



Waituna West School

“NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING”

WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 4 Week 10 Wednesday 13th December 2023

14th December - End Of Year Prizegiving

15th December - Last Day of Term 4

17th December - Community Christmas BBQ

2023 Community Survey

Attached to the Newsletter you will find the responses to the 2023 Community Survey, thank you to all the families who took part in this. Please remember that you can contact us at any time.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in Term 1 of 2024 and this is a great opportunity to include the whole community in supporting our students reading, people can buy books for themselves, their family or donate them back to the school so please spread the word around about this and see if we can raise the roof!! The week starts with our Community Barbecue on Friday 16th February and we ask you to bring as many people along as possible to this, it is then followed by a week of books on display in the school library. Full details to follow but please bear it in mind for next year.

Water Play Monday

The students and staff had a great time on Monday and the water was flying! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their soaking and a great amount of fun was had by all. Thank you to everyone for being such great sports and making the day enjoyable for all ages!



Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi



As an old net withers, another is made.

Our Term 4 Whakatauki



Very Happy Christmas Greetings to the Waituna West School community, to our students, staff, parents and wider community members. We wish you all a very happy and safe festive season and thank you for all you have done with and for us in 2023. Our school is made up of so many people and we would like to thank every single one for all the help and support they have given us through the year, for every job they have volunteered for, cars driven, sports watched and all the million and one other things that happen here - THANK YOU ALL!!! We wish everyone who is leaving us this year a very fond farewell and every success in their new endeavours wherever that may be, and know that you will be missed greatly. We look forward to welcoming back old and new friends at the start of the next new term on Wednesday 31st January 2024.

Beach Education Day

Although the weather wasn't ideal, everyone had a great day at Himitungi Beach on our Beach Education Day on Tuesday. We all learned a lot about safety in and around the water and what to look out for at the beach for our own and other people's safety. The day ended with a play at the park and a barbecue which our very hungry students enjoyed with gusto. Thank you to all parents and families who came to help on the day and to our students for being so well behaved, you are a credit to our school!



Waituna West School Float At Christmas Parade

Wow, what a weekend! Thank you to everybody who helped build the Waituna West School Christmas Parade Float - you did a spectacular job and it was really great to see Waituna West School out there being promoted around the streets of Feilding. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to all the families whose children were on the float - they looked fantastic and we are very grateful to have such artistic talent in our school!



Waituna West Church Service

What a magical time we had on Sunday at the Waituna West Church Carol Service, our school choir were just delightful and sang their hearts out accompanied by a Tongan Brass Band from Palmerston North, they had never practised performing together before and it came together marvellously, the children were just brilliant and when the band got louder they sang even lustier! Very well done to you all, you looked like angels and you sang like angels too, a really brilliant start to Christmas. Thank you to Mel, Rebekah and Erin for leading this and giving us such a wonderful performance.



Can we please remind all Year 8 students to register for Online For Nine which will be taking place at Kiwitea Hall from 9am - 3.00pm on Thursday 25th January 2024

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Our Year 8 students joined the Oroua Cluster schools for their Leavers Dinner last Wednesday and had a fun evening together at Kimbolton Hall. We will miss this group of young people and we are very proud of who they are and what they have become as they have travelled through their school journey with us. We now look forward to hearing what they achieve in the future. Good Luck and very Best Wishes to you all.

