



Waituna West School

“NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING”

WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 4 Week 2 Wednesday 18th October 2023

Upcoming Events:

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

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

As we look to structure our classes for next year, we would really appreciate it if you could let us know if you are aware of anyone wanting to enrol for 2024.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Community Survey. This information gives us a sense of understanding of what our priorities might encompass over the next 3 years for Waituna West School. The survey has now closed.

We have embarked on a recycling programme to reduce our waste, throughout the last 12 months we have focussed on cardboard and paper, Mrs Robertson has been transporting our leftover items to the recycling centre and all classes are careful to ensure non-paper items go in the general waste collection. We will no longer be burning rubbish but instead ensuring our carbon footprint is reduced as much as possible. We have been enrolled in the 'Paper For Trees' programme which is sponsored by the Manawatu District Council. Through our recycling effort we were eligible for 20 native trees which were delivered to us last term.

These will be used to plant out the bike track area and enhance the biodiversity of our environment. We look forward to increasing our recycling effort over the coming months.



Ben Dittmer and Jack England with our native trees

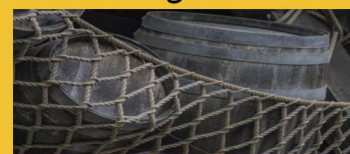
National Success for Waituna West!

Last term we took part in the Jump Jam 4 Starjam fundraiser with the money going towards the Starjam Charity - this is a movement for people with special needs to take part in a weekly programme of singing, dancing and socialising. We raised \$300 and in doing so won first place for raising the most \$ per student in the country! Great effort everyone, it was a fun day and we look forward to taking part again in 2024!



Prizes from Jumpjam for StarJam

Ka pū te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi



As an old net withers, another is made.

Our Term 4 Whakatauki

Pet Day 2023

Timings for Pet Day are as follows:

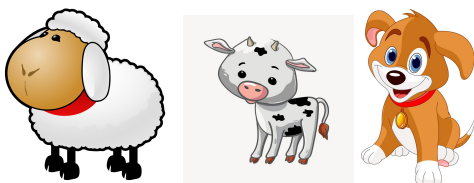
Morning Buses will run as normal for those that need them

9.00am	Arrive
9.30-9.45am	Playcentre Entries
9.45-10.00am	Morning Tea
10.00-11.45am	Judging of lambs, calves and domestic pets
12.00-12.30pm	Sausage Sizzle/Juicies lunch (provided by Home & School)
12.30-1.00pm	Prize-giving

Note: Diaries for lambs and calves are optional, they need to be handed in on **Thursday 19th October** so they can be judged through the morning. Diaries are only compulsory if a child wishes to be eligible for the Rowe McKinnon Cup or would like to enter the Manawatu-Oroua Division Boys and Girls Agricultural Club Day at Rongotea. They do not count towards the overall points prize at our Pet Day.

We are happy for you to take your child/ren with you at the conclusion of prize-giving although the buses will be running in the afternoon for those who need them and staff will be onsite until the end of the school day - please let the office know if you intend to use the bus or not.

Good luck everyone - we know you have put a lot of work into your pets and hope that you and your pet enjoy the day!



PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN ALL LAST YEARS PET DAY CUPS TO SCHOOL FOR CLEANING BEFORE FRIDAY!

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Birthday greetings this week to Andrew Will who turns 11 on 19th October and Wilma O'Brien who will be 8 on 21st October. We also wish Jenny Higham, one of our AMAZING Teacher Aides, a very happy birthday as she celebrated her special day on 16th October - very Best Wishes to you all!

House Rental Wanted

Does anyone know of any 3 or 4 bedroom houses for rent in the area please for a mum with 4 children - if you know of anything please contact the school.

Orienteering

Many congratulations to everyone who took part in the Orienteering Competition at The Esplanade in Palmerston North last Friday. Waituna West School did very well with Year 5-6 girls coming in 3rd and Year 7-8 coming in 2nd! Oliver Greenfield completed the course in the fastest time! Well done to everyone and we hope you enjoyed the day. Thanks to parents for transporting the children over to Palmerston North and being there to supervise on the day.

Be safe, be seen!

You won't miss us waiting for the bus! Constable Cree and Jaimee from Horizons visited us bringing new hi-viz vests and bag covers for our students! We also got some reflective slap bands all in the name of keeping our country kids safe on the country roads! Students need to wear them when travelling on the bus



Sheep Manure For Sale

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 -

symondda@waitunawest.school.nz

We need to replant our strawberry plants at school. Does anyone have any spare soil we could use for our replanting? Please contact Ali - symondda@waitunawest.school.nz

Harrisons School Garden Competition 2024

Each year our students have the opportunity to grow a vegetable garden, which will be judged for the school garden competition. The seedlings are kindly donated by Harrisons Garden Centre in Feilding and are handed out near the end of the school year. Gardens are judged at the beginning of the 2024 school year. Gardens need to be cared for **by the child**. Please do not enter the competition if your child is not serious about participating as Harrisons donate the plants at a significant cost to themselves. There is a junior section (Years 0-4) and a senior section (Years 5-8) in the competition. If your child would like to enter the competition or if you have any questions please e.mail Mrs Symonds by Friday 27th October - symondda@waitunawest.school.nz

Please note - to be eligible for the Rowe McKinnon Agriculture cup you need to enter the school garden competition (along with writing a pet diary and entering either a lamb or calf on Pet Day).