

Term 2, Week 10 – Wednesday 5 July 2017

Kia ora parents and whanau,

This is the last newsletter I will write for Waitākiri School and I write it with mixed feelings, sad to leave yet excited about the future.

In the last week I have been reading the reports for the Year 5 & 6 children; it has reminded me what a fantastic school we have. Dedicated staff, supportive families and whanau and delightful children. What a combination! Together we make Waitākiri School all that it is. It has been a privilege to have led both Windsor and Waitākiri for the last 9 1/2 years and I have every confidence the school will go from strength to strength in the future.

Together we have lived through some of the most challenging times I have known. I was relatively new at Windsor school in 2008 when our son Jamie tragically died in a car accident aged just 17 years old. The support and love Denise and I felt from the staff and community are with us to this day; what a kind and caring community. As a staff and community we have lived through earthquakes, the associated death and destruction, snow, flooding, tsunami threats, mergers, dual sites, family tragedies, the loss of loved ones, damage and destruction to homes, fire on the hills, ongoing battles with insurance and EQC and many more challenges along the way. At times it seemed we were fighting non-stop battles of epic proportions.

Yet through it all we had amazing times and achieved outstanding results. The staff have worked tirelessly with, and for your children, to ensure they have the best possible learning environment. We have had much to celebrate, plenty of laughter, much success and some amazing victories. We have overcome adversity and despite all that has been thrown at us we can evidence positive learning outcomes for our tamariki, improving hauora and children who are becoming more and more self-regulated. The school has received thousands of visitors from Canterbury, New Zealand and around the world and repeatedly these people comment on the positive learning environment and make comment of how engaged and positive our children are. We achieved a 4-5 year ERO review despite only being open 18 months and we have been acknowledged by the Ministry of Education, Ministers and opposition MP's. Most importantly our children tell us they love school, love learning and many want to stay on after Year 6!

All of this makes me immensely proud of the team who have made Waitākiri School what it is today and who will ensure it will continue to be a fantastic place to be. To the BoT, the PTA, the staff of Waitākiri School my sincere thanks. I want to make mention of four special people, Jacqui Malham, Dianna Reynolds, Kaye Royle and Kim Hillson. I consider myself fortunate to have had the support and professionalism of these four. With their help, support, critical thinking, quality leadership and sense of humour we have achieved great things. I could not have asked for more. I also want to thank the leadership team who have gone well above and beyond the call of duty in their service of the school and community.

Parents and whanau, your children are in good hands.

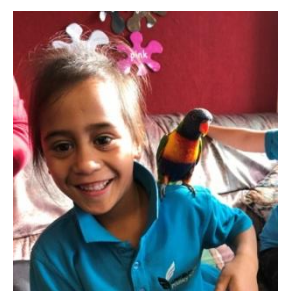
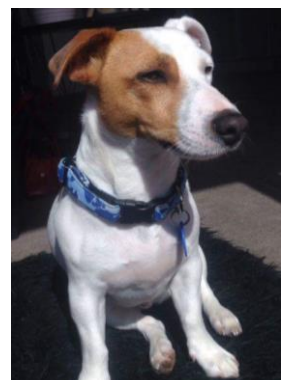
I will leave you with an Irish blessing (just slightly modified by yours truly!)

May the road rise to meet you,	(I do hope all of your roads will be fixed soon!)
May the wind be always at your back,	(We reclaimed the America's cup!)
May the sun shine warm upon your face,	(SPF 40 please)
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,	(Just enough for green, not floods!)
Until we meet again,	(I am sure we will)
May God hold you in the Palm of his hand.	(...and may you make the most of all life offers you!)

Kia kaha

Nga mihi
Neill O'Reilly

P.S. I am pleased to say that along with Cosmo (a rainbow lorikeet), Eddie the dog will be returning to Waitākiri School in term 3 to delight and nurture the children. Eddie is a loveable wee dog who will be in the capable hands of Mrs Smith and on his lead when in the playground at school. Please do tell us if you would especially like your child to have an opportunity to pat Eddie!



Neill O'Reilly's farewell THIS FRIDAY

We invite parents and whanau to join us
for a whole school
Leaving Ceremony for Neill on

Friday 7 July 2017
Waitākiri School hall

at 9.15am

Limited seating available

All welcome!



TRAVIS LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Travis Studio who had a Learning Hero Morning Tea with Mr O'Reilly last week. Pictured right are Zayden, Jaylah, Taylor, Noah, Samara, Cameron, Neve, Kyle, Alyssa, Mikayla, Azaria and Henry.



OTAKARO LEARNING HERO MORNING TEA



Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Ōtākaro Studio who had the last Learning Hero Morning Tea with Mr O'Reilly yesterday. Pictured left are Josh, Issac, Jack, Lincoln, Brooke, Kayla, Jack B, Courtney, Giovanni, Freya, Theo, Jessica, Gabby, Jessica and Amber.

Waitākiri School Parent 3-Way Learning Conferences

3-Way Learning Conferences will be held on Wednesday 26 July at 3.30pm – 8pm and again on Thursday 27 July 1.30pm – 6pm. Bookings can now be made online. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Log on to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. The school code is **mdc7b**
3. Follow the prompts on screen:



4. When you are done, your interview timetable will be emailed to you
5. Bookings open now
6. Bookings will close on Tuesday 25 July at 11am
7. Please only book one conference per child

If these dates and times do not suit your family, please contact the teacher directly about making a mutually suitable time.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may use the computer in the CHOICE room.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY UNIFORM COLLECTION

For school holiday uniform deliveries, orders close on Tuesday 18 July at 12 noon. Uniforms can be collected from the school office on Friday 21 July from 9am - 3pm.

EPro8 Challenge: Now it is the Adults Turn.

Recently Waitākiri Primary School took part in the EPro8 Challenge - the science and engineering competition.

Well now it is the adults turn. On 17 August your workplace or organisation can compete against others in Christchurch. You will work as a team to solve a range of fun engineering based challenges. This is a fantastic team building opportunity.

For details and to register see www.epro8challenge.co.nz/business-events

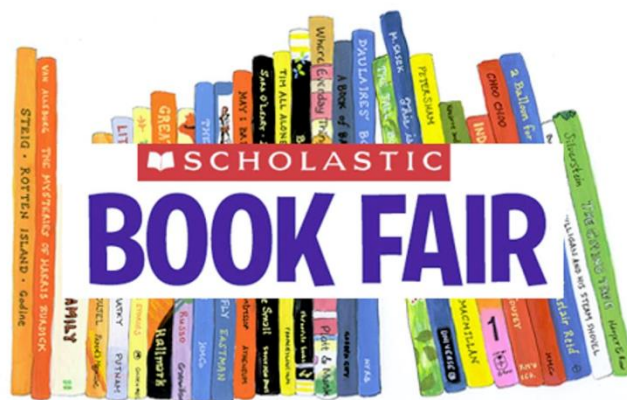
REAL CHALLENGE HALF WAY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to our Year 4, 5 & 6 REAL Heroes who received their half way certificates for their REAL Challenges on Friday. Well done everyone!



Step into books

Book week 2017 - Term 3 Week 1



In the CHOICE Room

Wednesday 26 July

3 – 8pm

Thursday 27 July

8:30am – 9am

and

12:30pm – 6pm

Purchase a great range of new children's books suitable for pre-schoolers through to intermediate age level

Cash or EFTPOS/Credit Card

**Every dollar spent at the Book Fair
earns Waitākiri School money to buy library books**

WHERE DO YOU READ?



PHOTO COMPETITION

Get a photo taken of you reading your favourite book in a fun spot. Print it out (colour or black + white, no larger than A4) and give it to Mrs Malham, or email it to jacqui.malham@waitakiri.school.nz and we'll print it for you, by Wednesday the 26th of July.

Photos will be displayed on the Choice Room windows.

Prizes for most unusual reading spot.



GOLDEN TICKET BOOK SWAP

WEDNESDAY
26TH JULY

Bring a book in good condition, that you no longer need, to swap for another book. Bring your book to the hall before school and receive a golden ticket. At lunchtime bring the ticket back to the hall and choose another book.

DRESS-UP DAY



Come to school dressed as a book character.

Parade at 9:15 outside studios. Parents are invited to stay to watch the parade.

Be creative and make your own costume - prizes to be won



FRIDAY 28 JULY

SPORTS NEWS

Our Waitākiri Chess teams competed in the Christchurch Chess tournament last Wednesday. The A team came 7th and the B team were 10th out of 26 Primary School teams. Parents who accompanied the teams were so proud of the way they encouraged either and played as REAL Heroes- well done boys! We are very proud of you all.



