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WAIPARA RIVER STUDY ON A VERY WINDY DAY

Children engrossed in their findings of creatures from out of our very own Waipara River. Amazing how many live flies, larvae, worms, snails and caddis there were in there! You would never have known. Under the magnifying glass they went. The children sorted them into like creatures. The conclusion was that the health of our river is good, as is the clarity.



BOT Meeting

The next meeting of the Waipara School BOT will be this Thursday 16 December, 6.30pm in Kanuka – all parents are welcome to attend. The Board of Trustees members are: Nathn Trethowen, Deb Dellaway-Curtis (Chairperson), Barbara McLean, Scott Holland, Janaya Coxon-Smith, Farah Dingle and Di Officer.



The chocolate fish kindly donated by the PTA have been awarded to:
Sophia Powell – thank you for your classroom tidying
Sophie Barton – using her reading book as a thesaurus to find words meaning the same as ‘said’
Kernall Maaka – managing himself well and posting pleasing results in writing
Amiera Harmon – demonstrating perseverance in Visual Arts
William Hoban – doing his best in his writing test
Eden Trethowen – working independently and getting the job done
Congratulations and well done to you all.



The Canterbury Athletics event and the Kapa Haka Culmination Day have been cancelled for this year.

WAIPARA SCHOOL VALUE
RESPECT
MANAAKITANGA
RESPECT FOR SELF, RESPECT FOR OTHERS
AND RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARY FOR THIS TERM

(these dates and others are on our website calendar)

- Monday 29 November – Olympian Annalie Longo coming to speak the children about her Tokyo experiences at 11.15am – parents are more than welcome to come and listen to this talk
- Thursday 02 December – Hurunui College Orientation Day for Year 8 children attending in 2022 – information has been sent to the families of children, who are enrolled
- Tuesday 14 December – Fun Sports Day for Tarata and Kanuka – golf and swimming
- Thursday 16 December – Big Day Out for Year 8
- Friday 17 December – school finishes for the year



WAIPARA SCHOOL PTA

The next meeting of the Waipara School PTA will be the AGM to be held on Tuesday 01 March 2022, 7pm in the school staffroom. All parents are deemed to be members of the PTA and are welcome to attend. The future of the PTA will be discussed so come along and show your support for this committee.



WAIPARA SCHOOL OUT OF THIS WORLD (WOW) AWARD

Astara Wallace-Jessep presented the WOW Award to Mrs. McLean for dancing with her at the Army Band presentation and wishing her all the best in her retirement.

Congratulations Mrs McLean.

MATHLETICS

THE MATHLETES TROPHIES

were awarded to these children scoring the highest number of points in the past weeks:

Kanuka – Astara Wallace-Jessep

Tarata – Zanthia MacGregor

Harakeke – Hannah Kuznetsov

Congratulations on winning these trophies!



FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The FNCB competition continues with the competitive games and our Waipara Year 8 team posted a win against the Amberley Rams with Toby Coxon being the POG. The week before they lost to KJBC Rockets, with Kernall Maaka being the POG. The Year 5/6 3x3 basketballers and the Year 3/4 miniballers are still having a blast in their competitions. Alice Hoban has been named POG. Thanks to parents who continue to support our children, even if it is just peering through the windows of the venues in which the children are playing! The season is quickly coming to a close. We have two hockey teams, who also play during the week. Five Waipara School sports teams to keep track of every week!



KANUKA SPEECH COMPETITION

Recently, Alison Willis came in to judge the Kanuka children deliver their prepared speeches. The following children were placed:

1st Lily-Rose Varnam

2nd Riley Girdlestone

3rd Hamish McGuckin

Well done to all of the children, who well met the requirements of the task. Congratulations.

ANOTHER FAREWELL WE HAVE TO MAKE.....

It was with regret that the BOT have accepted the resignation (retirement) of Barbara McLean from our school staff!!! Barbara has served about 36 years in our school and not a day has gone by where she hasn't planned well thought out learning programmes to meet the needs of your children and those of others!! She also the ability to relate to all ages of children, so is adept at every year level. I call her my Godsend! It is in her blood though, because when she was in Form 2, back in the day, she had to go and help the junior teacher manage the littlies at Murchison Area School! We will make a presentation and say farewell to Mrs McLean (and Mr McLean) at our prize giving on the last day of school – Friday 17 December. The format of this prize giving is still in the thinking stages, so watch this space – well, probably the space of the group email.....

OUR MOA NOW HAS AN ANKLE....

Here is how the toes and ankle on one of our moa's feet are looking. Sharon Earl has been very busy over the last few years, knocking her little house into a liveable condition so our moa has been waiting in the corner. She assures me that he will be ready to grace our entrance way in the first term of next year. This piece of moa weighs 12 kgs.....

Gratitude is the music of the heart, when its chords are swept by the breeze of kindness.

Kia mau ki te tumanako, te whakaponono me te aroha

Hold fast to hope, faith and love



A CHALLENGE FOR YOU Climb to the top of Mt Cass

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The most commonly used letter in our alphabet is **e** and the least used is **q**. The most commonly used word is **the**.



CAVENDISH CARPET CARE

Are coming to clean the school carpets on Monday 20 December in the morning. There are some afternoon slots available if anyone would like their carpets cleaned before Christmas. Please phone Janine on 0800 333 181.



WAIPARA SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL THIS SUMMER

The pool will be open this summer to families of Waipara School children. The cost will be \$40 for the season, which starts on Saturday 18 December and goes through until the pool closes about mid March (weather dependent!). During this season, the current Alert Level Two guidelines need to be followed – wear a mask, sign in using the QR Code or manually, use hand sanitiser, remember to be socially distanced and there is a limit of 15 persons in the actual pool at one time. Also, only two or three persons in the changing rooms at any one time. Keys can be purchased through the school office until the end of the term and then from Deb and Greg Curtis. There will be no casual keys sales this season. Entry by season key only. Please contact Di Officer for further information.

STAFFING FOR NEXT YEAR

We have three teachers to cover the three classes in 2022. Maggie Yagmich, Jenni Adam and myself. We are currently advertising for a Principal's Release teacher and admin assistant/teacher aide. The decision about which children will be in which class is still being worked on – trying to balance ish the numbers.....



PARENTS' WAIPARA SCHOOL HOMEWORK SURVEY AGAIN 😊

We decided to axe homework this term based on the feedback we received from parents last term. There were only a few parents, who responded, so we thought we would give you another opportunity to comment moving forward. We are interested in your thoughts.

There has been no additional homework this term. How do you feel about that???

Great – we don't want any!

Any further comments:

OK – some would be nice!

Sad – we miss it!



CARNIVAL *of Reading*

All
Ages



Have fun this summer participating in the
Hurunui District Libraries summer
reading challenge. Log your progress on
the Beanstack app, complete the activities
and be in to win!

<https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/community/library>

6th of Dec to 31st of Jan

WAIPARA SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / TEACHER AIDE POSITION

Waipara School is a small rural school in the heart of the Waipara winegrowing area.

A position of administrative assistant / teacher aide has become available and we are looking for a community minded person and team player, who enjoys children, with a wide skill base to fill this role.

The administrative position involves supporting the principal managing the school's administration, being responsible for the student database, and also includes some financial responsibilities. The teacher aide component requires an empathy with and an understanding of children of all ages, assisting classroom teachers to meet children's learning needs.

The position is permanent part time, working seventeen hours per week, during term time. Duties commence on Tuesday 01 February, 2022.

Please send a covering letter, outlining your experience, skill set and interest in the position, as well as the names of two referees, to:

The Principal
Waipara School
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Applications close on Friday 10 December, 2021.



