



# Waituna West School

"NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING"

## WEEKLY NEWS NOTE – Term 3 Week 9 Wednesday 13th September 2023

### Upcoming Events

- 14/15 September - Students Display of Historical Objects
- 21st September - School Council Mufti Day - future job attire
- 22nd September - Last Day of Term 3 - Assembly 12.00 - School closes 12.30
- 9th October - First day of Term 4 - **School Photographer**
- 19th October - School Immunisations - Second Dose HPV & Tdap
- 20th October - School Pet Day

Students are reminded to bring in their historical object with information relating to it on Thursday (tomorrow). Parents and friends please come and visit our temporary museum of historical artefacts on display in the hall on Friday between 10am and 3pm.

Next Thursday (21st September) the School Council are running a Mufti Day - the theme is to come dressed as the 'future you'! Please bring a gold coin donation and the students will be running a sausage sizzle.

A reminder that school finishes at 12.30 next Friday and there will be an end of term assembly at 12.00. Buses to run at 12.30 (please complete form on reverse) Staff will be on site until 3pm

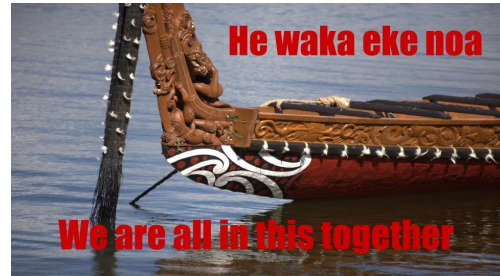
Principal: It has been a big week at Waituna West with the cross country being run in perfect conditions! Thank you to everyone who came down and supported all runners and a massive thank you to Kelly and Catherine Jacobs, Rose Hare, Craig Hogan, Tim Hare and Jenna Windley for assisting on the course. Kris Larsen did a fabulous job of coverage with his drone, we will put up some recordings in due course. Thank you to the Home and School Committee for keeping everyone fed and watered with tuckshop sales and sausage sizzles! It was a very successful day in every way with plenty of red on the dais!

Saturday night was a very special occasion celebrating the success of the Fat Lamb fundraiser. It was awesome to see a very big community turnout on the night and once again, the committee did a sublime job of creating a stunning ambience in the hall, the dinner was faultless and everyone pitched in. Once again thank you to Tony and Kay Gallen for their organisation of this event and for the many individuals who assisted throughout the months to make this another successful fundraiser. On behalf of our school, I would sincerely like to thank you!

Please acknowledge our sponsors if you get the opportunity to do so, we could have done it without them!

Gene Moore

Congratulations to Hamish Gallen on his effort at the Aims Games in Tauranga last week. Hamish represented Waituna West School in the individual swimming competition coming away with several personal best times over 9 separate events including 5 seconds off his individual 200m medley. Hamish loved being a part of this huge, national event for Year 7 and 8 competitors and he has set his sights on next year's games! Shot Hamish!



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - this week is Māori language week. We have included the following Māori alphabet and pronunciation guide to help you with your Te Reo Māori pronunciation.

### Alphabet and Pronunciation

The Māori Alphabet	
Consonants	h k m n ng p r t w wh
Vowels (short)	a e i o u
Vowels (long)	ā ē ī ō ū

r as in rabbit

ruru



\* some dialects pronounce r with a slight roll

t as in table

tēpu



w as in water

waka



whr as in fish

whareniū



\* some dialects pronounce wh as in winter

### Pronunciation

h as in house

bōiho



k as in kitten

kumara



m as in mountain

maunga



n as in necklace

noke



ng as in singer

ngeru



p as in paper

patu



Short Vowels

Long Vowels

a as in about



ā as in car



e as in enter



ē as in leg



i as in eat



ī as in peep



o as in awful



ō as in pack



u as in to



ū as in boat



\* these two vowels are voiced separately

### FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Please complete this form and return it to school on THURSDAY for the Sausage Sizzle on Friday:-

Name/s.....

Number of sausages ordered (\$2.00 each).....

Number of Juicies ordered (\$2.00 each).....

Money can be paid directly in to the school bank account - number 12-3442-0051458-00 reference Sausage Sizzle if required

**Continuing on from the last two weeks, some more memories....**

- Some of the schools had only 1 classroom and students were in the same class for the whole time they were at primary school.
- There was a 9 hole golf course at Tapuae. After the golf course closed the building was shifted to Waituna West School. It became the hall. Later it was shifted again and is now the Playcentre building.
- The maypole we still use came from Tapuae School
- The Waituna West school colours were still red and black.
- The hall used to be down in the village and students had to walk down to it. The road became too busy to have students walking on. The community did fundraising to move the hall to its current place.
- The Playcentre car park used to be the horse paddock.
- The New Zealand Prime Minister at the time, Robert Muldoon, flew to Waituna West to open the water scheme. It all got washed away in the 2004 floods.
- The playground area used to be very small and students were not allowed to go out on the back field.
- After being away from Waituna West for a while and seeing other parts of the world a previous student realised how fortunate we are to be living in an area like Waituna West and going to Waituna West School!

Many thanks once again for everyone who came and shared their memories with us, it meant a lot to the students and staff!

**Leavers Hoodies**

On Monday our Year 8's were presented with their Leavers Hoodies - this is the first year we have done this and the idea is for the current Year 8's to design a hoodie for the Year 7's which they can then wear during their final year at Waituna West School. The Student Council have been working very hard running Sausage Sizzles to pay for the hoodies and have been helped with a kind donation from the Home & School Committee. (Becca Hoyle absent)



**Last Day Of Term - Please complete and return to school**

On Friday 22nd September my child/ren (names)

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Will be taking the bus home at 12.30.....

Will be being collected from school at 12.30.....

**AIMS GAMES BY HAMISH GALLEN**

On Saturday Mum, Ben and I went up to Aims Games in Taurange. Aims games is a really cool experience for any year 7 and 8 that wants to do it. There are a whole heap of sports to choose from. I chose swimming. The Aims Games is one of the biggest swimming competitions I have ever been to, Over the 3 days I got 3 personal bests which was pretty cool. Thank you Mr Moore and staff for buying me an Aims Games hoodie, bag and cap. I really appreciate your support to me with my swimming thanks again. At Baywave pool where it was held there were about 400+ swimmers swimming in the same pool trying to do their warm up. It was very hard and there was not much room to sit. Aims is really cool and I am looking forward to doing it next year!!!!



Hamish with some of his Aims Games 2023 merchandise

**Election Day 2023**

Waituna West School will be used as a Polling Station at the upcoming General Election on Saturday 14th October



Happy Birthday to Kendyl Humphrey who is turning 11 on 19th September

**Marmalade For Sale**

We still have a few jars of delicious Grapefruit and Lime Marmalade which was kindly made for the Cross Country - each jar contains 450gms and cost \$5.00 each. Please contact the School Office if you would like to purchase a jar or two!

**Fat Lamb Colouring Competition**

We had some awesome entries for the Colouring Competition, thank you to all the students who entered, they were all amazing. Judging was a very hard task but the final winners were:-

- Room 1 - Ridge Fitz-Herbert
- Room 2 - Nora Hare
- Room 4 - Sam Clare

The winners were presented with a stack of prizes at Assembly on Monday morning - thank you to the Fat Lamb Committee and the sponsors for supplying the prizes, to Mrs Woodward for judging and to Tammy Corbett for her brilliant artwork!