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Waituna Creek School

Newsletter #1

15th February 2021

Dear Parents, whanau and friends of Waituna Creek,
Kia ora, magandang umaga,

It has been a great start to the school year! Two short weeks have allowed us to ease back into the routines and catch up on holiday news with friends. This year we welcome some new students to Waituna Creek School. Jax Ward has joined us from Glenavy, Cecily Rosling-Heppell joins us from Te Puke, Emily Heeren comes to us from St Patrick's School in Waimate and Alex Moore joins the Ruru room. A big welcome to all our new students!

We had a great first week of swimming last week focusing on water safety and water survival skills. Our second week of swimming will take place in term four. We also had a visit from our old friend Harold from the Life Education Trust. The children are always excited to spend time in the van and enjoy the lessons that Jan and Rudi have planned for them.

This week's Meet the Teacher afternoons have been postponed due to the move to Covid 19 Alert Level 2. We will keep you updated as soon as we can confirm new dates.

School Donations

This year there has been some changes to this arrangement. Instead of the previously voluntary school donation made by parents the school will now be funded \$150.00 per NZ resident student. This funding will cover extra activities we undertake at school including the following areas:

- Life Education Van- \$4.50 per child
- Kiwi Sport- \$10.00 per child
- Swimming Transportation (Bus) costs - \$21.00 per child (cost per trip / child x the amount of trips we go on)
- Pool Hire - \$11.50 per child approx for year
- Art and Craft supplies for special event days at school (Easter, Christmas Parade, Fundraising Days, Pet Day and, A & P Show Entries) - approx \$35.00 per child.
- ODT Extra (Seniors students) \$7.15 per child

If you still have school donations payable from the 2020 school year we would be very grateful to receive these, as these have been budgeted to offset costs from last year.

BOT Vacancy

We have a vacancy in our school BOT due to a trustee relocating. If you feel you would like to join our team please contact Greig on botchair@waitunacreek.school.nz

School Bus Service

- An extension for our school bus service and routes can be sought by the school if we have four or more children requiring pickup and set down from a particular stop. There are clear Ministry requirements and they make the decision on where our bus route and pick ups are. This link clearly shows your



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entitlements and requirements.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/transport/>

- Our Ministry controller is Craig Reynolds: Email: ST.Canterbury@education.govt.nz
- Please let the school know if your child will be regularly off the school bus for swimming lessons or any other extra curricular activities in the afternoons.

Administrative Housekeeping

- This year newsletters will be emailed and available on Skool Loop
- Notices and permission slips will be through the Skool Loop system
- Office hours - Rachel O'Donnell is available in the school office from 8.30am - 12.30pm. Outside these hours the phone is not answered and emails are not checked. Please leave a message on the phone service if your call is important. If you are calling about changes for your children regarding how they are getting home, please ensure this message is left before 2.30pm. The bus duty teacher checks for messages before sending the bus away for the afternoon.
- No children are to be at school before 8.30am daily.
- If you are visiting the school please scan the COVID-19 tracing app QR code as we remain under Covid 19 Alert Levels.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Monday 1 February: Teacher Only Day Tuesday 2 February: School Starts Friday 16 April: End of Term 1	Monday 3 May Friday 9 July	Monday 26 July Friday 1 October	Monday 18 October Wednesday 15 Dec

STEAM UP DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 14TH 2021
10AM TO 4PM

STEP BACK IN TIME WITH MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CANTERBURY TRACTION ENGINE & TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Champion NZ Women Wood Choppers
 Steam Traction Engines | Working Saw Mill
 Vintage Machinery & Tractors | Edwardian Heritage
 Waitaki Woodturners | Traditional Crafts
 Food & Drink Stalls | Children's activities

Bushtown Heritage Site, Dobson St. Waimate
 Entry \$10 Adults - Children Free - No Dogs
www.bushtownwaimate.co.nz

Instagram, Facebook, PORT BLAKELY, Laurie Forestry Ltd

Come check us out...
 Pippin's, Brownies,
 Girl Guides and Ranger's.
 5 years - 17years.
 Meet at Knox Church Hall
 Wednesday's
 3.30 - 5pm.
 Call Sharon for more info
 021 2045887

Waituna PTA Meeting
Tuesday 16th February
7:30pm
School Staff Room
All Welcome.

POSTPONED - NEW DATE WILL BE ADVISED

THE VETERINARY CENTRE WHITEHORSE BigEasy

SUNDAY 28 FEB 2021 WAIMATE

RUN IT - WALK IT - BIKE IT

5 events to choose from - go BIG or go EASY!

- Individual MTB categories: 5km, 13km, 20km, 27km
- Individual walk or run categories: 5km, 12km, 18km
- Young kids run or bike challenge: 1.5km
- Team or Solo Elite Challenges: 18km run + 27km MTB, and fundraiser!
- Duathlon: 12km run + 20km MTB

Bring your whole family to the picturesque Victoria Park for a day of fun and adventure. Food and coffee stalls, and new playground on site.

Register online at whitehorsebigeasy.co.nz or contact 027 405 2772 for an entry form

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IMPORTANT DATES

Some of these dates are subject to change. Keep an eye out in newsletters, emails and skool loop.

Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th February	Parent/Teacher Meetings (Postponed - dates to be advised)
Tuesday 16th February	Subway
Tuesday 16th February	P.T.A. Meeting - 7:30pm School Staff Room (Postponed - date to be advised)
Friday 19th February	Book Club Orders Due
Friday 19th February	BBQ & Spud in Bucket Weigh In
Wednesday 24th February	Trip to Cannington School
Sunday 28th February	Whitehorse Big Easy
Tuesday 2nd March	Subway
Friday 5th March	Waimate Museum Trip (10:30am - 12pm)
Tuesday 9th March (pp 11th March)	Country Schools Swimming Sports
Tuesday 16th March (pp 18th March)	Waimate Districts Swimming Sports
Tuesday 16th March	Subway
Friday 26th March	Duathlon (Y3 - Y8) 10:30am - 12pm
Tuesday 30th March	Subway
Friday 2nd April - Tuesday 6th April	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 7th April	St Pats School Game Time (Y5 - Y8) 10 - 12pm
Tuesday 13th April	Subway
Wednesday 14th April	Bikeathon (Y5 - Y6)
Friday 16th April	End of Term 1

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- ✓ Newsletters
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