



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



March 4th 2022

Tēna koutou katoa

Whakatauki: *Ka pakeke to haere, kau e hemo. He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka. (When things are difficult, don't give up. A choppy sea can be navigated).*

Our seas certainly do seem pretty choppy at the moment! Uncertainty can bring with it anxiety and an understandable worry about our current circumstances. However, we are all in this together, and together we will navigate these changing times. We would normally end a newsletter update by reminding whānau that we are always available; however, with the current situation, I will say so now. Please feel free to contact either your child's class teacher or the office if you have any questions, concerns or worries.

If your child/ren is absent from school for any reason, please remember to let Lenore know in the office before 9am if possible. This is in the interests of safety for tamariki and ensures both you and we know where tamariki are at all times.

As COVID cases in the Waimate district gradually increase, it is inevitable that at some stage it will enter our school. I continue to assure you that we have strong measures in place to continue teaching and learning at school within a safe environment, for all tamariki and staff. **We will keep you all advised of any positive cases in the school as soon as we are notified. If you or a household member tests positive, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible. We require a screenshot of your positive result for Ministry of Education reporting.**

Please remember that while we remain at Red, we invite essential visitors only into school. If your query can be dealt with via email or over the phone, do please try to do this. It is also essential that, should you need to come onto school premises, you wear a mask, scan in, social distance and sanitise. This keeps staff and tamariki as safe as possible.

Play Based Learning (PBL)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Senior/Middle school swimming sports, 8th March
- Senior Duathlon 10th March
- Junior Duathlon 11th March
- PALS training day 24th March
- Term 1 finishes - 14th April

Road Crossing
Please remember to cross at the pedestrian crossing or park on the school side of the street.



Over the next week we will be sending **home learning hard copy packs** home with the tamariki. These will include 1-2 weeks work for your child/ren. We know it may be tempting to jump into these because the teachers are putting some fun and exciting activities into them, however **please wait until you are forced to isolate at home due to a positive household case** before using them. **Remember that currently our teachers are still working on site and will not be able to fully support at home learning until we have a significant number of cases requiring self isolation.** In the early stages, teachers will be available for those working at home after 3pm on some days only.

Swimming Sports

Our Year 4-6 students will be participating in our school swimming sports on Tuesday 8 March from 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Town Pool. Sadly we are unable to invite parents and spectators this year due to both school and Town Pool COVID restrictions. We will be sure to take plenty of photos to share in our next newsletter. While some of the events are competitive, we also have a number of fun activities too for those less confident swimmers. Please encourage your tamariki to join their classmates and to give it their best shot. Karawhiua!

Device Survey

A huge thank you to those who have already completed the short online survey regarding your internet and device availability at home. This information is vital in helping us prepare for the possibility of home learning. If you are yet to complete this form, please follow this link, or go to HERO or Skool Loop for the notification with a link to the form - it should take you less than a minute to complete.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uZ5MfjL77bYOT9sPHFEssZ0kpJFquwuxJsxOUXyqRQE/edit>

If you haven't downloaded our Skool Loop App yet, follow these instructions:-

Please Return: I have received and read this newsletter () (tick)

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Keira Mehrstens, Charlotte Donaldson

Respect for Others - Keira Mehrstens

Effort & Progress in Reading - Thomas Hand

Effort & progress in PE - Ollie Smith, Oakley Lane, Freddie Lightfoot

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Piwakawaka - Phoebe Carline, Robbie Lane, Harry Luckman, Ricky Savage, Ryder Bennett, Leo Vega, Colbie Lane, Sophia Hopkinson, Andrea Jordanovska, Donny Oxley, Elish Murney

Kea - Poppy Nichols, Heidi Pathe, Summer Smith, Zoe Smith, Mason Dyer, Thomas Hand, Fergus Lane, Sam Matheson, Ollie Smith, Mayah Peters, Phoenix Taupo, Emily Venegas Cabezas, Helena Zimmermann, Logan Ali, Ryan Hopkinson

Tui - Mollie Peters, Emily Vesty, Charlotte Donaldson, Sophie Burgess, Abby Tait, Luca Sinkus, Oakley Lane, Breanna Smith, Keira Dungey, Poppy Glubb, Lara Smit

Student Management System

Our new student management system app Hero, can be downloaded now in preparation for us moving to this system soon. At this stage we will still be using Seesaw and Skool Loop

We will let you know when this is up and going