# Waituna West School "NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING"

# WEEKLY NEWS NOTE - Term 4 Week 1 Thursday 12th October 2023

#### Upcoming Events

13th October - Orienteering Competition Palmerston North

17th October - Constable Cree Visit

19th October - School Immunisations - Second Dose HPV & Tdap

20th October - School Pet Day

23rd October - Labour Day School Closed

24th October - Board Of Trustees Meeting 6.00 pm in staffroom

1st November Year 7-8 Epro8 Inter School Event 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm

2nd November Year 5 -6 Epro8 Inter School Event 9.30 am- 12.30 pm

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

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

Welcome to Term 4! This year has gone so guickly and we have a lot to fit into this new term so hold on to your hats and bear with us! Please be reminded that the Community Survey closes on Friday so can you please respond to this if you have not already done so, this is very helpful for us to know your views and things we could improve on as well as things that you are satisfied with, please have vour sav!

Thank you for letting us have your children's Bus Notes back, we start each term with a clean slate and only make changes when we hear from you - we cannot take instruction from the children. Thank you for letting us know of any changes day to day, the bus regime seems to be working well (please let us know if it isn't!).

Thank you also to everyone who purchases books through the Scholastic Book Club, for every dollar you spend on books for your children the school gets money back towards books and the teachers had a good buy up last term of Scholastic books which are now in use in the library - thank you for supporting this.

We are also grateful to everyone who partakes in the  $\ensuremath{\textbf{Fuels For}}$ School initiative, we are looking to purchase new sports equipment with the money raised this year which will be very useful to our students, likewise the Yummy Apple Stickers, this is another way of buying school sports equipment, just by eating apples (and sending us in the stickers of course!). This year's promotion ends on 20th October so could we please have all stickers in as soon as possible please.

Thank you to the Home and School Committee who have purchased a large outdoor chess set for the students, it is being very well used and enjoyed every break time.

With Pet Day approaching please feel free to contact the school with any questions or queries you may have, this is a fantastic day and is so well established we tend to forget that our newer families may not know certain things - no question is a daft question - so please do not hesitate in getting in touch, about anything not just Pet Day!

The School Photographer came in on Monday and you will soon be able to order the photographs taken, the students were commended on their good behaviour which was a bonus! Thank you for the joy that your children give us each day!

#### Welcome Back!

We warmly welcome Heidi Hare back from maternity leave, Heidi will be working throughout all classes on Thursdays for the remainder of the term.

#### School Hats

Term 4 sees the return of school hats, all students need a brimmed hat (not a cap).

#### **ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES FOR WEEK 10 TERM 3**

### ROOM 1

Murdoch Newcombe - Engaged - All round improvement in all curriculum areas, particularly your code words, number knowledge and ability to write complex and accurate sentences.

Audrey Hare - Engaged - Producing an excellent writing sample, full of precise word choices, language features and well crafted sentences. ROOM 2

Isabelle Welch - Adaptable - Welcome to school Isabelle. You have settled in so guickly and made lots of new friends. Your independence is amazing. Keep up your awesome start at school.

Tara Moar - Engaged - Your engagement and participation during our whole class literacy sessions is helping you to build greater understanding in your independent literacy work. Keep working hard.

# **ROOM 4**

Izzy Sinclair - Adaptable - Izzy you have joined our class seamlessly and have adapted well to all the changes. You have formed lovely friendships and you are happy to participate with all activities at Waituna West and you always do everything with a smile. It is a pleasure to have you in Room 4. Oliver Greenfield - Sense Of Self - Oliver you always just rise to the occasion. You are a dependable character and possess great confidence. You always bring a great sense of humour and positive attitude with you.

# There will be no Sausage Sizzle this week, please send in students packed lunch as normal

## **Congratulations!**

Our first team through to this years Epro8 Inter School Event are 'The Pro's' consisting of Ethel Rose O'Brien, Ben Gallen, Hunter Hughes and Andrew Will! The Year 7-8 Teams compete for their spot this afternoon! Good luck!





Happy Birthday this week to Tenley Richardson who turned 11 on 11th October and Murdoch Newcombe who turns 10 on 16th October. We would also like to give our very best birthday wishes to Emily Boyle who celebrated her birthday last week and also take this opportunity to thank her for keeping the grass mown and outside areas neat and tidy, she certainly makes a big difference to the overall look of the school. Thank You Emily!

#### Thank You

Thanks to Julianne McGregor for donating these books to our school library. We now have all of the Wonky Donkey stories in our school library!



**Epro8 Action!** 









