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Waituna Creek Kura

Newsletter #6

Monday 11th April 2022

Kia Ora,

At the conclusion of our first term of 2022 we are looking forward to having everyone here on Wednesday afternoon for an Assembly. Please wear a mask. It will start promptly at 2.15 to ensure we finish in time for a cuppa and a chance for everyone to visit the classrooms to see our work. We are very proud of our accomplishments for Term 1.

There will be no school on Thursday as this will be a Teacher Only Day. These allocated days are invaluable, where the staff spend time planning for the rest of the year, discussing students learning needs and gathering resources for upcoming topics.

Term 2 will start on Monday 2nd May and it will be a busy term with miniball, winter sports and the opening of the pou up at the White Horse Monument. Our pou has been installed along with the others if you wish to take a look during the holidays.

As next term is a winter term, the holidays are a great time to check clothing is named so we can return jumpers etc to the correct student. The lost property box grows at a phenomenal rate during Terms 2 and 3 and if clothing is named we can just return it directly.

As miniball is starting in the first week please ensure you have paid your sub to the school before the first game.

We have just received our RATS test allocation and if you would like to have a box of 5 tests please let Rachel know. We also have boxes of masks available as well.

We all hope you have a wonderful holiday and return for Term 2 ready for an enriching dynamic learning environment enabling Waituna Creek students to make new discoveries and problem solve challenges.

Bronwyn

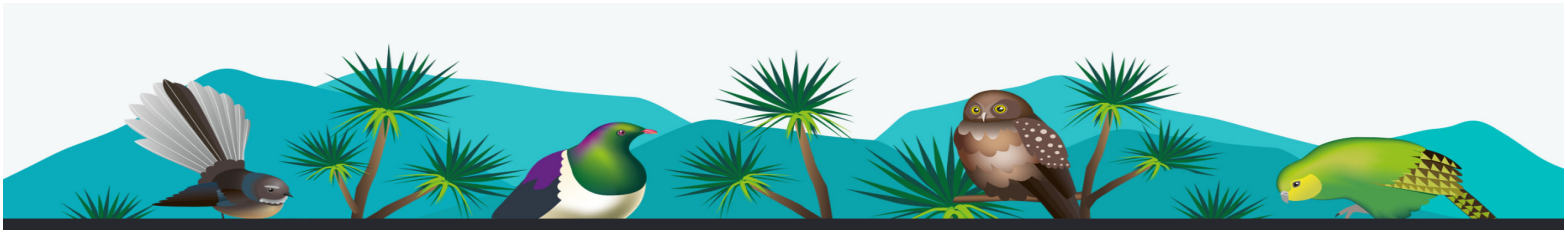


Policies and Procedures - SchoolDocs

The policies that are being reviewed in Term 1 are:-

- Health and Safety Management
- Emergency, Disaster and Crisis Management


We invite parents/caregivers to visit the site at <https://waitunacreek.schooldocs.co.nz/> and participate in reviews. Our username is "waitunacreek" and password "school7978". If any help is required please contact the school office.



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Communication via Skool Loop and Email Check

Our main form of communication is through the Skool Loop App. Notices, permissions for school trips/activities, absences, newsletters, booking school interviews, the school calendar, and links to email and the school website are all accessible through Skool Loop. Please note that you should regularly check that you have the latest version uploaded to your device to ensure that everything is working efficiently.



Our school uses The Skool Loop App to communicate and send important information. Please check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version and receiving all school news.

The app undergoes regular maintenance and updates throughout the year. Check your app store to ensure your phone is running the latest version!

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Skool Loop UPDATE

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In addition we also send some notices and the newsletter via email through our Student Management System. There have been problems with some email addresses such as hotmail, outlook and yahoo. Please ensure that you have added 'etap.co.nz' to your safe sender list. You can check if you are receiving emails when the newsletter is sent each fortnight as the newsletter should also be received by you via email. Please let us know if you are not receiving the newsletter fortnightly via email as we are currently working with our Student Management System provider to identify any problems.

Please remember that our main form of communication is through Skool Loop. All communication is available on this app. If you do not have access to Skool Loop, you must let us know so that we are aware that you may not be receiving all notices, newsletters etc. from school.

Waimate District Library
has a great take-home school holiday programme planned for the Easter break:
Flight School!
Visit the Library from 13 April and pick up your free pack.
Play, learn and be in the running to win some cool prizes.



Release the Music in you!

