

Waiau School Newsletter



Term 1 . No 1
24th January 2020

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2020 What's Happening

Thursday, 30th January 2020
Start of Term 1

Thursday, 30th January
Wai Swim begins

Thursday, 6th February
Waitangi Day - School Closed

Wednesday, 19th February
Swimming Sports (pp 20th Feb)

Saturday, 22nd February
Archie Lott Memorial Cup

Monday, 2nd March
Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Monday, 9th March
Hurunui Duathlon Hanmer Springs

16 – 17th March
Takahanga Marae Overnight Visit

Thursday, 9th April
End Of Term 1

Happy New Year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful break and are enjoying the last week of the holidays in the sunshine! School is starting back on **Thursday the 30th of January**. We look forward to seeing you all soon and we are all very excited about the year ahead.

Classrooms

Room 1

Mrs Macfarlane will be teaching Monday to Thursday with Mrs Pugh joining the class Tuesday and teaching on Friday.
ginny@waiiau.school.nz / rebecca@waiiau.school.nz

Room 2

Mrs Clark will be teaching in Room 2 with Mr Sedgwick joining the class Monday to Friday.
jenny@waiiau.school.nz / craig@waiiau.school.nz

Stationery

Your child will have their stationery issued at school. You will be emailed an account for what is owed. This will be our last year providing stationery. Next year we will be moving to an online order system through Officemax. We are keeping the orders to a minimum. The stationery issued is to last the whole school year.

Stationery accounts to be paid by Friday 14th either online/cash or cheque. The school bank account number can be found on the invoice.

Room 2 children were sent home at the end of last year with unused stationery please bring this back to school day one to save you purchasing this again.



Swimming Term 1

We are very lucky to have the amazing Mainpower Waiau Community Pool on our school grounds. The pool temperatures are lovely!

Wai Swim are booked in for 2 weeks for swimming lessons each morning these will be 1/2hr sessions in the morning and a class trip to the pool in the afternoon.

We only have **16** days swimming instruction before the school swimming sports - providing the weather is fine. Please make sure your children have their swimming togs and towel **every day**, regardless of the weather when they leave for school in the morning.

Swimming Sports

Waiau School Swimming Sports – Wednesday 19th February (Postponement 20th Feb)

These will be held at 1.00pm at the Waiau School Pool. All children will be swimming so do come along to support and encourage them.

Parents Relay: If you wish to swim 1 length of freestyle in the parents' relay teams, please let Liv know. (6 parents per team.)

This is a great afternoon to see how your child is doing and how you can help them further their progress.

If weather is unsuitable we will contact you via email, app and Facebook.

Trail Ride 2020

This years Trail Ride will be held on: **Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 2020** please keep the date free as you will be required to help make this year another successful fundraiser.

Trailride Entries:

Entries open on 1st February

Trailride Parent Help:

We will be sending volunteer forms home soon. All parents/caregivers are expected to help in some way with our fantastic fundraising event. We will require the forms back promptly so please start thinking and discussing with your family what jobs you can help with on this fun weekend.

FYI

1. **Sunhats**

Must be worn at school everyday for this term. If your child requires a new hat they can be purchased from the school office. Please apply sunscreen before school, the children will re-apply during the day.

2. School Records

We like our records to be as accurate as possible with all the information we have at school regarding pupils home contacts, emergency contacts and medical notes. If you have changed address, updated phone, email or your child's medical information may have changed please contact Liv in the office.

3. Attendance

Attending school on a regular basis is hugely important. Every day counts towards a child's learning and pays huge dividends for their future. Under The Education Act (1989) – “the Act” - all students enrolled at a school must attend when it is open for instruction, unless there is a justified reason, such as sickness, medical appointment. Our average attendance for last year was 85% we would like to greatly improve on this in 2020.

If your child is unwell or had a medical appointment please let us know via the school app or by phoning or texting the school office before 9am - stating the reason of absence. This will ensure that a close liaison between home and school is maintained, especially with regard to your child's safety to and from school.

4. After School Activities/ Bus Notices:

If your child/ren are involved in regular after school activities or sport and will not be travelling on the bus home that particular day each week, please let Liv know the details and who they will be going with.

5. Bus Drivers

Leslie Hills	Lee Cleverley	021 163 5999
Inland Rd	Paul	0204 156 0267
Sherwood Rd	Danette Moriarty	027 315 0225
Cheddar Valley	Ann Hillyer	027 398 4849