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Waituna Creek Kura

Newsletter #3

Monday 28th February 2022

I am very pleased to announce I have accepted the position of Principal at Waituna Creek and look forward to the starting Term 2 in my official capacity. I have loved the Acting Principal role and being back teaching juniors in the Ruru room. I enjoy popping in each room and seeing the fabulous work both Piwakawaka and Ruru's are doing. Both classes are settling into their routines and producing some wonderful work under the guidance of their fantastic teachers, Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Macmillan.

A few weeks ago the students enjoyed swimming in the afternoons at the Waimate Pool. The afternoons were sunny and warm while we revised our water safety practices. This is an important aspect of our curriculum especially for our families as so many of us enjoy water sports and boating.

As part of being a Sun Safe School we wear hats in Terms 1 and 4 when outside and we wear sleeved tops. This means vests, singlets or strappy tops are not appropriate due to the long term skin damage the sun can do during our time outside playing.

The latest information from the Director of Education Canterbury is if your child has a positive covid test to ring the school. If you receive the notification at night or on the weekend please leave a message on the answer phone and also email me at principal@waitunacreek.school.nz. This will enable me to notify the Ministry straight away.

With Phase 3 of the Omicron response the key change is that only confirmed cases and their household contacts who need to self - isolate for 10 days. Everyone else must continue to monitor really closely for any symptoms of COVID - 19.

School photos are next week on Monday and we will start at 9am so please ensure your child is at school on time. Please wear your school top.

In order to ensure the safety of all students at school if you are having someone else pick up your child or your child is getting off at a different stop on the bus you MUST notify the school before 2.30pm. A message telling us your name and who will be picking up your child or which bus stop they are getting off at is fine. It is your responsibility to notify the school as we are unable to accept the word of the child or another person.

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Reminder: School Record Forms and Internet Agreement Form

If you have not already returned the “Updating School Records” form please do so as soon as possible. If there are no changes please return the form indicating so. Internet Agreement Forms are required for all students also (unless you have already signed one on enrolment this year).

Waimate Whitehorse Lions spectacle/sunglass collection for Pacific Nations

Waimate Whitehorse Lions are collecting used spectacles and sunglasses, including those for children, to be reused in the Pacific nations. If you have any to donate, please pop them into the Waimate Library on Queen Street. Thanks.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Term 1	
Tuesday 1st March	Subway
Monday 7th March	School Photos -9am
Tuesday 15th March	Subway
Tuesday 29th March	Subway
Tuesday 5th April	Board of Trustee Meeting - 7:30pm
Tuesday 12th April	Subway
Thursday 14th April	End of Term 1



Policies and Procedures - SchoolDocs

The policies that are being reviewed in Term 1 are:-

- Health and Safety Management
- Emergency, Disaster and Crisis Management

We invite parents/caregivers to visit the site at <https://waitunacreek.schooldocs.co.nz/> and participate in reviews. Our username is “waitunacreek” and password “school7978”.

If any help is required please contact the school office.



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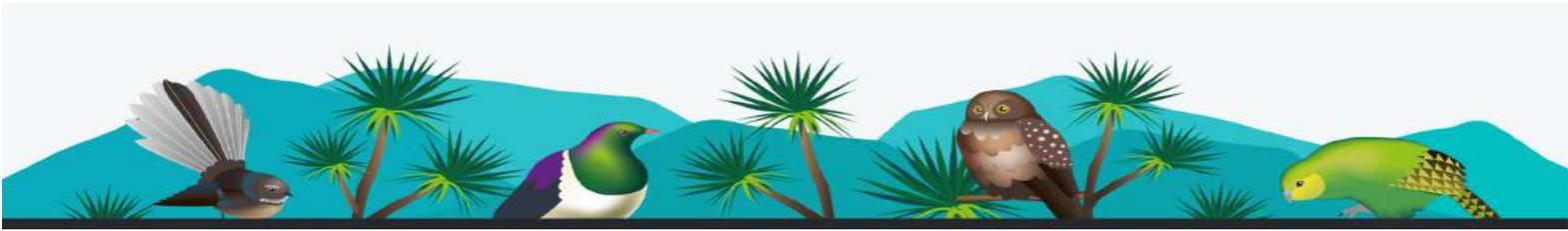
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CLASSROOM NEWS

RURU

Last week Ruru wrote a class Haiku poem about the Waitaki River as part of the 'Our place' studies we are doing. We learnt the structure of Haiku poems and had great fun clapping the syllables to check our lines were correct. We have also written our own Haiku poem and will illustrate it this week. During Strand maths we have been learning how to use a ruler and spent time practising to measure classroom objects. We have also been collating information and recording it on a graph.





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PIWAKAWAKA

The children have been very busy in Piwakawaka over the past few weeks. We now have a number of our day to day routines firmly in place and last week began our formal group learning in reading, writing and maths. The children have also been working on some wonderful artwork to colour up the walls and have been learning about Haiku Poetry to add to their completed Picasso inspired self portraits. We hope to have another fabulous week this week.





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Opening Friday 25th February

Makikihi School Sunflower Maze Fundraiser

\$5 adult
\$2 child

Drinks and snacks available
limit of 25 people in the maze at a time.

Mon-Friday 4-6pm
Sat-Sun 1-4pm

Pick your own sunflowers \$1 a stem

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY #ChildrensDayNZ

CHILDREN'S DAY ONLINE EVENTS

6 March 2022

While we can't all come together to celebrate Children's Day this year, we do have a series of fun activities planned that you can do with whānau and friends.

PLUS, YOU CAN WIN GREAT PRIZES!

Follow South Canterbury Children's Day on Facebook to stay up to date with activity announcements.

SCAN HERE 

Big or small - let's all come together for our tamariki

This is going to be epic

40+ play pieces including accessible equipment so people of all ages and abilities can play together

Landscaped with non-toxic, rubber surface (using recycled tyres and sustainable natural rubber), for better safety, accessibility, drainage, hygiene, maintenance and aesthetics.

Themed to our local Māori & European history & heritage so we can connect to our past to better know ourselves and future.

Free to use destination playground to inspire locals and visitors to meet and play for a stronger, more connected, happier and healthier community.

You can help our community be happier and healthier?

We are creating an epic new playground at Caroline Bay. It is going to make an important impact to how locals and visitors can play to:

- Inspire people of all ages & abilities play together, offer more stimulating, & inclusive play, encourage our community to connect, help our kids and teens be happier and healthier, and give locals & visitors some very EPIC free fun!

In this Covid environment, raising these funds and building this special playground now, feels more urgent than ever.

Help us be construction ready by August by making a donation before April.
- If you donate before March 31st you can get a 33.3% tax credit this year.

Can you support us?
Your donation will make an important impact to our whole community

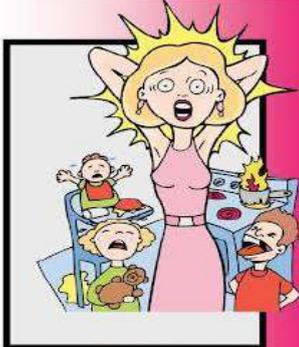
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- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR GROUPS INDIVIDUALS OR A BUNCH OF FRIENDS

Via  **zoom**

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