

Waiau School Newsletter



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Learning for Life | Kia ū ki te ako

2019 What's Happening

Tuesday 5th November
Athletics Day (pp 7th Nov)

Monday 11th November
Hurunui Athletics Day (pp 12th Nov)

13th November
Year 6 students visiting Amuri

19th November
Storylines Author visit

25th -27th November
Year 3 - 6 camp.

27th November
Whole school fun day in Hanmer.

4th - 6th December
Dental Bus Visit

Thursday 12th December
Prize-giving

Monday 16th December
End of Term 4

Nga mihi nui,

We hope all is well. A big thank you to our community for supporting pet day. It is amazing what kind of learning can occur when we involve our community. The students had a wonderful time, and interesting discussions have occurred in classes about what the students witnessed and experienced from the input of our community members. This is an area that we are planning to head next year. We want to bring our school into the community, and use the community and our natural resources to bring the real world into our learning.

Ka mau te wehi to Hollie. She won the Strange Sagas of Sabrina Summers Writing competition. Due to an error on our part she was placed in the senior category, but it did not matter as she won that category! Her story is included on the following page.

The Education Review Office visited our school last week. They shared preliminary findings with the board. They will provide a report that will be shared with our community in the coming weeks.

It has been wonderful to see so many bikes, scooters and sports equipment being used at school lately. Our students are never short of things to do!

Have a lovely weekend,

All the best,

The Waiau School Team



18th Oct - 1st Nov

Emily Harris

For displaying our school values in her learning. Awesome mahi!



ATHLETICS DAY - Tuesday 6th November

Family and friends; please come and join us on Athletics Day. The children will be involved in events throughout the day. It is a fun day with some new and interesting events.

Lunchtime will be at 12.30, so bring a picnic along.

Parents, we encourage you to participate in the parents race in the afternoon. We would love as many parents as possible to come and have fun with us, so feel free to pop in. We have the pre school race at 10.30 this year, so the race will be well before afternoon nap time!

We would also love to see some house colours too! Remember, Annan is red, Highfield green, and the might Lyndon Blue. Does anyone know how the houses got their colours?

NB: All events are grouped into year levels, in accordance with Hurunui Sports and Canterbury Sports this year. The Championship cups will be decided from the top Year 5 and 6 scores.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Assembly

Assembly is on at 2.15pm on Friday. Do join us if you can.

Sun Safety

Reminder sun hats are compulsory in Term 4. Please the children apply sunscreen at home each morning we will have the children re-apply during the day. If your child requires a larger sunhat these can be purchased from the school office.

Hollie's Winning Story

I jump out of the car as the bell rings. I am late for school. I rush into the classroom. It is my first day back at school and I have a new teacher. My old teacher was fired. She was late to school and our wart encrusted principal had fired her on the spot. I throw my bag on my hook in the cloakroom and run into class. I sit at my desk and look up at my new teacher. She is a bit different to my old teacher because she wears a dark purple coat and long black stockings, and has a lot of warts like our principal. I try to listen to what she is saying to the rest of the class. With a croaky voice she introduces herself to the class. She says her name is Mrs Frogwarts. I am in such a rush I don't get the chance to look around the classroom and see how Mrs Frogwarts has set it up. We start the morning by doing the roll, some fun name games and some writing about ourselves. It is now 10:30 am so one of the kids walks out of the classroom to ring the bell, it is time for morning tea. Everyone runs out of the class to get there food. I go get my cheese and crackers from out of my bag, as I stroll out of the cloakroom I look behind me and notice Mrs Frogwarts gulping up frog legs under her old wooden desk. She is a weird eater. At morning tea I had a quick look around the classroom, to see how Mrs Frogwarts had set it up. As I was looking around I noticed there was a straw broom in the corner of the class it didn't look like a broom you would use to sweep the floor with, there was also big purple hat on the old rusted hook and a big black one eyed cat sleeping on the class couch. I wonder if this means anything. I rush out of the class to go tell my friends. I tell them what I saw. They say "you only just noticed?" "Yeah but I think it means something about Mrs Frogwarts" I say. I have to find out more information on Mrs Frogwarts. I keep one eye on Mrs Frogwarts while playing rugby with my friends. I am really suspicious about Mrs Frogwart.

New Zealand's first Water Safety Month has started. We're raising awareness of New Zealand's high drowning toll and promoting how all people of Aotearoa can play their part in behaving safely in, on and around water.



**NEW ZEALAND
WATER SAFETY MONTH**