  
Where better to do this than Living Springs?

For more information email [info@livingsprings.co.nz](mailto:info@livingsprings.co.nz). (03) 329-9788 [www.livingsprings.co.nz](http://www.livingsprings.co.nz)

# TRAILBLAZERS

Trailblazers is the new 5 day, 4 night camp at Living Springs. Unplug from the city life and come over the hill to enjoy a full programme of challenging and fun activities, exploring Lyttelton Harbour. Numbers are limited. For more information email

[info@livingsprings.co.nz](mailto:info@livingsprings.co.nz), ring (03) 329-9788 or book online at [www.livingsprings.co.nz](http://www.livingsprings.co.nz)



**JANUARY 9-14**  
**AGES 13-15 \$285**

Price includes accommodation, food, activities and supervision.



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# **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.

December : 19 to 23 Dec. and 27 to 31 Dec.  
January : 9 to 13 Jan. and 16 to 20 Jan. plus 23 to 27 Jan.

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](http://www.surfcoach.co.nz)

## **LOCAL FAMILY EVENTS**

Carols and BBQ in Prestons- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm in the main park. everyone welcome.

Children's Holiday Programme 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am to 2pm at All Saints Anglican Church, 305 New Brighton Road, Burwood. To register please phone 3834656 or phone or text Katrina on 0297703098

Children's Christmas Service at St Marks Anglican Church, Prestons Road at 4pm Christmas Eve. Come and hear the story of Christmas

Christmas Eve- Midnight service starting at 11.30am.

Please call 3834656 or Katrina - 0297703098 for more information about any of the above