

# Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

Term 1 . No 1  
30th January 2017

## 2017 What's Happening

Monday 6th February

Waitangi Day  
(School Closed)

Friday 17th February  
School Swimming Sports  
(pp 24th Feb)

Monday 20th February  
Trailride Entries Open

Tuesday 28th February  
Hurunui Swimming Sports  
(pp 2nd March)

Friday 3rd March  
O'Malley Cup

Saturday 4th March  
Amuri Show

Tuesday 21st March  
Soft Ball /Tee Ball  
(pp 23rd March)

Saturday 25th and Sunday  
26th April  
TRAILRIDE WEEKEND

Thursday 13th April  
End of Term 1

## Welcome Everyone

We hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays and the children have come back refreshed!

The new school pool was well used over the holidays! It has been a great relief on those hotter days.

Some of our children enjoyed the visit from the Canterbury Crusaders last week it was fantastic to have them here and raising awareness for the school pool.

Mrs Clare will be with Room 1 all of Term 1. We are still awaiting Mrs Johnson's decision whether she will be returning from maternity leave. Welcome Liv Pinckney the new office administrator please call in and say hello!

Our roll is down to 35 following the earthquakes and families having to sadly relocate, this said our staff numbers have been guaranteed until the end of the year and many benefits come with lower numbers!

We have come through alot together and will continue to support our children throughout the year.

Looking forward to a wonderful school year!



# Swimming Term 1

## Room 1 and Room 2

Wai swim mornings 1/2hr sessions in the morning, school pool in the afternoon.

## Room 3

There will be no swimming at Rotherham Pool on Monday until permission slips are received from parents but they will get a swim at the school pool.

Please note: Permission forms will be sent home on Monday can these please be returned on **Tuesday** so they can travel to Rotherham for swimming on Tuesday afternoon.

In order to make this happen parents will be required to help with transport to and from Rotherham pool - your support would be greatly appreciated!

## School Pool Fundraising update

Our new total!

Last total was \$112,000 before Christmas a committee has been created to represent the community to plan for the new pool because it is looking highly likely that we will raise the money required.

The new pool committee members are:

Emma Duncan (Chair)

Martin Satterthwaite - School Board of Trustee's

Mary Kimber - School Principal

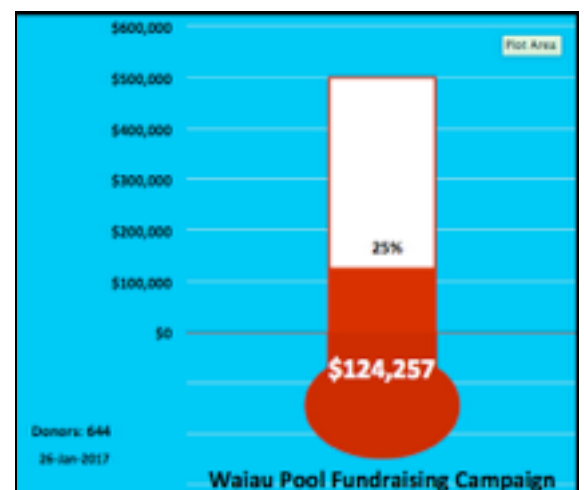
Tracey McDonald - Community Representative

Catherine Ferguson - Community Representative

Caroline Eastmond - Community Representative

Sarah Williams - Parent Teachers Association

Bill Lott - Waiiau Citizens Representative



Verdon Kelliher will continue in his role to head up the campaign to raise the money until sufficient funds (including partnerships with businesses for services and products for the new pool).

The first meeting is set down for February the 2nd.

The committee welcomes input and feedback from the community.

Emma will keep the community fully briefed on all developments.

## Swimming Sports

We only have **14** 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 – the weather can change a lot. If they can't go swimming ie: open wounds or diarrhoea, please send a note or better still write your note in your child's homework book.

### **Waiiau School Swimming Sports – Friday 17th February**

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

If you wish to swim 1 length of freestyle in the parents' relay teams, please fill in form sent home with the children or reply to this email. We need 6 parents for each house. Remember you belong to the same house as your children. So if they belong to Lyndon, you will swim for Lyndon etc.

