Te Kura o Wainuioru Kawerongo

Wainuioru Newsletter

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Principal's Pānui

Kia ora e te Whānau o Wainuioru,

As we recognise Neurodiversity Celebration Week, we are also highlighting the "why" behind the specific ways we support our learners. At our school, we recognise that every brain is unique, not only in how it processes information but also in how it responds to the environment.
Modern neuroscience shows us that for a student to learn, they must first feel safe and connected. When a child's nervous system is overwhelmed, whether due to neurodivergent processing (like sensory overstimulation) or the effects of past stress and trauma, the "thinking" part of the brain can go offline.

To support this, our staff utilises trauma-informed practices. This means we don't just ask "What is wrong with this student?" but rather, "What is this student's brain telling us they need?

You may have heard your children talking about two of our school-wide practices that bridge the gap between neuroscience and the classroom:
Zones of Regulation: This framework helps students categorise their complex emotions into four coloured zones. By teaching children to recognise when they are in the Blue (low energy), Green (ready to learn), Yellow (high energy), or Red (frustrated/overwhelmed) zones, we give them the language to advocate for what their brain needs to get back to a "ready to learn" state.

We integrate this learning through circle time. We ensure that our school is a place where "thinking differently" is not just accepted, but supported by the very way we structure our day. When we lead with empathy and science, we create an environment where every student, regardless of their starting point, has the opportunity to flourish.

Ngā mihi nui,

Morgan Bunny



Our 17 Masterton Swimming Participants



Ngahape in the Kurahaupo waka



Agri kids teams

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Masterton Swimming champs

Our 17 qualifiers who competed at the Masterton cluster swim champs on Wednesday should be very proud of themselves. It is always so rewarding to be able to watch and cheer on our kids at these events. Thank you to the parents who supported the Rural team - special Mention to Emma B, Kara & Hannah from Whareama who helped manage the Rural team.
Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete at the Wairarapa swim champs on Wednesday 25th March:
Harlem, Maraea and Ngaio Williams, Ellie & Madelyn Walker, Hannah & Thea Wills, Penny Swindlehurst and Oscar Pearce.

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A Huge Thank You!

Our outdoor classroom tree artworks are starting to take shape. Each class has had a session with Kelsey and Marie learning about the native tree/plants that they have chosen to learn about.

We have been very lucky to have our generous Wainuioru School and Community Nursery pay for the majority of the paint that is needed for this big project. As well as paint donated by Rachel Morgan.

Aiden McWilliams and Masterton Mitre Ten Mega helped supply the plywood and deliver it onsite.

Marie Doole from Mataki Environmental has donated some brushes and also some items for the gardening group. We are lucky to have such a generous community, a huge thank you for getting behind this project!





Paora Pōtangaroa day @ Te Ore Ore Marae

Ngaumu joined Tinui, Whareama & Mauriceville school for a special day at Te Ore Ore Marae, we were hosted by Rangitāne and Ngāti Kahungunu. The event honoured Paora Pōtangaroa, one of Wairarapa's most influential tipuna, and commemorates the opening of the Te Ore Ore Marae meeting house in 1881.

It was an engaging day where students experienced:

A Living History Lesson, games, waiata & waka –

We also headed to Aratoi to explore the Kurahaupo waka.

A special and significant day out where connections were strengthened.



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Assembly Celebrations



Ben and Ash



Ferg and Rosa



Johnny T and Ava



Lucy & Willow



Ava & Hudson



Eloise, Tuisuva and welcome Matthew



Maia, Heidi, James, Max & welcome Ariki

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School Buses



We always do our best to tweak systems to ensure they are as efficient as possible for everyone regarding school bus runs.
There is a large number of changes coming in daily at the moment. Please ensure you inform the office before 2.30pm if there is an afternoon change.
Please ensure morning changes are communicated by 7.30am so our drivers know who they are picking up and can start their runs without needing to check phones whilst driving.

In Term 4 2025 we started working on a Bus Handbook for our school, this will be publicised after the next Board meeting and will go up on our website.