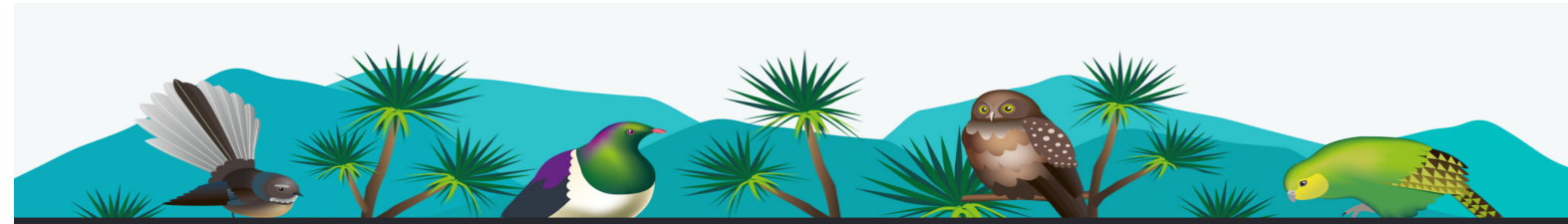
Music Lessons

Piano, Vocals, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Ukulele, and Theory!

Group or individual lessons are taught by experienced musicians in our studios and at various schools

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CLASSROOM NEWS

RURU

It is so hard to believe that Term 1 of this year is almost over. The leaves are falling and the end of daylight savings took a wee bit of adjusting too - although the kids seemed to handle it just fine!! Our classroom is full of the activities we have done this term and everyone is looking forward to showing off their work to family and friends. We are so excited to be having an assembly this Wednesday afternoon and it's hard to believe that a couple of our Rurus have never taken part in one before.

These holidays see the end of 'sunhat season' - yay! The kids were so good at never questioning the need to wear one, especially on all those 'not so summery' days! Next term the food warmer is up and running again, ready to heat up lunches on those chilly days we know are coming.

We won't be sending home a portfolio of your child's work with them this term. Instead they will bring a report home nearer the end of Term 2. If you do have questions, concerns or would just like to touch base with us before then, please feel free to get in touch anytime.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoy your two weeks free of school routines!

Take care

Rochelle Macmillan and Bronwyn Lawrie

PIWAKAWAKA

It has been a long but busy term in Piwakawaka. The children have all settled into the routines of the classroom and have applied themselves fully to all learning opportunities. I think their biggest achievement this term has been writing and the children are all very excited to share a selection of their work in our first assembly on Wednesday (so no classroom photos this newsletter). It will be a lovely way to end the term and we hope that you are able to join us.

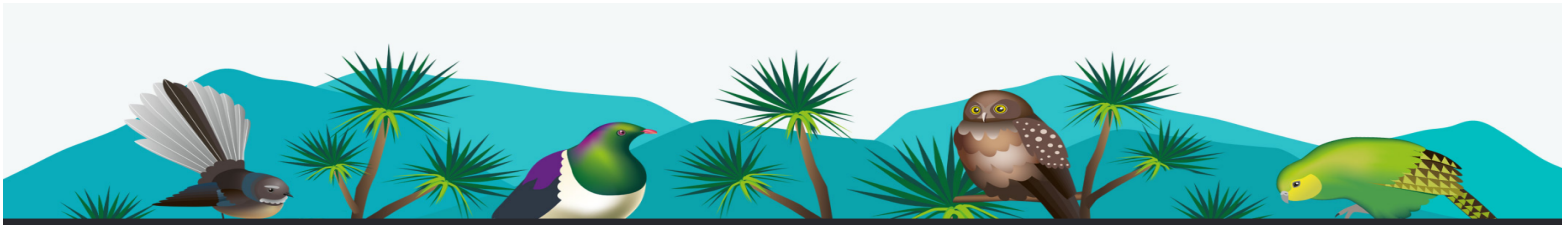
Term 2 is already shaping up to be a big one and I am hoping that a change to the traffic light system may open up some out of school events for the children e.g Jump Jam - although I have not received any information yet. I would like to thank all Piwakawaka parents for their continued support through another COVID affected term and hope that you all have a fabulous Easter and School Holiday break.

Many thanks

Moragh



Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter and relaxing holiday



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IMPORTANT DATES

Some of these dates are subject to change. Keep an eye out on skool loop notices, calendar and emails.

Term 1	
Tuesday 12th April	Subway
Wednesday 13th April	School Assembly - 2:15pm
Thursday 14th April	End of Term 1 - Teachers Only Day
Term 2	
Monday 2nd May	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 10th May	Subway
Tuesday 24th May	Subway
Monday 6th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 7th June	Subway
Tuesday 21st June	Subway
Friday 24th June	Matariki Public Holiday
Tuesday 5th July	Subway
Friday 8th July	End of Term 2
Term 3	
Monday 25th July	Start of Term 3
Monday 26th September	South Canterbury Anniversary Public Holiday
Friday 30th September	End of Term 3
Term 4	
Monday 17th October	Start of Term 4
Monday 24th October	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th December	End of Term 4

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