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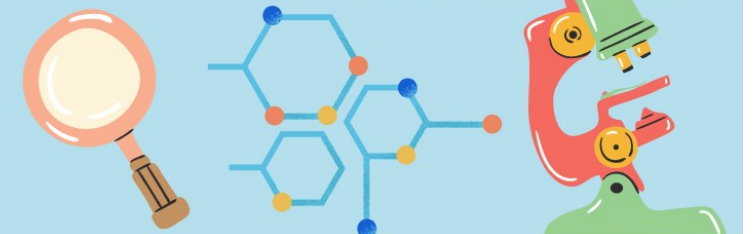
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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

The teachers have all been busy conducting assessments for reading, writing and maths to support them with writing mid year reports. The aim of the written report is to share student progress and achievement with whānau. Student reports will be sent home on **Friday 5th July** and there will be an opportunity for you to discuss the contents of it with your child and their teacher during three way conferences. These are being held on **Tuesday 23rd July from 12.30pm - 7.30pm** and it is important that your child attends so that they can talk about their learning with you and their teacher. School will close at 12pm on that day. Further information and instructions for booking appointments online will be shared with you shortly.

On **Wednesday 26th June** Waitoki School will be celebrating Matariki. Whānau are invited to join us around the bonfire for a hot chocolate at **7.40am**. Our kapa haka groups will be performing at 8am. During the morning our tamariki will be in their herds for rotated activities followed by home-made soup at lunch time. In the afternoon they will come together for the school haka and to sing waiata. Students need bring a vegetable on either Monday or Tuesday for the soup. On the day, they need to wear their herd colours and bring a mug for hot chocolate, a mug for soup at lunchtime and a bread roll to go with their soup. We hope you will come along and join us for this school community event.

Our Y7 & Y8 team are doing well with their fundraising efforts for AIMS games in September. They have just received a very generous \$4,000 donation from Cam and Matt at **Procut Earthworks Limited**, which is really appreciated. There are three more Monday Sausage Sizzles to go before the end of term. Thank you to Dominique and Des Paul from **JAD Contracting** for continuing to provide the bread and sausages for this each week.

One of the things we are continuing to focus on is student **attendance**. All students are legally required to

attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility between parents and the school to make sure our learners attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. You, as parents or caregivers, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

The government's new attendance target is for 80 percent of students to be present for more than 90 percent of the term. Average student attendance at Waitoki School during Term 1 2024 was 88% and so far during Term 2 the average rate of attendance is 83.5%. Please let us know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical appointment. Family holidays or taking time off for birthdays or extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not considered acceptable reasons for being absent by the Ministry.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome Amy to the New Entrants room. We hope you have had the best start to your time with us Amy!



Upcoming events to add to your diary:

Term dates:

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: Fridays at 1.15pm (next assembly is 21st June)

Rippa Rugby Activations— Fri 21st June and Fri 5th July (in-school lessons)

School photos—Tues 18th June

Netsafe parent meeting—Tues 18th June at Helensville School. Please advise us if you are attending.

Jumping June—Mon 24th June

Yr 7-8 Snowplanet Trip —Tues 25th June

Matariki celebration—Wed 26th June from 7.40am

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

Matariki—Fri 28th June (school closed)

Rippa Festival #1 — Wed 3rd July

Teacher:Parent:Student conferences—Tues 23rd July (school closes at 12pm, conferences start at 12.30pm)

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

In other news

Garden to Table Bake Sale

Due to sickness, we are postponing the Bake Sale to next term. More details of the new date in Term 3 will come soon.

Jumping June

This is just a reminder to sign up for Jumping June and start fundraising if your child hasn't already! Go to www.jumpingjune.co.nz and create a student profile page and share your child's online fundraising link. Waitoki School's Jumping June event will be held on **Monday 24th June** (children will be skipping at school with their friends and have started practicing). Please see the letter attached to the newsletter email for more info.

Thank you to City Carpets

A big thank you to City Carpets Whangaparaoa for kindly donating a large new mat for the New Entrants room. The children were so excited!



sKIDS Holiday Programme

If you are needing any childcare during the school holidays, sKIDS is here to help! The focus for the activities on offer is all about the Olympic Games, so there are lots of fun options available. Please check out the attached flyer to the newsletter email for more details.

To book, please click on this link—[Skids Holiday Programme](#)

AG Day & Country Fair

Chick orders & supplies

This is just a reminder that if you are keen to order some chicks for AG Day, please fill in the Google Form that was sent via email on Wed 12th June and complete it by Friday 28th June. If you need the link again, please email admin@waitoki.school.nz. This is not a compulsory activity for AG Day, but it's a great way for children to learn how to raise an animal!

Lambs, calves and goats

If you are keen to raise a lamb, calf or goat for AG Day, please remember that your new animal must be born between the 1st of July and 15th September. If you are planning on raising one of these three animals, please email admin@waitoki.school.nz over the next week so we can start to plan for the day. This is not an official commitment, it's just a note to us to say your child is expressing interest in participating. From the 1st July, we will have a Google Form available which will allow you to officially register your child's animal and also get you to sign a disclaimer if you are planning on using the lamb daycare at school. Registration of animals will close just after 15th September. If you have any questions about what it all entails, please pop in to the office next week for a booklet.

Country Fair 2024: Volunteers Needed!

Planning for Country Fair 2024 is underway, and we can't make it happen without your help! We need volunteers to assist with manning stalls, baking, helping with sponsorships, and running games. If you're willing to roll up your sleeves, we'd really appreciate having some extra hands on deck. Ideally, we're looking for three or four people from each class to get involved. Please register your interest with a quick email to Sara and Chantelle. Your support will make a big difference! Thank you fundraising@waitoki.school.nz