All the children are involved in at least 3 activities. The beginning swimmers give an exhibition in small groups of what they are able to do; the next group compete in width races and the capable swimmers swim length races. We have championship events competing for the Black Cup (girls) and the Burbury Cup (boys) involving four races: medley, freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke. The highlight of the day are the relays with the parents relay being an amazing splash and dash. 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 our new school text system, Facebook and the PTA ringing list on Friday 17th in the morning.

## School Email

We have been experiencing problems with our emails over the school holidays so apologies if you have received old emails or double ups! This problem has now been resolved - we hope!

## Trailride

The Trailride will be held on: **Saturday 25 March 2017 & Sunday 26 March.**

### **Trailride Entries:**

Entries open on Monday 20th February for this year's trailride - we hope the weather continues to favour us this year.

# Coming home today

We are sending home a loaf of bread with each student. This was left over from all of the generous donations after the earthquake but Jenny and Kat would like their freezer space back! Note: The bread has been frozen so will need to be used right away.

**Room 2 & 3** are taking home a drink bottle and hat that has been kindly donated by FMG.

## FYI

1. **Sunhats** must be worn at school everyday for this term.

2. **Sunscreen:**

It is expected that you will have applied sunscreen to your child before school. We reapply sunscreen later in the day to ensure the children still have a good covering.

3. **After School Activities:**

If your child/ren are involved in regular after school activities (ie: Cubs, Kidz Club etc) and will not be travelling on the bus home that particular day each week, please write one note stating that they are involved in cubs, scouts etc and we will note it on the bus cards. Then you do not have to send a note or telephone each week. You will have to telephone or send a note if they **are not going** to their after school activity though, because unless we know differently that is where they will be sent.

4. **Homework:**

Every child has a homework book that goes home every school night.

**Every child** at Waiiau School should have a book to read at home every night (be it a school reader, journal or library book).

**Parents:-** The children are expected to read **EVERY** school night. The name of the book is to be written in their homework book and signed by a parent **after** they have done their reading. If a book isn't coming home ask your children why and if necessary contact the teacher so the problem can be fixed. From our point of view we want you to contact us as soon as possible.

We learn to read and improve by **READING**

Year 1 and 2: At first parents, then children write in the name of the story

Year 3 -6: Children write the name of the story and pages read. For example "The B F G" pages 14-19.

Generally children should read for at least 20 minutes from Year 3.

**Spelling:**

If you notice your child can't spell a word that you think is essential ie: your name, farm, street name, basic word (that, when etc) feel free to add it to the next weeks list.

We encourage you to write your notes to us re: absences for appointments etc in this book too.

## Stationary

Your child will have their stationery issued at school and will bring home an account for what is owed. Please could this be paid by Monday 13th February either online or by cheque. The school bank account number can be found on the stationery form. We buy the stationery as cheaply as possible and don't try to make a profit from it. We just want to provide an easy solution for you and us.

## Second Hand Uniforms

We are looking for a volunteer to wash all of the lost property so it can be used in the second hand clothing box.

## Medication at school

We cannot give medication without a written signed note from parent stating dose and times to be given.

## School bus driver contacts

It is very important that you contact the appropriate driver if your child is not going to be on the bus in the morning:

Cheddar:	Allan Bevan		022 315 7708
Inland Road:	Kaye Burbury	315 6306	021 022 13254
Sherwood:	Mike Hillyer	315 8390	027 315 8391
Leslie Hills:	Lee Cleverley	315 8124	021 163 5999

You will be given an updated pick up and drop off time in a few weeks.

