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TERM 2

17 MAY 2024



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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

There is a definite scientific buzz about as I walk around Waitoki School and it is great to see our tamariki so engaged in their learning. The students have been enthusiastically explaining all about the experiments and dissections that they have been doing using scientific language. Some of the students have also been keen to share with me how their individual scientific investigations (science boards) are developing. This is a great segway into the learning experiences our Y4 - Y8 students will have when they attend the Science Roadshow on Wednesday 29th May.

On Monday 6th May six of our Y5 - Y8 students represented Waitoki School at the World Vision Youth Leadership Conference in Auckland. Throughout the day the students explored topics such as climate change, pollution and how they can take action to make a difference. Our tamariki who attended found the day really worthwhile.



There are a couple of opportunities coming up for our students to connect with other learners from the schools in our Kaipara Kāhui Ako. Next week, on Friday 24th May, we have a group of 19 tamariki going to the Wānanga at Helensville Primary. In preparation for the inter school Rippa competition later in the term we have Rippa Activations coming into school for four sessions over the next few weeks to help to train our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support with our Monday sausage sizzle to help the Waitoki School AIMS Games Squad's fundraising efforts. Special thanks to

Dominique and Des Paul from **JAD Contracting** for sponsoring the weekly sausage sizzle, it is greatly appreciated. The AIMS students will also be running a car wash on Sunday 26th May from 10am to 1pm, along with a market stall and a bake sale, so come along, get your car washed for \$10 and buy some home baking for afternoon tea!



Reminder: There is a whānau hui on **Tuesday 28th May at 6.30pm in Ruma Tekau** to showcase the Y7 & Y8 curriculum at Waitoki School. This is an opportunity to learn more about how we deliver the intermediate level curriculum, hear the perspectives of our current Y7 & Y8 students and to answer any questions you might have which may help you to identify if Waitoki School is the school of choice for your soon to be Y7 child. Everyone is welcome to come along although the meeting is aimed at parents with children in Y5 & Y6.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome Ariah to the New Entrants room. Please give her a warm Waitoki welcome if you see her around!



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 24th May)

New parents afternoon tea—Tues 21st May at 1.45pm

Wānanga at Helensville—Fri 24th May

Rippa Rugby Activations—Fri 24th May, Fri 7th June, Fri 14th June & Fri 21st June

AIMS Games Car wash & Bake sale—Sun 26th May

Whānau Hui—Tues 28th May 6.30pm in Rūma Tekau (Yr 7 & 8 curriculum)

Yr 4-8 Science Roadshow—Wed 29th May

Teacher Only Day—Fri 31st May (school closed)

Kings Birthday Weekend—Mon 3rd June (school closed)

Garden To Table Bake Sale—Thurs 6th June

School photos—Tues 18th June

Jumping June—Mon 24th June

Matariki celebration—Wed 26th June at 7.40am

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

Matariki—Fri 28th June (school closed)

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

In other news

Jumping June

We are pleased to launch our charity fundraiser – *Jumping June!* This is a sponsored programme through which we hope to raise much needed funds for The Heart Foundation. The event will be held on **Monday 24th June** giving students **five weeks** to get excited and to collect online sponsorship for their big day!

Today each child will have brought home their sponsorship form with their newsletter, which will contain further details. Please also refer to the attached Jumping June parent letter in the email version of the newsletter.

New parents afternoon tea

Next week on Tuesday 21st May, we will be holding a new parents afternoon tea in the staff kitchen. It's a great opportunity to meet other new parents, and have a chat to Jules McCourt and Sharon Hartley.

sKids open on Teacher Only Day

On Friday 31st May, sKids is open for childcare if you need it for the Teacher Only Day. Please follow this link to book your child in—<https://enrolmy.com/skids-bumblers-limited/book-now/78-Light-Up-the-Sky-Teacher-Only-Day>

Garden to Table Bake Sales

We are delighted to be holding our annual Garden to Table Bake Sale again this year on **Thursday 6th June** straight after school. We were very successful last year selling out quite quickly. This year we are going to make it even bigger and better. By supporting our Bake Sale you are supporting our fabulous Garden to Table programme, where children learn to grow, harvest, prepare and share great vegetarian meals.

Matariki

On Wednesday 26th June, we will be holding a Matariki celebration in the morning, kicking off at 7.40am. There will be a bonfire, hot chocolate (please can each family member bring their own mug), and the Kapa Hapa group will be performing. If there is a parent who is willing to set up the bonfire for us and bring some wood (we have a fire pit) please get in touch with Katrina Selfe—kselfe@waitoki.school.nz On the day, please can your child wear their herd colours.

Community news

Swimming pool up for grabs

A swimming pool is being removed in the Waitoki Village on 4th and 5th June. The pool is 9m x 4m (so will need a permit) has a shallow end and stairs, and is 30 years old, so will need a repaint. But otherwise its in good condition! The pool is free, the only cost will be delivery fees. If you are interested, please call Ian on 021 928 779.

