

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

TERM 3

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Year 7 & 8
Tree Planting at
Shakespeare Park

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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

I hope you have all enjoyed the school holidays and made the most of the beautiful weather New Zealand had during the first week of the holidays. It was great to see everyone return to school on Monday morning with smiles on their faces.

It is going to be another busy term with lots of engaging activities planned for our learners starting with school cross country (if the weather plays ball) on **Tuesday 6th August**. This will be followed by the Kaipara cluster inter School competition on **Monday 12th August**. The students will be training for their running events over the next couple of weeks.

As I am sure you are aware, the Olympics began this week in Paris on Friday so next week, on **Tuesday 30th July**, Waitoki will be holding its own School Olympics. The children will compete in four rotated activities in their herds and each herd will be representing a different country. The Waitoki country style Olympic events include equestrian hobby horsing, gumboot throwing, javelin and three legged races. We think it is going to be a really fun day for our tamariki.

This term, alongside reading, writing and mathematics, a major learning focus will be related to the performing arts as we prepare for our Olympic themed school production "Going for Gold." Auditions were held at the end of term 2, the main parts have been cast and rehearsals are now underway. All of our students will be involved with the production in some way, whether it is acting, singing, dancing or supporting backstage. The production performances will be over three days, **Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th September** and information about ticket sales will be shared with you in due course.

Whilst Ag Day and Country Fair are not due to be held at the beginning of Term 4, preparations have already begun. Serena Bateman, Becky Minton and Melissa Neville have been busy working behind the scenes to organise a number of fun Ag Day challenges to be completed during Term 3 so that every child can be actively involved in some way even if they are not able to raise an animal. Information about all the Ag Day challenges will be shared with students and families shortly. Alongside the work Becky, Serena and Melissa have been doing, Chantelle Taylor and Sara Thompson have once again been busy organising our Country Fair, to be held after Ag Day on **Saturday 19th October**. This was a really successful day last year and we hope you will all be involved with this wonderful community event. In the meantime I am very excited for the first lambs for lamb day care to arrive!

Many thanks to all the parents who took the opportunity to come along to our three way conferences and be part of your child's learning journey with us. I have had positive feedback from staff, parents and students about how beneficial they found this opportunity, and how it was a positive way to strengthen home-school partnerships.

I am looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned over the coming term to help to support your child's learning and make the winter months brighter.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Welcome:

We have had so many lovely new faces join us this term! Welcome to Samantha in Ruma Whitu, and welcome to Summer, Hugo and Charlotte in Ruma Ono.



Staff Update

This term we are excited for Suzy Fury to go from part time to full time in the New Entrants class as our class numbers continue to grow in that room. The class will now have two full time teachers for the remainder of the year as we anticipate 27 students in the class by the end of Term 4.

In other news

Activ8 Programme

Throughout Term 3 each class will have an Activ8 session with Mr. David Curtis. The Activ8 programme has a strong emphasis on the development of practical skills through problem solving that can be used in real life situations.

Students will learn how to lead themselves and develop their team skills through a series of movement-based activities and games. Mr Curtis has extensive experience around Auckland schools preparing leaders of the future.

Your child's classroom teacher will let you know when their child/s session is. We warmly invite you to attend this session in the hall if you're available to see what the session is all about and implement any strategies used at home.

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

Term dates:

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

Term 4 – Mon 14 October 2024 to Thurs 19 December 2024

Bi-weekly Assemblies: Fridays at 1.15pm (next Assembly is 2nd August)

School Olympics Event—Tues 30th July

BOT Meeting—Wed 31st July

Whole School Cross Country—Tues 6th August

Tough Guy & Gal Challenge—Wed 7th August

AG Day Chicks arrive at school—Wed 7th August

Whole School Cross Country Save Day—Thurs 8th August

Kaipara Cross Country - Mon 12th August at Muriwai

Year 7 & 8 Camp Hui —Tues 13th August @ 2.30pm—3pm

Maths Week—Mon 12th— Fri 16th August

Garden to Table Bake Sale —Thurs 15th August

Year 7 & 8 Camp at Merc—Mon 19th Aug—Wed 21st August

Mathex at Kaipara College — Wed 28th August

Rippa Festival # 2 — Thurs 29th August

Kahui Ako Kapa Haka Wananga —Thurs 29th August

Year 7 & 8 AIMS Games—Fri 6th September—Fri 13th September

BOT Meeting—Wed 11th September (TBC)

Kahui Ako Speech Comp at Waitoki School—Wed 25th September

AG Day & Country Fair—Sat 19th October

Student Corner

Year 7 & 8 William Pike Challenge!

Our Year 7/8 students went to Shakespeare Regional Park yesterday to complete some hours towards the community service aspect of the William Pike Challenge. We planted 300 native trees! Our students did us proud and worked incredibly hard to ensure this regional park continues to thrive. Thank you Year 7 and 8 students. We are also very grateful to the DOC park rangers who arranged for us to have this opportunity as well as to our supportive parents who assisted with transport.

Student voice by Indie Hawkins:

On July 25th all of the year 7 to 8's travelled to Shakespeare Regional Park to do Tree planting for as Community Service. We all travelled by car. As soon we got there we had some food and climbed a big pine tree. After 10 minutes of climbing my teacher Mrs. Selfe called everyone down she described about how the day was going to go.

2 park rangers came over and told us to follow them to the place where all the trees were. We loaded them onto a big tractor and one of the Park Rangers told us where we were going to plant them.

On the way to the planting area everyone got a shovel. Once we arrived the lead Park Ranger showed us how to plant the trees.



Everyone got to work and started placing the trees. After a while everyone was exhausted and Mrs. Selfe and Mrs. Mitchell told us to keep going and show GRIT. Once we had finally finished we went to the beach. On the way down the we walked along a steep stone trail. It was hard to not slip over.

Once we got to the beach everyone went crazy and ran around and had fun. I cleaned the mud off in the water and ran around and played on the trees.

3D Printer

Waitoki School were fortunate to acquire a 3D printer for our senior students to make use of. Thank you very much to James Breton for generously donating the printer to our school. And a big thanks to Mrs. Minton and her brother Scott, who made the adjustments necessary for it to now be classroom ready! Our students are very excited to start learning more about 3D printing and some of our passionate and skilled students have already been lucky enough to print themselves a keychain. Well done to Nixon and Hunter in particular who have taken it upon themselves to problem solve and get it working within our classrooms.



AG Day & Country Fair Updates

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