

Waiau School Newsletter



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10th December 2019

Learning for Life | Kia ū ki te ako

2019 What's Happening

Thursday 12th December
Prize-giving 5pm, Waiau Hall

Monday 16th December
End of Term 4

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)

Ngā mihi nui,

The end of the school year is almost here! We wish you all a safe and vibrant holiday period.

In term 3 the Education Review Office (ERO) visited our school. The Board and I asked ERO to review how our school was meeting the needs of our learners. The report that will be available to the public on the ERO website in the coming days details the areas our school needs to improve on. There are many areas of development that the school must undertake to ensure we are providing quality education outcomes for our learners. The report highlights the need to:

- develop guidelines for teachers that reflect high expectations for students' learning and behaviour
- gather quality achievement information to inform our learning community about student progress and acceleration
- aligning curriculum development and delivery with community aspirations, high expectations for students, and learner agency
- prioritising student achievement and acceleration through effective strategic planning



29th Nov - 6th Dec

George Lott

For making a great start at school. He's gets on very well with the other children and he has made great progress.
Well done George!



6th Dec - 13th Dec

Peter Williams

For showing resilience when problem solving during maths. Respect for his peers and being a responsible learner in groups.



- ensuring the language, culture and identities of Māori students are valued and positively responded to in school-wide practice
- develop clear and consistent systems, policies, and practices that are widely understood by the school community
- building trustees', principal's and teachers' capacity to undertake internal evaluation for improvement, and to inform future decision making
- building students' knowledge and management of their own learning.

Significant changes in the way teaching and learning looks at our school, how our school is organised, managed, and evaluated will change. This has begun with little steps, and change will increase. Change will be sustainable, and most importantly, it will focus on the benefits to our learners. They must be at the heart of all decisions. I and the Board have already begun to take the steps necessary to improve how our school delivers teaching and learning to our students. A new charter and strategic plan is being developed with the help of outside agencies, and we are working closely with the Ministry of Education to ensure we respond to the recommendations of the report.

The Board of Trustees and I have been very proactive, in the last few months. We will ensure that our school will provide positive outcomes and success for our community.

I'd like to thank our teaching staff, Jenny, Del, and Rebecca. Your dedication to our students is to be commended. Thank you to our community, I have been made to feel welcome, and I hope that with what we have done, and what needs to happen we will achieve excellent outcomes. I wish you all well.

Ka Tangi Te Tītī, Ka Tangi Te Kākā, Ka Tangi Hoki Ahau, TThei Maui Ora.

Keep safe, whanau.

Sculpture Opening - Friday 12.15pm

On Friday, 13th of December the children will be performing our waitata down at the Village Green to support the official opening of the new sculptures. Please join us at 12.15pm.

Lunch Friday: The children will be able to have a sausage/ bread and an ice block at the village green so no need to pack a sandwich on Friday.

Thank you

Thank you to Brendas on Lyndon for supplying the children with Ice creams for after the prize giving. We appreciate the kind gesture.

Last day Monday 16th

Our last school day is Monday the 16th of December. The buses will be running as per updated times. Mufti and Fish and Chips for lunch on Monday (see menu below).

Mufti Day and Lunch Orders - Monday last day of term

Your children are welcome to come to school in mufti next Monday. Lunch will be ordered from Brenda's on Lyndon. Please bring your order in a named envelope with the correct money inside to school on Monday morning.

Items available and prices are as follows:

Chips \$1.50	Hotdog \$3.00
Crumbed fish \$3.50	Gluten free hotdog \$3.00
Chicken tenders \$2.00	Gluten free nuggets \$1.00
Chicken nuggets \$1.00 each	Mince pie \$5.50
Plain burger \$6.00	Toasted sammy 2 fillings \$4.50
Cheese burger \$6.00	

FYI

There will be no assembly today.

Thank you from Waiau School

The staff & pupils at Waiau School would like to thank the community for all their support this year. Our School relies on the support of its community and we are all very thankful for all the extra help you have given us over the year.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy new year.



Mainpower Waiau Community Pool Activities Programme starting week of 6th January

Pool Opening Hours 9.30 am-8 pm daily

The pool is open during activity sessions although some areas may be unavailable for general use

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Pool Open 7am For length swimming		Pool open 7am For length swimming			
10-11.30 Swim Club Year 4-6 10am Year 7+ 1030	10-1130 Learn to Swim Year 1-4 BEGINNERS*		10-1130 Learn to Swim Year 1-4 BEGINNERS*	9-11am Swimfit 9-10am Aquagente 10-11am		
			Aquafit 7-8pm			

The Pool activities programme will be taking a short break December 14th -January 5th

*Free Learn to Swim will run for 3 weeks during the holidays, individual or small group sessions depending on demand.

Stroke development, coaching or beginner water confidence for adults- individual sessions available by request during January

Contact Caroline Eastmond mceastmond@outlook.com 029 776 7701 for further information or registrations

Early morning swimmers group please make sure that you are registered with Sarah Harris searharris@hotmail.com to receive notifications

Mainpower Waiau Community Pool:

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. The pool is open for your enjoyment throughout the holidays and the committee & caretakers would like to wish you all a very happy festive season.

Day & Season keys can be purchased at Waiau Hardware & Waiau Motorcamp.

Cost of keys: Household Season Key for residents: \$100

- Single Season Key: \$60.00 Seniors Key \$30
- Casual Swim Key same day return \$10 (up to 4 people) single \$5
- Charge for casual swim with local resident key holder: \$2 per person
- Honesty Box provided at the pool
- **Waiau Pool Bank Account:** 03 1582 0102537 00 or cash payment

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year (closed from 25th December to 6th January).

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston**
- **Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,**
- **Ashburton Clinic, 38 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: **call 0800 846 983**
Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz