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# Waituna Creek Kura

## Newsletter #10

**Monday 20th June 2022**

Kia Ora,



### Matariki Breakfast

**Our community breakfast to celebrate Matariki is to be held at school on Thursday 23rd June starting at 8.30am.**

**Please invite others to join us.**

Please join us for our celebration of Matariki on Thursday this week. The students will sing some waiata after breakfast and the classrooms will be open to view our latest work.

Every Tuesday lunchtime till the end of term Danielle from South Canterbury Rugby will be teaching us rippa rugby skills. The students loved the lesson last week and are looking forward to seeing Danielle for more skills development.

Speech preparation has begun for the students in Year 3 and above. All students will benefit from practising their speeches at home once they are written. The finalists will present their speech on Thursday 7th July at 1.45pm. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

For the younger students in Ruru there will be a poetry recital. The children should have chosen a poem already and begun to practise it. We will be having the recital on Tuesday 4th July at 2.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

This Friday, 24th June, is the first Matariki public holiday and as such school will be closed.

Rochelle and I are attending the Better Start Literacy programme at the University of Canterbury in Week 9. We are looking forward to attending this integrated classroom literacy approach for Year 0/1 classrooms to support our children's early reading, writing and oral language.

The school Jump Jam team have been practising every day for the Extravaganza which is being held at the Southern Trust Event Centre in Timaru on Thursday 30th June. Thank you very much to the parents who have volunteered to take the team. I also must commend Mrs Sutherland for her dedication to the preparation for the Jump Jam team. She has given up many morning tea and afternoon breaks to instruct the students. Good luck everyone.

Reports will be given out on Wednesday 29th June and Parent/Student/Teacher conferences will be in the last week of term. Ruru's will be on Monday 4th July and Piwakawaka on Tuesday 5th July and Wednesday 6th July. The booking sheet will be sent out on Skool Loop tomorrow.

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### Board of Trustees

We would like to thank Greg Moore for his role as the Board of Trustee Chairperson. Greg has resigned from the role of chairperson and the board have appointed Sarah Huggins as the new board Chairperson. Congratulations to Sarah on taking on this role, and thank you for your willingness to support the school in this way. We appreciate all of the time and work that all of the Board of Trustee members give to govern our school. Representatives on our school board are, Sarah Huggins (Chair), Matt Gardner (Vice Chair), Alisdair Bennett, Greg Moore, Bryce Caird, Moragh Sutherland (Staff Rep) and Bronwyn Lawrie (Principal). If you are considering putting your name forward at the next Board elections to be held in September this year, please feel free to talk to any board member if you have any questions, or come along and observe a Board meeting to learn more about what is involved.

### Clearing Sale Fundraiser

The fundraising clearing sale organised in conjunction with Rural Livestock Limited was held on 20th May 2022. We are pleased to advise that the school will receive funds of around \$4200. Thank you to Quinten Botha from Rural Livestock Limited and Greg Moore for all their work organising this fundraiser. Thank you also to the P.T.A. for providing the food stall, especially Rachel & Greig Moore, Keri & Hamish Moore, Sara & Brett Rossiter and Nikki Caird who also gave their time on the stall on the day. We would also like to acknowledge the following vendors who very kindly donated the proceeds of their items for sale directly to the school:-Hireworx, Ian Leathwick, RO Tumarū, JA Stuart, Blair Wilce, Tim Oakley, Kirk Farming and Moore Farms Ltd.



### Waimate Public Library News!!

Educational Games have come to Waimate District Library! Edugames are a wonderful way to involve the whole family in learning while you play. We have card games and flashcards that will appeal to varying ages from 3 years and upwards. Learn a new language, practice phonics, talk about emotions, try out yoga, build storytelling skills, test your trivia knowledge, or immerse yourself in nature. There's a set of photo conversation cards for children on the autism spectrum. Or just for fun, borrow Dogman's Hot Dog Card Game or Cards Against Humanity – the Family Edition.

### Waituna Development Trust Community Van for Hire

Don't forget that the Waituna Development Trust Community Van is available for hire. Great for work functions, kids birthday party trips or large family functions etc. Contact the school office 6897438 for enquiries or to book.

### Waituna Creek School Hoodies

We have a supply of Waituna Creek School hoodies available if you are looking for something a bit warmer for your child to wear to school during the winter months. These can be purchased from the school office for \$55.40.



#### Policies and Procedures

The policies that are being reviewed in Term 2 :-

- Healthcare
- Behaviour Management

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.





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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## RURU

Kia ora everyone

It is incredible how quickly the weeks are flying by and trying to fit everything in each day is certainly a challenge. Last Tuesday we managed to fit in some Ripper Rugby and for the next 3 Tuesdays Danielle has booked us in for more sessions. The kids really enjoyed it and to top things off, Danielle commented that they were the most polite, well-mannered children she had come across down here in Waimate. Go us!!



Harry and Jennifer put on a puppet show for the Rurus called the 'Hare and the Tortoise'. The voices, actions and antics from both Jennifer and Harry were a highlight and we can't wait until they visit us with their next play.

Our space topic continues and it has branched out into maths through geometry.

We had been looking at things that helped us know it was winter time but we got a little distracted!! I know we should be past autumn leaves but I couldn't resist letting the kids get amongst them as they were super dry.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy our first Matariki holiday with your family! Stay safe.







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# CLASSROOM NEWS

## PIWAKAWAKA

Piwakawaka has been very busy lately! We had some amazing fun with our rocket launch to the moon and got together with the Rurus to do some super space art. This week we are looking forward to having our shared Matariki breakfast with the school community on Thursday. For the last three Tuesdays of term the children will be able to join Danielle from South Canterbury Rugby for lunchtime ripper rugby sessions. Danielle visited with us last Tuesday and the children thoroughly enjoyed the session. We are busily preparing our speeches at the moment, they are shaping up very well and the children are looking forward to their in class presentations.

Phew!

Have a great week everyone!



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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 2	
Tuesday 21st June	Subway
Thursday 23th June	School Matariki Breakfast - 8:30am
Friday 24th June	Matariki Public Holiday - No school
Tuesday 28th June	Board of Trustee Meeting - 7:30pm
Wednesday 29th June	School Reports
Thursday 30th June	Jump Jam Extravaganza - Timaru
Monday 4th July	Ruru Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 5th July	Ruru Poetry Recital - 2.30pm
Tues/Wed 5th July	Piwakawaka Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Tuesday 5th July	Subway
Thursday 7th July	School Speech Assembly for Year 3 and above finalists - 1:45pm
Friday 8th July	End of Term 2



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