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WHAT'S ON AT WAITOKI SCHOOL

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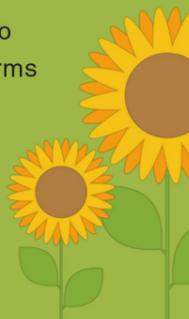
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ADAPTIVE, CURIOUS, CREATIVE LIFELONG LEARNERS

"GRIT - NIWHA"

Waitoki School believes our inclination to revere natural talent is misguided; In terms of achievement, the effort we put in and our reaction to set-backs count for far more. GRIT is something that can be learned and offers a new formula for individual and collective success.



Tena koutou katoa

I think I might be over lockdowns!

I know we say it often – but I really mean it when I say I hope we are finished with lockdowns.

Level 2 is probably the most ambiguous of all the lockdown stages. At times it seems like the school is running normally, but in reality we have lots of little control features in place to minimise contact. Most of them being around inviting parents on site.

I am asking teachers to plan on us moving out of level 2 by the beginning of next week (depending on Parliamentary decisions).

Please look at the calendar of events (in this Newsletter).

The double edged sword!

We love having the school open to the Community! Unfortunately, this also means people who don't care for our school come on site. Often we have teenagers coming onto the grounds and damaging equipment – and most recently we have had peopling search through lost property and cubby holes, and of course – someone taking the time to cut through the lock chain and stealing our trailer. We need your help, please keep an eye out during the evenings if you are driving past – as a general rule if there is a car in the carpark after dark, and none of the lights are on in the school – then something fishy is happening (staff, Cleaners and Hall users all have alarm codes and will turn lights on). Please text Kerry on 0210369490 to report anything unusual. Thanks.

Lots of Governmental Reviews are either coming out, or are in review now

As many of you can imagine, when a government has a majority, the speed and frequency of change happens very quickly. Two major changes which may be of interest to you are;

Review of Tomorrows Schools – the review was carried out over the last two years, the role out of changes as per the review will be happening very soon. These will affect how the school is run. Some of the suggestions were quite radical with wide ranging affects. To give you an idea, one recommendation suggested that Principals should be swapped between schools every 5

years (terrifies me). At this point nothing has been confirmed, so watch this space!

The refresh of the National Curriculum – this is presently underway. The way we teach Reading, the History Curriculum, Maths delivery... (you may have already heard interviews through the media).

QR Codes

Please remember to scan in when on school grounds.

Yr. 7/8 Tech classes have started this week

This is an amazing opportunity our intermediate students have – where they travel to Kaipara College for technology classes. They use the purpose built classes and have access to the specialist teachers. They are off-site Tuesday and Thursdays in the morning for 3 weeks x 3 blocks during the year.

Inter-school swimming Competition (Kaipara)

Unfortunately, this event is a victim of the COVID Lock-down. A decision was made across all the Kaipara schools that the chances of Auckland being out of level 2 by the set date were very slim, and due to the close contact of swimmers and spectators – it was just too risky.

Calendar of Event Changes/additions

Fri 19th Mar - *Whole School* Swimming sports

Thur 25th Mar - Tough Kid Challenge (entries now closed)

Thurs 1st Apr - Yr 7/8 immunisations

PLEASE NOTE ALL CALENDARED EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF COVID LEVELS INCREASE DURING THE TERM/YEAR.

Old Ipad chargers

Do you have any unwanted ipad chargers that you'd be happy to donate to the school? Please drop into the office if you do. Thanks.

Tiger Turf

Just a reminder no scooters/wheels on the turf please.

Netball Season

All communication regarding this year's season will be posted in the 'Netball' group on Skool Loop. If your child is keen to play, please ensure you have sub-

scribed to the group - pop into settings on skool loop and check you have ticked 'Netball' under the 'subscribe to groups' tab.

Weet Bix TRYathlon

We have been informed this morning that the event itself won't be taking place this year. However, your child can participate in a virtual triathlon event. Please head to to <https://tryathlon.co.nz/> for more information

Tough Kid Challenge - Thursday 25th March

As far as we know the event is still going ahead at this stage. Our school registration has been submitted and entries are now closed. Thank you to parents who have volunteered to supervise on the day. Claire will be in touch by email next week with further information.

Ezlunch

ezlunch, our school lunch provider, is turning 10, & to celebrate they are running a fun competition. Every ezlunch order delivered to school between Monday 8th March - Friday 19th March will go in the draw to win party activity bags for the winner's entire class, including a \$10 ezlunch voucher per child & cupcakes for the school office.

Go to ezlunch.co.nz to view the menu and log in (or direct to mykindo.co.nz) and place an order. We have Sushi delivered on a Wednesday and Pitapit on a Friday

From the Boards Diary

Upcoming Board Meeting: 22nd March 6:30 pm Staff Room

Policies for Review by parents: We invite whanau to review the schools policy on Home Learning.

Waitoki Schools Strategic Direction

In this newsletter I wanted to remind the school community of our [strategic direction](#) as a school. Setting strategic direction is one of the Boards many roles. The current Strategic Plan started to be formed back in 2019 with input from and consultation with the previous and current board, staff, students and whanau. The Strategic Plan is reviewed every year and is one of the drivers for the Boards monthly meeting agenda. The Strategic Plan drives the annual goals for the management of the school so I will leave it to Chris to tell you about some of the exciting goals for this year.

Our three main Strategic Goals are:

Academic

All our students/akonga will progress and achieve their highest possible educational potential through Quality Teaching and Learning, Safe Environments and Positive Relationships.

Hauora

Every child in every way. To foster the hauora of our life long learners in our Whanau/Community/Iwi

Preserving our Essence

Culture, Inclusiveness, Ruralness, Community Engagement. As the school grows we need to take positive action to sustain the very things which have attracted families to Waitoki School.

You will see these three goals set out in a poster/ infographic in prominent places around the school and in every classroom. In these posters we have taken the three Strategic goals and broken them down into meaningful discussion points and reminders for our community. Our Tamariki are also able to engage in the Waitoki School Strategic Plan via this infographic. We hope you will take time to read and understand the goals and think about how you and your whanau can contribute and make these goals your own.

If you have any questions about the Strategic Direction of the school please feel free to make an appointment with Chris or myself or visit one of our Board meetings to see how these Strategic Goals are realised.

Policy and Procedures

Waitoki School has a robust system of policies and procedures that we manage through an external source called "School Docs". Policies are the "Why" behind an action and Procedures explain the "How". Policies and Procedures provide a fair, predictable and consistent approach to managing the school. Every term the Board reviews specific policies and procedures to ensure their appropriateness and relevance and every term the Board requires an assurance from the Principal that certain policies and procedures are in place and working effectively. From time to time the Board will also invite our community to review policy and procedure and provide feedback. The link to School Docs can be found on our website and all the schools policies and procedures can be found there.

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3. Follow the "Review Instructions"

You will find some great information on the School Docs "Review Instructions" page about what happens before, during and after a review takes place.

This term we invite you to provide feedback on the Policy "Homeschooling"

If you have anything that you would like to know more about or suggestions on you would like to see in this section of the newsletter please contact me personally on 02102535575 with your suggestions.

Jane Jackson

Board of Trustee Chairman