



Waituna West School

“NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING”

WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 4 Week 4 Wednesday 1st November 2023

Upcoming Events:-

- 2nd November- Year 5 -6 Epro8 Inter School Event
9.30 am- 12.30 pm
- 3rd November - Bush School - **No Assembly**
- 15th November - Year 8 Science Day at FHS
- 20th November - Teacher Only Day
- 24th November - Oroua Cluster Athletics Day
- 28th November - BOT Meeting 6.00 pm Staffroom
- 28th November - Year 8 Trip to Foxton
- 6th December - Oroua Cluster Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- 12th December - Beach Education Day Himatangi Beach
- 14th December - End Of Year Prizegiving
- 15th December - Last Day of Term 4
- 17th December Community Christmas BBQ

Assembly Dates For Term 4

Friday 17th November
Friday 1st December Friday 15th December

From the Principal's Desk: After months if not years of anticipation, the Rugby World Cup final was upon us! Despite Waituna West sending out the good vibes, we didn't get the result we were hoping for! There's learning in everything and I shared with our akonga that we won't always win, even though we try our hardest and disappointment can be a part of life. What we do with that is the important thing. In education, we call this a 'Growth Mindset'. This is in contrast to a 'Fixed Mindset' and we explain it like this; A fixed mindset is saying "I can't do this!" A growth mindset is "I can't do this yet....." The main point is we approach challenges with an open mind, not focussing on the potential barriers. We shouldn't be afraid of failing or taking a risk, but know whatever happens, we tried our best.

Our sincerest thoughts are with the Kowalewski family at this time as we remember our former pupil.

Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te
rangatahi



As an old net withers, another is made.

Our Term 4 Whakatauki

Andrew Kowalewski

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Andrew Kowalewski on 26th October. Andrew was the youngest son of Vince and Mary Kowalewski, who were long time members of the Waituna West community. Like many of his siblings, he attended Waituna West School before going on to Feilding High School. Andrew died of natural causes while out for a run on Thursday night. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with his family. On Thursday our flag will fly at half mast in his memory.



Photo taken from the 2011 Waituna West School Magazine

Bush School

As the weather was not with us last Friday, we are hoping to hold Bush School lessons this Friday 3rd November using the same format as last week:
Room 2 - 9am - 11am Room 4 10.30am - 12.30pm
Room 1 12.00 - 2pm. If you are able to help at any of these times please let us know by Thursday. We are unable to run these sessions without parent helpers so please volunteer if you can!

Term 4 Sunwise

Please make sure that your child/ren always has a sunhat at school, even if the weather looks overcast, and please apply sunblock before school.

As there is going to, hopefully, be Bush School this Friday please note that there will be no Assembly on this day and no Sausage Sizzle - please send in students lunch as normal. Thank you!



Birthday wishes this week to Tiana Corbett who will be turning thirteen on 2nd November, very Happy Birthday Tiana!



We have some bags of sheep manure for sale, \$6 per bag. All proceeds will go towards the school gardens. Please contact Ali if you would like to purchase any - symonds@waitunawest.school.nz

Congratulations to Aggie Shearer who is the recipient of a Performing Arts scholarship to Nga Tawa College for 2024!



Congratulations to Kai for achieving so much in the 2023 National Gym Club Challenge - very well done

New Zealand Appreciate Your Principal Day

Today is 'Appreciate Your Principal Day' and Mr Moore was given a lovely surprise when he arrived at school this morning as his office had been 'decorated' and each of our pupils had given him a post-it note saying what was good about him - he got some lovely memories!! Congratulations Gene, you deserve every good wish for being such an outstanding principal and kind and dedicated leader!



