

Term 2, Week 6 - Wednesday 8 June 2016

Dear parents and whānau,

Our new Board of Trustees!

Thanks you to those of you who took the time to vote in the recent Board of Trustees elections. We will be having the first meeting of our new BoT tonight and I am looking forward to working with the new team to ensure we achieve our strategic goals of improving learning outcomes, self-regulation and hauora (well-being) of our children. The new team bring much excitement, enthusiasm and a broad range of expertise to the Board. I will let them introduce themselves in the weeks ahead but in the meantime the confirmed Board of Trustees to represent parents and whānau at Waitakiri primary School are:

Andrew Shipley and Steve Sheere (both previous BoT members), Danielle Thompson, Ben Naylor and Christine Hughes (newly elected BoT members) and Joy Banks (staff representative).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our three retiring BoT members, Anita Webb, John Creighton and staff rep Lesley Dell. Anita and John have worked hard to represent the community and create the best learning environment for our children. Anita has used her policy and procedural strengths to ensure we have all of the school policies in order and that these policies are sufficiently detailed providing required guidance to the school. John was co-opted to assist with the build of the new school and has ensured we achieved the best result in the design and build of the school and hall. Lesley has worked hard to represent staff voice over the last six years and is now ready to pass on that responsibility to newly elected Joy Banks.

Our first ERO visit!

We welcome the Educational Review Office reviewers to our school next Monday. Two reviewers will spend the week meeting with staff, BoT members, children and possibly parents to discuss how the new school is progressing and in particular how we are making a difference for priority learners (those identified as at risk of not achieving). The Review Office also examines the schools self-review processes of health and safety, finance, property, employment, curriculum, progress and achievement, and administration. The process sees the reviewers working alongside school leaders and the BoT to ensure we are providing the best possible education and educational environment for your children. It will be an exciting week!

Engaging your children in their world!

A few weeks back I talked about the importance of getting your children out into sports, the outdoors, arts, crafts, clubs and just playing. This weekend I went to the [Riccarton Markets](#) and then to Taylors Mistake and out to Boulder Bay with my wife Denise.

The markets are a wonderful place to gather seasonal veges and teach children about the importance of fresh seasonal food, they also have great entertainment. The Markets showcase local talents and this weekend we were treated to a performance by the [Takumi Japanese Drumming Group](#). What an incredibly talented and passionate group of drummers! They were really quite exceptional. If your child has even the slightest inclination for drumming I recommend you take them along to an upcoming performance at the Aurora Centre, Monday 11 July at 7:00pm (tickets are just \$15.00).

We then went to Taylors Mistake for the beautiful walk to [Boulder Bay](#). This is an easy walk along the cliffs overlooking Taylors with views back to Christchurch. Fantastic walk to the historic baches that line the shore and for a wee snack on the rocks (also great spot for throwing rocks into the water and exploring under the rocks). This walk is also one of the challenges in the REAL Challenges this year. A great discussion point along the way: Why is it called Taylors Mistake????

We have such a beautiful region, do get out and enjoy it with your children!

Have a great week, remember you can always drop me an e mail (principal@waitakiri.school.nz) or text me on 0272703300 if you would like to chat, if you have questions or ideas that can make our school even better!

Neill O'Reilly, Principal

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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

Please ensure you are signed up to receive our texts.

This is one of the main forms of communication.

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.



2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent representative votes:

Brooks, Jonathan	73
Hughes, Christina	84
Naylor, Ben	94
Sheere, Steve	111
Shipley, Andrew	111
Thompson, Danielle	102

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Christina Hughes, Ben Naylor, Steve Sheere, Andrew Shipley & Danielle Thompson.

Staff representative votes:

Banks, Joy	33
Cottrell, Charlotte	15

I hereby declare Joy Banks duly elected.

Thank you

Kim Hillson, Returning Officer

Waitakiri OSCAR Holiday Programme Out Now

11th July to 22nd July 7.30-3pm \$28 7.30-6pm \$35

Juniors years 1-3 & Seniors years 4-8

Contact Amanda for details amanda.murray@waitakiri.school.nz

LEARNING HERO MORNING & PICNIC WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Learning Heroes from Travis Studio who had morning tea with Mr O'Reilly last week. Pictured right are: Zara, Brad, Charlie, Jacob, Takira, Selene, Mackenzie, Alyssa, Chanelle, Kyle, Tayne, Caleb, Matthew and JJ.



Well done to Learning Heroes (pictured left): Ella, Maggie, Maiya, Campbell, Emily, Ryder, Samuel and Brooke who had a Picnic with the Principal, Mr O'Reilly last week.

SCHOOL POLICIES UP FOR REVIEW

Emergency Planning & Procedures and Health, Safety & Wellbeing policies are up for review. Please take a look and review these policies on Schooldocs by the end of this term.

1. Visit the website <http://waitakiri.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (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 top right-hand 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, please ask at the school office you can connect you online in the CHOICE Room.