Communication



Teacher

Please remember if you wish to get a hold of your classroom teacher that they will be working with your child/ren between 8:30am - 3:00pm. Please contact them for catch ups outside this time. If you need a meeting then phone the school to arrange this with the teacher. Any concerns regarding your child should be firstly raised with the classroom teacher.

Principal

If you have raised a concern with the classroom teacher and feel your concern has not been addressed please contact the principal to have a discussion or meeting. These can be scheduled during the day and will be followed up by the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Board of Trustees

If you do not feel that your concern raised with the principal has been addressed, your next step is to get a hold of the board of trustees - if the concern is in regards to school policy.
secretarybot@wainuioru.school.nz
Please ensure your conversations are in fair and polite manner where everyone's dignity and feelings are kept in consideration.
Please use this guide to help you through the communication process with us.

Sausages wanted

Our freezers are running low, if you have homekill meat or any sausages you would like to donate to our Friday sausage sizzle that would be greatly appreicated.
We are after more parents to add to the Friday roster - as it is an 11 week term in Term 2. If interested please contact Kelly in the office.



Term One Events

Wednesday 28th January - Thursday 2nd April

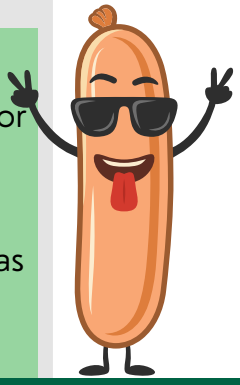
Week Nine

Monday 23rd March Rippa Rugby festival
Monday 23rd - 25th March - Junior Equestrian festival
Wednesday 25th March Poroporo Aratoi trip
Wednesday 25th March Wairarapa Swim champs
Friday 27th March Mandarin lesson 3
Friday 27th March 7&8 Tech

Week Ten

Wednesday 1st April Fernuhurst food forest trip
Thursday 2nd April House competition
Thursday 2nd April Last day of term 1
Friday 3rd April Good Friday

We will have the calendar function on HERO up and running for Term 2



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Thanking our Sponsors

A big thank you to the businesses who've signed up to the Fuel for Schools initiative, your support is making a real difference.

If you're keen to get involved and support our school, contact our local Sales Manager, Bernie Illston, on 027 702 0105. He'll be happy to help.

Maungahina Trust Independent Trucking Limited Lister Works Mt Royal Contracting Limited R M Southey Cobden Land Company Limited	Kieran Oliver Contracting Ltd Kahuiti limited Wayne Loader Pariroa Farm Bagshot Limited Te Hau Holding Ltd Limestone Land Company Limited
Cobden Land Company Limited Lagoon Hill Road Matapihi Farm Te Awa Limited Taniwha Marine NZ Limited Arrowline Fencing Limited KAYJAY Cattle co Pukekowhai Farms	Brown Trout Limited Willys Way Colab Creations ltd Riverbend Partnership Cobden Land Company Limited Roydon Trust - Bramerton Station Wai Iti rams
If you're keen to support our school, get in touch with our local Sales Manager, Bernie Illston, on 027 702 0105 — he'll be happy to help. Thanks to this initiative, we've already raised $15,000!	

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Notice Board

Kia ora

Hockey Wairarapa is pleased to welcome you to the 2026 season of hockey, and we hope the start of the new school year have been a positive start for you all, apart from a few windy days!

The new board is focused on ensuring that we support schools to play and grow the hockey player base for the future. To do that we believe we must invest in young players.

We have decided to revamp the Funsticks (years 1 & 2) program and propose partnering with schools to deliver this program at Clareville turf. We want to make these sessions fun while introducing the basics of the hockey game, so preparing our young people well for many years of playing the game.

Last year the Funsticks program was priced at $65 per head and sold directly We are proposing that this year we work with you to make the program part of the school hockey program offer and we are suggesting a mixed team approach with a 6-child team costing $195 This would cost half last year's price per head.

