



Waituna West School

“NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING”

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – Term 1 Week 3 Wednesday 14th February 2024

Upcoming Events:-

Friday 16th February - Book Fair Launch at the Community Barbecue and School Open Evening

Tuesday 20th February - School Triathlon (*postponement date Wednesday 21st February*)

Friday 23rd February - Oroua Cluster Triathlon (*postponement date Friday 1st March*)

Friday 8th March - Oroua Cluster Swimming Sports

Linda Campbell

Donations:-<https://www.awahuri-forest-kitchener-park.nz/donate>

Linda worked tirelessly in the educational programme at Awahuri Forest Park, we as a school directly benefited from this as she led us through the reserve last year. Her wishes were anyone wishing to make a donation in her memory could, so please donate if you can to this worthy cause.

Working Bee

A very big thank you to everyone who came and helped with this, we got an awful lot done and your work is very much appreciated. Special thanks to David Greenfield for coordinating the many jobs, a superb effort and we really appreciate the mahi that went in! Our school looks awesome!.



Scholastic Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair for the week beginning Friday 16th February. The boxes of books have arrived and all look very exciting! The Book Fair will be launched at the school and community barbecue and the books will be available to buy all the following week. 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!! EFTPOS will be available to pay for books throughout the week.



Birthday greetings this week to Braxton Jacobs who is turning 12 on 15th February. We send him our very Best Wishes.

Vegetable Gardens

Thank you to everyone who raised a vege garden this year, thank you to the students and to the parents who helped them. We appreciate the work that goes in to them and congratulate everyone for their efforts. A very big thank you to Elizabeth Patching, our judge this year, she has an extensive knowledge of gardens and horticulture and we appreciate all her advice and the skills she has. Elizabeth was just amazed at the quality of the gardens and found it very hard to judge as everyone did so well. Sincere thanks to you all

Below are the students who entered and the gardens they presented being judged by Elizabeth.



Manawatu District Council Civil Defence



Hamish and Braxton resuming the weekly Civil Defence Radio Checks every Wednesday at 9.15 am.

A special thanks to the Windley family for their donation to our school library at the end of last year, we really appreciate it and the money will go towards books of students choosing.

Community BBQ/Open Evening

- 5.30 start
- 5.55 Classroom Programmes- Teachers will outline their classroom programmes and plan for the year
- 6.15 Whole School 2024 Overview (15 minutes)
- 6.30 Assembly Prize Draw and Book Fair Launch

There will be some meat patties for the BBQ thanks to the Manawatu Dog Trials group, please bring something to contribute for the BBQ, a salad to share and whatever you like to drink. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

School Sheep

The school Farm will be an integral part of our local curriculum plan for 2024. We will be working alongside Chris Williamson to develop an annual plan, students have been invited to put forward expressions of interest in joining the Farm Group. Students from year 6-8 are eligible however the whole school will be involved in some capacity throughout the year. We need approximately 4 sheep to bring our stock up to optimal numbers given the current grazing potential. If you are able to donate a sheep, please contact either Gene or Chris.

Triathlon

We need quite a few adults to help with our annual triathlon next Tuesday. We would also appreciate some helpers for our triathlon practice on Monday. Please contact Ali as soon as possible if you are able to help. Bikes can be brought to school on Friday if you are attending the BBQ. They will be locked in classrooms over the weekend.

We have bags of beans from our school gardens for sale. \$2 a bag.



School Sun Hats

Community and School have very generously agreed to fully fund the school sun hats as they form part of the school uniform. These will be marked and re-issued at the beginning of each term, if you would prefer to purchase your child's hat to keep you can do this at the cost of \$30 per hat