SPORTS NEWS

Cowles Y5/6 2016 Term Two Competition

Thursday, 9 Jun 2016

Date/Time	Cowles 1	Cowles 2
3:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball CBA Hoops Squad vs Queenspark Maroon	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Banks Ave Sparks vs Linwood Ave Lakers
4:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball SNBS Seahorses vs Waitakiri Breakers	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Banks Ave Sirens vs Bromley Bulls
4:30 PM	(Friendly) Waitakiri Breakers vs TWU Warriors	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Bromley Breakers vs Marshland Makos
5:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Te Pa o Rakaihautu vs Waitakiri Rams	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball St. Anne's Saints vs Shirley Thunder
5:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Queenspark Gold vs Waitakiri Celtics	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Queenspark Blue vs Waitakiri Blues
6:00 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Waitakiri Nets vs Sumner Surfers	

Thursday, 16 Jun 2016

Date/Time	Cowles 1	Cowles 2
3:30 PM	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Linwood Ave Lakers vs Waitakiri Blues	Cowles Y5/6 Basketball Waitakiri Nets vs CBA Hoops Squad
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Kia ora Year 5 & 6 families

Once again our children have the opportunity to participate in the 20 Hour Famine (although the booklets say 40 Hour Famine the recommendation is 20 Hours for Year 5/6) for a really important cause helping the children of Syria.

Participating in the 20/40 Hour Famine is a REAL Challenge and by doing this your child can tick off another achievement!

The children can begin to collect from sponsors in preparation for the famine starting Friday 10 June. Children who would like to participate in the famine must collect a booklet before Friday 10 June from the office.

To help children who want to participate we will do a fun lunchtime activity on Friday 10 June at lunchtime so they can famine from 12:15pm Friday finishing 8:15am Saturday morning. They would simply bring their normal morning tea and a healthy lunch for Friday and we will meet together at 12:00 noon, have the last meal and then begin the famine together.

Children who have taken home these booklets today **MUST RETURN THE BOOKLET** and any money owing by Friday 24 June to the drop box outside office, even if they don't end up collecting from any money. All booklets need to be returned to World Vision. Payments can also be paid on line. If this is done, the booklets still must be returned.

Thank you for supporting such a worthwhile cause.

Neill O'Reilly, Principal



CHOICE CAFÉ

Concession cards are available for children to purchase hot chocolates. These are \$30 for 10 drinks, either regular or large. Parents can purchase concession cards for their child, and leave them at the café with their name on (then they won't lose them!). If you have any questions please ask Michaela at the café. There are also coffee concession cards available for parents and caregivers. These are \$35 for 10 regular and \$38 for 10 large.



Get your wigs on for

Wig
wednesday

We want to raise money
child cancer. please wear a wig for
wednesday 22 June for a gold coin
donation. This will help kids like my
brother with cancer.

By Noah, Francois, Jake and Mahi

We're wearing our Wigs
on Wednesday 22 June
to fundraise for the
Child Cancer Foundation!
www.childcancer.org.nz



**WIGS
ON** 22 June
FOR WIG
WEDNESDAY!



Thank you for supporting children with cancer and their families.

PTA NEWS

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP!!

The new 2016/2017 Entertainment Books are here. Current memberships expire on 01 June.

You can preview the book using the following link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/flickbook/christchurch>

For easy online ordering, visit: www.entbook.co.nz/13f7156



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\$40 value



\$70 value



\$35 value



\$60 value



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2 for 1

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Preschools

We look forward to meeting you and your child

Lake Terrace Preschool 30 Lake Terrace Road Burwood, Christchurch 8061 P: 03 383 4757 Michelle Cross (Manager) OPEN: 7.30am – 5.30pm MON-FRI	Bottle Lake Preschool 1 Pohutukawa Crescent Parklands, Christchurch 8083 P: 03 387 0684 – Rachel Allan (Manager) OPEN: 7.00am – 6.00pm MON-FRI
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PIANO LESSONS

Hello, my name is Grace McLelland. I currently study music at the University of Canterbury and am an ex-student of Windsor Primary School. I am looking for enthusiastic students to tutor on the piano. The lessons would be held after school at Waitākiri Primary School. Very reasonable rates. If your son or daughter is interested please contact me using the details below.

Contact number: 0278579902

Email: grace.mclelland@hotmail.co.nz

AIR FORCE MUSEUM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

'Under the Wire' – 11-22 July 2016

Shot down and captured, but the story doesn't end there.

Over the wire, under the wire, dig like moles, and don't look back!

Join us in escaping and evading re-capture at the Air Force Museum's July, OSCAR-endorsed school holiday programme **'Under the Wire'**.

Ages: 5 -12 years

Cost: \$38 per day, Full week: \$175

Hours: Half day 8.00am – 12.30 noon
Full day 8.00am – 3.00pm

Bookings Essential: Please contact the Public Programmes Team on 03 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz

