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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

We are really looking forward to our Centenary celebration this weekend. We will be welcoming over 300 past and present students and their families to Waitoki School and have a full programme planned. These include performances from our Kapa haka group and school choir, speeches from past pupils and principals, a tree planting ceremony, guided tours of the school, birthday cake cutting ceremony, displays of the students' learning related to the past 100 years, official photos and two raffles (one kindly donated by Looie James & Tracey Lowe from Harcourts, and the other by the Waitoki School staff) with the proceeds going towards the cost of afternoon tea so please bring some cash! It is going to be a great celebration.

Due to the large number of people attending the centenary, most things will take place outside on the turf area so please bring along a picnic blanket or camping chair. There will be some seating provided for our older guests. Parking in the school car park will be reserved for those involved with running the event, disabled badge holders and our older attendees who may find walking far a challenge. There will only be limited parking available on the school field so if you could park in the village and walk down if you are able to it would be greatly appreciated. I would like to thank and acknowledge the huge effort that staff have put in to make this event happen and in particular Becky Minton and Serena Bateman who have led this project extremely effectively.

It is with sadness that I must inform you that Dee Hattaway has tendered her resignation with effect from 28th May 2024. Dee's last day with Ruma Rima will be Friday 24th May. Dee has made fabulous connections with students, staff and families and I know she will be missed by us all. Mim Rushworth will continue teaching in Ruma Rima for three days per week. The hunt is on to find another amazing teacher to replace Dee. I will continue to keep you updated about any changes.

On Wednesday evening we held a Whānau hui led by

Leanne and Odessa from RTLB to share the 'Zones of Regulation' curriculum with the community. We introduced how we are addressing explicit teaching of effective emotional regulation and developing the use of shared language and terminology schoolwide. The meeting outlined how the 'Zones of Regulation' is a curriculum that is aimed at helping children gain skills to consciously regulate their actions as this leads to increased self-control and their ability to problem solve. I have received plenty of positive feedback from those who attended and we plan on holding a second parent information evening later in the year. If you missed the hui, I have emailed a PDF copy of the presentation and the parent information leaflet to you.

This term our ongoing fundraiser has been 'Ice block Friday' which has been a huge success. So far this has raised over \$1500 and the money raised will go towards additional science resources on the teachers 'wish list.' Thank you for supporting this and thank you to Dee Hattaway and Sharon Hartley for organising the ice blocks each week. Next Friday (12th April) will be the last week for ice blocks.

I hope to see you all at the centenary celebration and enjoy the last week of term 1.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

In other news

Office hours during school holidays

Please note that the office will be closed during the school holidays. It will be open for one day, Friday 26th April, before the term starts.

Returning Pool keys

The pool season ends on Sunday 28th April. We will be collecting keys in the first two weeks of term 2, and then the bond refund will be paid in the third week of term. Please note that if no key is returned, there will be no bond refund and a further \$25 will be charged.

Drum Lessons

Kia Ora, my name is Oli. I am a Year 13 student at Kings Way school who has been playing drums for almost a decade. I have experience playing in multiple bands including at large music festivals and will soon be on Spotify. I am offering half an hour drum slots on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for \$25. I am based in Kaukapakapa and have been teaching locally for about a year. If your child is keen, contact me at 0225320776 or olivermedwin585@gmail.com,

Sports

Netball sponsorship

We are so excited that we have our first Intermediate Netball team registered this season for a long time! Because of this, we are looking to provide an opportunity for a local business to support our Intermediate tamariki and sponsor a special uniform just for that team. That business will have their logo printed on the uniforms. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please get in touch with admin@waitoki.school.nz

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

Term dates:

Term 1 – Wed 7 Feb 2024 to Fri 12 April 2024

Term 2 – Mon 29 April 2024 to Fri 5 July 2024

Term 3 – Mon 22 July 2024 to Fri 27 Sept 2024

Term 4 – Mon 14 Oct 2024 to Thurs 19 Dec 2024

Bi-weekly Assemblies: Friday at 1.15pm (next assembly is Fri 12th April)

100 Year Celebration—Sat 6th April 1pm—5pm

BOT meeting—Wed 10th April 6.30pm—8.30pm

Yr 7 & 8 Summer Sports—Mon 8th April

Kaipara Triathlon @ Parakai—Mon 13th May

BOT meeting— Wed 15th May 6.30pm—8.30pm

Yr 4—8 Science Roadshow —Wed 29th May

BOT meeting— Wed 26th June 6.30pm—8.30pm

BOT meeting— Wed 31st July 6.30pm—8.30pm

Yr 7 & 8 Zespiri AIMS Games— Sat 7th—Fri 13th Sept

Yr 7 & 8 Surf Program—Tues 5th Nov

Welcome / Nau mai haere mai:

We were so excited to welcome Carter and Georgia in the New Entrants room, and to Lily in Ruma Rua . We hope you have all enjoyed your first week of school!



Student corner

Empowering Healthier Futures Through "Food for Thought"

The Year 6/7/8 students recently had Andy from Food for Thought visit the school to deliver three nutrition sessions to the students.

The first two sessions saw students learn about how foods and nutrients support active and growing bodies. We also learnt how to read the nutritional information on packaged foods and explored the sugar content in different drinks. We discovered that a 600ml bottle of Coca-Cola contains a staggering 16 teaspoons of sugar!

In the third session, students were given the opportunity to apply their newfound knowledge in a real-world setting. We visited Silverdale Pak n Save where students analysed nutrition labels on various packaged foods to learn more about what is in our foods. The year students are now expert food detectives! Don't hesitate to ask them to showcase their new skills to you.

We are grateful to all our adult helpers for their support at the supermarket. At the end of the programme, each class received a \$60 Pack n Save gift card to share some healthy kai. It was great to have the Food for Thought team with us to give our students important lessons they can carry with them through life. If you are interested in learning more about Food for Thought, visit their website here: www.foodforthought.co.nz