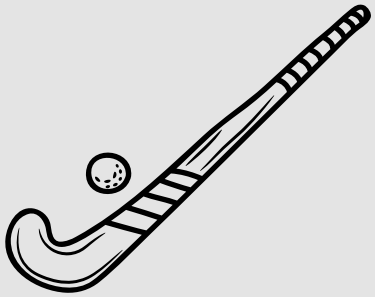
To remind you the school junior grade programs available this year are:

- **Fun Sticks (Years 1 & 2)**
- **Mini Sticks (Years 3 & 4)**
- **Kiwi Sticks (Years 5 & 6)**
- **Kwik Sticks (Years 7 & 8)**

All these programs are loaded on to Play HQ and visible to be unloaded with your team and player details.

HOCKEY

If you are wanting to sign your child up for Hockey this year please complete this google form
See seperate HERO post for further details.
Register your interest by
Tuesday 24th March



Gladstone Netball Club - Netball Year 5-8

Kia ora,
We are looking forward to another term of year 5-8 netball
Details below:
Who: girls and boys in years 5-8
When: Tuesdays, Rounds starting from 4pm
Where: Colombo Road Netball Courts, Masterton
First game: 28th April
Last game: 11th August
More info: see futureFERNS for more information about how the game is played for these age groups.
Please register by 31st March via this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclNKvX9SUwNCNKzQfK31Knk2FXZIyjKn0xs1zMMXo6Qq7uCg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Any questions please email gladstonenetballclub@gamil.com

Vacancies

JOIN OUR TEAM!

BUS DRIVERS WANTED – CASUAL & RELIEF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Wainuioru School is seeking friendly, reliable bus drivers to join our team. We are a small rural school located just 20 minutes from Masterton, and we operate three bus routes covering Tauweru, Ngāumu and Bideford Corner, with morning and afternoon runs.

We have regular, relief, and casual driving opportunities available, operating a 22-seater Coaster bus and a 17-seater Transit van.

Applicants must hold a full driver's licence and passenger endorsement, and be able to pass a police vet (we're happy to support the right person to gain the required endorsements). Most importantly, we're looking for someone who enjoys working with children and is keen to be part of a supportive, community-focused rural school.

To apply: Please contact Morgan Bunny, Principal – principal@wainuioru.school.nz for further details.

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CLEANER WANTED

Wainuioru School is seeking a reliable, friendly cleaner to join our team.

We are a small rural school located just 20 minutes from Masterton. This role is for 12 hours per week, and the hours are flexible and can be negotiated for the right person.

The role involves general cleaning duties around the school. We're happy to share a full job description upon request.

Most importantly, we're looking for someone who takes pride in their work, enjoys being part of a supportive school community, and helps us keep our school welcoming and safe for our tamariki.

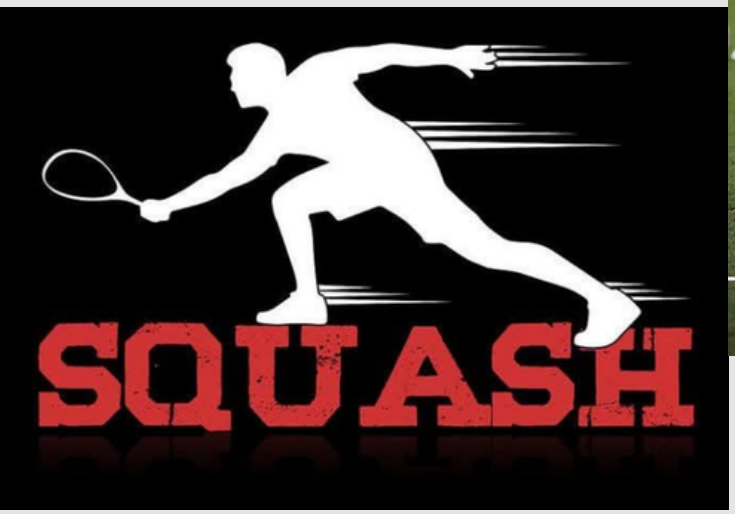
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Want to get your child to try a new sport then bring them down to Red Star Squash Club on Herbert Street in Masterton on Saturday March 7th 10am to 12pm to come and give it a go on our Junior Open Day.
Gear is provided and it's FREE.
Any queries, please contact Eugene on 0221575039.