Mini-Jammers Basketball

Congratulations to Fergus, Bradley, Tyler, Harry, Ollie, Dante, Francois and Lucas from The Breakers who won a convincing 27-4 in the A Grade Year 5 & 6 Championship. Well done to you all and a huge thanks to their coach Woody.



Our school Kapa Haka is performing at the Christchurch Primary Schools Cultural Festival on Friday 18 August 2017 at the evening performance. Tickets are available from Ticketek from 24 July 2017.

REAL CHALLENGES

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the recent 20 or 40 Hour Famine. To date we have raised over \$3,000 with more to come – well done to you all. What an amazing collective achievement! Here are some photos parents sent in of some of our students taking part. Pictured right is Sasha and Tahlia “living out of a bag”. Below is Finn “not using his arms”, Oli “eating only rice” and Zoe with her booklet and who didn’t eat a thing!

If you still have your booklet and/or sponsorship money at home, it needs to be returned this week please. Thank you.



NOOD FOOD REAL HEROES

Well done and thank you to all of our Nood Food REAL Heroes (this is children and their parents). There are so many children with Nood Food at school it is fantastic! Keep up the great work!



PTA NEWS

“My School Rules” competition at The Palms

Last week to register your receipts. We are currently off the leader board in 6th place and so need to move up to at least 5th to get any money for our school. AND you get to go in the draw to win \$250 worth of vouchers for your own family.



A promotional poster for the 'My School Rules' competition. The background is a solid teal color. At the top, the text 'MY SCHOOL RULES' is written in a stylized, white, blocky font with radiating lines. Below this, the main title 'SHOP & WIN FOR YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL!' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. On the left side, there is a cartoon illustration of a girl with long blonde hair, wearing a pink baseball cap, a white t-shirt with a pink heart, and pink shorts. She is giving a thumbs up and has a speech bubble that says 'YUSS!'. Next to her is a black and white soccer ball. On the right side, there is a white rectangular box containing the prize list. At the bottom of the poster, there are two logos: 'MANAGED BY AMP CAPITAL' with a small star icon, and 'The Palms' with a stylized palm tree logo.

MY SCHOOL RULES

SHOP & WIN

FOR YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL!

WIN A SHARE OF \$7,000

FIRST PRIZE \$3,000

SECOND PRIZE \$2,000

THIRD PRIZE \$1,000

RUNNER UP PRIZE \$500
(4th and 5th Place)

\$1 = 1 POINT

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The Palms

Plus, the PTA now have our own **facebook page** “where we can keep you updated with the latest money raising ventures and awesome things / activities that we are supplying for your school children’s enhanced experience at school”

<https://www.facebook.com/Waitakiri-School-PTA-282815785483022/>

PTA Entertainment Books

Only 9 more Entertainment Book - book memberships - available !! Digital memberships are still available for purchase, but there are only 9 more physical book memberships to be sold.

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Fun. Unique. Personal

- Featuring your child's Unique Artwork or Photo!
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- Supporting Our Fundraising!

Calendars



Cards



Diaries



Kids Notepads



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mainland Futsal Holiday Programmes (indoor)

Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 10th, 11th & 12th July 2017 (WEEK 1) 20th & 21st July 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1) Pioneer Stadium (WEEK 2)

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](#)

GIRLS ONLY Futsal Holiday Programmes (indoor)

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Mainland Outdoor Holiday Programmes

Age: 7-14 year olds

Dates: 13th & 14th July (WEEK 1) 17th & 18th July 2017 (WEEK 2)

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](#)

<http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/whole-of-football-plan/holiday-football/>

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THURSDAY 20TH JULY

THE TRANSITIONAL
CATHEDRAL
LATIMER SQUARE

2:00 - 3:00PM

TICKETS ON
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Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton!

Is your child dramatic? Do they love dressing up and acting out stories?

From Term 3 Canvas Bag Drama School are running 2 classes for children at St Luke's Church Hall, 212 Pine Ave..

There are limited places available. So be in quick.

Thumbelina: 5 -7 years (Thursdays 3.30-4.30)

Starfleet Class: 8-12 years (Thursdays 4.30 –5.30)

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