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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Teena koutou,

It has been a busy last few weeks with only another four to go before we break for the Summer holidays. Our Koowhai students went to the Ruawaro Combined School's Junior Gym Day and had a blast! Thank you to all parent drivers and supervisors for coming along and supporting our younger students with another great opportunity that the Huntly West Rural Schools Cluster provides for us. On Friday 22nd November, our year 4-8 students will go to the Glenn Massey Senior Athletics Day. This will be the last cluster event for the year. We wish them good luck and good fun!

Last week we had Harold the Giraffe visiting us with the Life Education van. Our students learned about healthy food choices, our digestive system, and healthy strategies to implement to maintain a healthy mind as well. Years 6 - 8 students had talks about the changes that occur in our body and mind when we go through puberty. Find some photos from Harold's visit further in this newsletter.

With the weather becoming sunny, we are preparing to hopefully have the pool open for swimming in the last couple of weeks of the term. When that happens, we will send a notice home to remind students to bring their togs every day to ensure we can provide swimming skills and swimming safety lessons before the holidays start.

Further on a summer safety note, please send students to school with their named, personal sun lotion from home if they can't use the sun lotion that we provide at school. We encourage students to use sun protection regularly but please have a chat with your children as well to follow this healthy habit.

Lastly, school photos have been taken and we hope to receive the ordered copies in the next two weeks. A big shout-out to Miss Cassidy and Ellery for lending their tractor as this year's awesome prop! Have a good rest of the week.

Ngaa manaakitanga,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal / Tumuaki



Friday Pie Day

Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (Pie, sausage rolls, toasted sandwich etc) for lunch in the pie warmer. Please let them know to give their wrapped (not clingfilm), named food to a teacher in the morning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eric who turns 12 on the 28th of November

Mason Dawson will be 7 on the 29th of November



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

NEWSLETTER DATES TERM 4

Wednesday 23rd Oct.
Wednesday 6th Nov.
Wednesday 20th Nov.
Wednesday 4th Dec.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 22nd November
Cluster Athletics Day
Glen Massey School
- Tuesday 26th November
Technology Year 7/8
- Tuesday 10th December
Technology Year 7/8
- Friday 13th December
Prize Giving @ 5:00pm
- Tuesday 17th December
Last Day Term 4
- Wednesday 29th
January
First Day Term 1 2025



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Play Group

On the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 9.30am, the playgroup gets together at the Waikaretu School Community library.

All pre-schoolers welcome! Please contact Catherine Hore: 021 1137770 cathhore@hotmail.com

WAIKARETU SCHOOL
PRIZE GIVING
Friday 13th December
@ 5:00pm

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THE WAIKARETU WAY



Poohutukaawa Room Life Education Trust Visit

Last week we had a visit from Herald the Giraffe and Holly From Life Education Trust. Sadly for Jasper, being our year 8 student, it was the last visit from Harold he will ever have. He had a personal goodbye from Harold wishing him all the best for High School.

We are so proud of our kids as this is what Holly had to say after her visit to our school: "Thank you so much for having Life Education at Waikaretu School, it was such a pleasure. What an amazing community of engaged students and teachers in an absolutely serene location. This experience made me very much want to move into the area. I very much look forward to coming back next year!"



Koowhai Room Life Education Trust Visit



It was exciting in Harold's van with different kinds of lighting and even stars on the ceiling. We went on a journey into our digestive system. Harold was there to greet us and Holly taught us lots of things.



Junior Games at Ruawaro School



Ayla playing indoor bowls.



Jack having a throw in ring toss



Ben and Lincoln for the horse race.



Mason with his winning marker for gumboot throw.

Garden To Table



Our school is looking for a volunteer to take on 2 hours a week to show a handful of senior students how to look after, harvest and prepare food to share. The successful applicant will have some interest in growing vegetables. You don't need any special skills in gardening, cooking or teaching as full support is given through the Garden to Table programme to plan for the 2 hours. Please contact principal@waikaretu.school.nz for more information or to apply.

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