Welcome back

Kind Regards

*Mary Kimber*

Principal





## E.O.T.C - Risk Management Plan: Swimming 2017

Group/Age	Waiau School pupils	Activity	Swimming lessons and sports preparation
No of Students	Senior room/ Whole school of 35-40	Date	Swimming season 2017
Teacher I/c	Class teachers	Venue	Rotherham Memorial Baths
Adult supervisors	Caroline Eastmond	Route/Map	
Other Adults	Parents providing transport	Start time	School hours/ negotiable
Ratios		Finish time	
Category	please highlight <b>1</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b>		

Risks – Potential Losses		
1 Children getting hurt or injured	2 Children with inappropriate gear	3 Children getting into difficulty in water
4 Inappropriate behaviour at pool or in changing rooms	5 Accident on way to Rotherham	6 Children left behind

Causal Factors ( Lemons )	Risk Reduction Strategies
<p><b>People</b>                      Chn and adults not knowing rules, boundaries, programme or responsibilities                      New children with unknown capabilities</p>	<p><b>People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Count children regularly throughout lessons, and before car transport.</li> <li>Teach rules and routines to children and adult helpers, including changing room routines, on first day of season and repeat as necessary</li> <li>New children are not to enter pool until teacher can assess abilities</li> <li>Changing rooms will be monitored by teachers, after a warning that they will be "entering the room"</li> <li>Each child will have his or her own designated area for changing, and will be respectful of others' personal space and belongings</li> <li>Children are to change quickly and leave the changing rooms when dressed</li> </ol>
<p><b>Equipment</b>                      Faulty or dangerous equipment                      Equipment used inappropriately</p>	<p><b>Equipment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All equipment is to be brought daily to the pool.</li> <li>Faulty or worn equipment to be given to TIC for replacing</li> <li>Children are taught correct equipment usage</li> </ol>
<p><b>Environment</b>                      Wet slippery surfaces                      Cold water                      Deep water                      Chlorine and pump</p>	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No running allowed</li> <li>Children to tell the teacher if they leave the pool for any reason, e.g. if cold.</li> <li>A designated area for children to wait for lessons, away from pool, under the shade cloth</li> <li>Chlorine and pump area is always locked</li> <li>A kickboard or noodle to be available at all times, to assist any children having difficulty in pool</li> <li>Diving board not to be used until children have been taught correct techniques</li> </ol>

# Critical Incident Management

## Emergency Procedures (related to risks)

## Emergency Gear Required

1 Three short whistles means everyone to gather together immediately under the shade area	Each teacher has a whistle
2 Move to the grassed area beside the pool if there is a major emergency, where teacher contacts school	Each teacher to have a list of family contact numbers and their cell phones
3 In event of earthquake, children in pool are to hold on to the side rails, until the shaking stops	

### ***Policies and guidelines recommended (school specific)***

The teachers are ultimately responsible for the welfare of the children. Adults will be informed of any changes immediately.
No children to enter pool area unless with a teacher
First aid kit and sunblock to be taken to pool daily

### ***Minimum skills/experience/knowledge required by accompanying staff and volunteers***

Relevant management and swimming teacher skills
Current first aid certificates for teachers

### ***Industry standards***

Parents sign a permission form for their children to travel to and from Rotherham. If providing transport, parents will declare that their cars are currently registered, with a warrant of fitness, and that all passengers will be seat belted, with children under seven years in approved booster seats.
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This RAMS was generated by Jenny Clark on 27 January, 2017

It has been approved by / ~~not approved by~~ the principal on 30 January for Waiau School.

Signed (Teachers) K. Clove (Principal) [Signature]  
[Signature] J. Clark

Pre event Checklist		On the Day Checklist	
EOTC Event Proposal approved	✓	Medication	✓
Student Health Profiles summarised	✓	First Aid Kit and sunblock	✓
Volunteer Health Profiles summarised		Cell phone	✓
Contractor Agreement approved	✓	Equipment checked	✓
Venue booking confirmed	✓	Outdoor safety plan filed at school office	✓
Consent Forms returned	✓	Clothing and gear checked	✓
Volunteers have been briefed and prepared	✓	Travel route organised	✓
Children with special needs catered for	✓		

### ***Emergency Contact Numbers:***

Waiau School 315 6027	
Amuri Medical Centre 315 6328	
Mary Kimber 02102840211	