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# Waituna Creek Kura

## Newsletter #19

**Monday 21st November 2022**

Kia Ora,

Amazingly we are halfway through Term 4. It has been a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. I attended the Waimate Schools athletics day with some of the Piwakawaka class. This was an excellent day and Waituna students showed exceptional sportsmanship and courtesy to others. Thank you to all the parents who helped with transportation, management and support of our students. We will have some students attending the South Canterbury Athletics day on December 6th.

On Wednesday last week we had a fabulous day visiting the South Canterbury Museum and Caroline Bay. Keely, the Museum Education Officer, was a font of knowledge about the Colossal squid and other local history. It was a wonderful chance to consolidate the information we have gained during our study of Oceans in Term 3. We continued our learning about the seashore especially with a local context when we discussed the conservation of the sand dunes at Caroline Bay and the effect the port has had on the Bay.

Next week, on Monday 28th ,Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th , we will be swimming at the Waimate pool. We will arrive at 1.20 and be leaving again at 2.30pm. If you wish to pick your children up from the pool you will need to be there prior to 2.30pm and let the teachers know. Please ensure students wear a rash shirt if their chest will be exposed - the UV rays will be at their strongest during our swimming time.

On Thursday 8th December we will be visiting Totara Estate. This historic farm is an important part of the local farming history. In 1882 Totara Estate lamb was frozen and set sail aboard the "Dunedin" and sailed to England and thus began the frozen meat trade that continues today.

It is with great sadness, the Waituna Creek staff wish to inform the school community that Colin, our bus driver has died. Colin was an important part of our school family and the students enjoyed his chats each morning and afternoon.

We are planning for the next few weeks as school prepares for the long summer break and will keep you informed of any activities through skool loop. Our Prizegiving Assembly for the year will be on Thursday 15th December at 6pm.

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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## RURU

Kia ora everyone. I hope you are managing to keep up with us this term and everything that is happening. Only four weeks to go until our Christmas holiday break and there are still so many activities to fit in.

We welcome another new Ruru to school this week. Stevie-Lee turned the big 5 yesterday, and so begins school today. We hope you had a super special birthday Stevie-Lee and know you will have heaps of fun here at Waituna Creek.

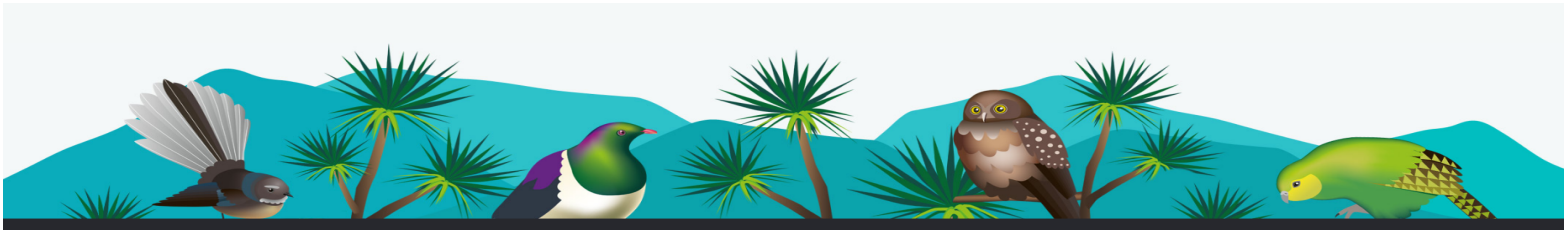
The Country Schools Athletics Day was a great morning out for the junior school and lots of fun was had by everyone. The skills we had been practising at school came in very handy as we ran, threw and jumped our way through the various events with great enthusiasm and success.

Our trip to Timaru last week to see the Colossal Squid exhibit will certainly be one of the highlights this term. Did the children tell you how tiny this giant creature's eggs were... and how small its beak was? On top of that, after all the growing it does, this 10m long squid only lives for 2 years!! We thought we might spot a colossal squid down at Caroline Bay but had to make do with a washed up eel instead.

Let's hope the weather plays its part as we look towards going swimming at the town pool and doing other outside activities in the lead up to the end of the year.

## PIWAKAWAKA

There doesn't seem to be any sign of the year slowing down in the lead up to our final week of school for term 4. We had a wonderful couple of days out for athletics over the last two weeks. It was most impressive to see the children showing perseverance on the day and striving to do their best! This week we had a great visit to Timaru with the Colossal Squid exhibit at the Timaru Museum a highlight. With end of year testing out of the way we look forward to filling the remainder of the calendar with a virtual trip to Scott Base, swimming at the Waimate Pool and another school trip to investigate our wider local area history in further detail. Our Beat Bucket Band is taking shape and we are busily trying to learn something fabulous to share with you at a later date.



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### Policies and Procedures

The policies that are being reviewed in Term 4 :-

- Safety On and Off School Grounds
- Health, Safety and Welfare Policy (board)
- Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances (board)
- School Bus Transport
- School Swimming Pool/Swimming off Site (board)

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

# IMPORTANT DATES

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

Term 4	
Tuesday 22nd November	Subway
Friday 25th November	Book Club Orders Close
Monday 28th Nov - Wed 30th November	Swimming Norman Kirk Pool - 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Tuesday 6th December	Subway
Tuesday 6th December	Board of Trustee Meeting - 7pm
Thursday 8th December	Totara Estate Visit
Thursday 15th December	Prizegiving - 6pm
Friday 16th December	End of Term 4