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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

Our tamariki in Y4 - Y8 had a fabulous day when they went to Murrays Bay for the Science Roadshow on Wednesday. Along with watching two engaging shows, our students had the opportunity to explore the hands-on displays and experiments. Highlights for the children were the exploding elephant toothpaste and learning about how a human digests a piece of bread.

We held a Whānau Hui on Tuesday evening to share our Intermediate programme with the community and the senior school teachers did a fabulous job showcasing the Y7 & Y8 curriculum at Waitoki School. We have shared the slide show and information booklet with those Y6 parents who were not able to attend the meeting. We are also planning a Open Morning for all our current Y6 students later this term so that they can learn more about intermediate at Waitoki. More details about this opportunity to follow shortly.

Unfortunately Waitoki School has been the target of vandalism over the past few weeks, with damage being caused to some of our school buildings. We are in the process of upgrading our security camera system and are working closely with the Police to resolve this issue. This vandalism is occurring in the evening or at the weekend when no staff are on site so if you do observe anything suspicious, please let us know. We want to say a massive thank you to Peter Mason and the team from Optic Security Group for generously providing their time and equipment at a significantly discounted price. We are incredibly grateful.

Our AIMS students had to cancel the car wash on Sunday due to bad weather but we were still able to go ahead with the marketplace stalls and bake sale on Monday after school. A special shout out to David Cooper from Hooper CA for donating \$250 towards our AIMS Games fundraising effort, it is greatly appreciated. We will not have a sausage sizzle fundraiser next week (Monday 3rd June) due to the long weekend.

Reminder: School will be closed on **Friday 31st May** for a Ministry directed Teacher Only Day. Teachers will all be at school involved in professional development related to the science of learning and the implementation of the new curriculum. SKIDs will be open for those parents requiring childcare.

Have a wonderful long weekend and enjoy King's Birthday. I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school at 8.30am on Tuesday 4th June.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome Charlotte to the New Entrants room and Megan in Ruma Rua. Please give them both a warm Waitoki welcome if you see her around!



Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 17th May, we had Pink Shirt Day—a day dedicated to working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. Thank you for all the generous donations—we raised \$183.70.



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 7th June)

Rippa Rugby Activations—Fri 7th June, Fri 14th June & Fri 21st June (in-school lessons)

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

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

School photos—Tues 18th June

Netsafe parent meeting—Tues 18th June at Helensville School

Garden To Table Bake Sale—Thurs 20th June (Please note the date change for this)

Jumping June—Mon 24th June

Yr 7-8 Snowplanet Trip —Tues 25th June

Matariki celebration—Wed 26th June at 7.40am

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

Matariki—Fri 28th June (school closed)

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

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

In other news

Jumping June

This is just a reminder to sign up for 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** (they will be skipping at school to reach their goals) giving students **a few weeks** to get excited and to collect online sponsorship for their big day! Please chat with your child's teacher if you are unsure how to sign your child up.

Spare clothes

Please ensure that you are packing spare clothes for your child during these colder, wetter months. Accidents do happen, and we have a limited supply of spare clothes.

Library

Our “new library” has been used by the classes over the past 3 weeks, and we've loved having this refreshed space for our children to gather in and rediscover the joy of reading in a beautiful environment. Thank you again to Donna, Melissa and the wonderful organisers of the Ladies High Tea, which was held last year, for raising the funds to make this space a fresh and welcoming space for our Tamariki. And THANK YOU to everyone for donating books during the Book Fair, giving us new resources for the students.



Build a Buddy Bench with Bunnings

Bunnings Silverdale joined us last week on Tuesday 21st May to collaborate with some of our students to build a 'Buddy Bench'. The Buddy Benches was invented to combat loneliness and bullying in schools. These benches are provided on school playgrounds as a way for students to signal to others that they are feeling lonely and isolated and need a friend to play with or someone to talk to. Once it's completed, we will be placing it in a special spot in the school.

