

Waiau School Newsletter

Learning for Life

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13th February 2018

2018 What's Happening

Tuesday 13th February
Trailride Meeting 7.30pm
School Library

Thursday 15th February
Waiau Swimming Sports
(pp23rd Feb)

Tuesday 27th February
Hurunui Swimming Sports
(pp 1st March)

Friday 2nd March
O'Malley Cup

Saturday 3rd March
Amuri Show

Tue 6th - Fri 9th March
Wellington Camp Yrs 4-6

Saturday 17th & 18th March
Trailride Weekend

Tuesday 20th March
Soft Ball /Tee Ball
(pp 22nd March)

Friday 13th April
End of Term 1



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was terrific to see so many of our community attending the 'Meet the Teacher' evening and sharing fish and chips on the school field. This is a great way to build that essential relationship between the class teacher and the parent.

In assembly yesterday I congratulated all the children for how quickly they have settled into the routines of school. There is a quiet buzz in the classroom and I have been very impressed with the positive interactions which are occurring in the playground. It is wonderful to see how well the children all play together, regardless of age and it is certainly one of the true benefits about attending a small country school.

At last week's Board of Trustees meeting Bridget Galbraith stood down as Chair. Bridget has fulfilled this role superbly over the last two and a half years and I have certainly appreciated all her support in my short tenure here. Emma Duncan was elected as the new chair who has been a Board member since 2014. On behalf of the Waiau community I sincerely thank Bridget for all her hard work and appreciate Emma taking on this new responsibility.

I look forward to seeing you at our Swimming Sports which I know the children are really looking forward to.

Sincerely,
Peter Kay



29th Jan - 5th Feb

Billy Jones

Billy is a great Year 3 role model in the class, showing the younger children how we do things. He works very hard on his learning goals and shows respect to others at all times.



6th Feb - 12th Feb

Zac Barbara

Zac has been focused and engaged in his learning. He listens to instructions and completes them immediately. He has been a good role model for others. Great job Zac!

Swimming Sports - Thursday 15th February

Held at the **Rotherham Pool** from 1.00pm onwards. All children will be swimming so do come along to support and encourage them.

If you have not returned your transport form please return by tomorrow.

Parents relay we require swimmers for Annan and Highfield. Please let us know by Wednesday if you can swim in the relay.

Those collecting children at **12.30pm** please collect from the main school entrance on Montrose Street. Before you leave Waiiau School you **MUST** check in with the Duty Teacher also upon leaving Rotherham Pool to ensure all children are accounted for.

- Parents are encouraged to come along in your children's house colours and help make it a fun event.
- Children need to bring: 2 towels, water bottle, warm clothes to put on between events and a school sun hat.

If weather is unsuitable we will contact you via text and the PTA ringing list on Thursday 15th in the morning.

Trailride

The Trailride will be held on: Saturday 17 March 2017 & Sunday 18 March.

Trailride Entries:

Entries are now open please encourage your friends and family to enter. If you are on Facebook we encourage our families to share the event.

Trailride Meeting - Tuesday 13th February:

There will be an open Trailride meeting on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30pm at the School Library. All welcome.

Any queries or questions contact Greg Williams 315 6376 - Trailride co-ordinator.

Pool Rebuild Project-Community Update

We are pleased to be able to confirm that we now have sufficient funding to proceed with this project.

Our preferred site is still at the back of the school site bordering Clarence St and the Catholic Church and our preferred ownership model was for the School to rebuild and continue to own/manage the facility as it has successfully for the past 80 years.

The Ministry of Education, however, have indicated to the BOT that they do not support school ownership. We are continuing with active discussions regarding the details of their decision however, feel that it is prudent to also continue to explore and discuss all other options for the future of the rebuild.

The Committee is frustrated and disappointed that we are unable to move ahead as quickly as we had hoped but are receiving considerable advice and support from Stuart Smith MP, The Hurunui District Council, Funding Providers and BOT financial advisors.

We will continue to work hard on behalf of our community to rebuild our pool and will keep you informed as soon as we have progress.

Seesaw

Both classrooms are using the Seesaw app this year. Information for log-ins has come home in the learning books. Please make sure you have signed up so that you don't miss out on your child's learning. Please see your child's teacher if you need help signing up to this.

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Assembly

Assembly is normally held at 9.00am on Monday morning and we do encourage you to join in. Please note that the assembly on the 19th of February will be at 2.30pm.

Kind regards,
Peter Kay
Relieving Principal



Parenting Helpline

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and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856
9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

we can help
with any of your
parenting concerns

Parent Help For Families of New Zealand

www.parenthelp.org.nz

How are you?
How can we help?



DOOR KNOCKS ARE HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

WHERE & WHEN?

ROTHERHAM: Monday 12th February

WAIAU: Tuesday 13th February

Please contact Viv Gray on 0273587976 for the above areas if you have any questions.

GRETA VALLEY/SCARGILL: Friday 16th February

HAWARDEN/WAIKARI: Friday 23rd February

CHEVIOT: Tuesday 27th February

CULVERDEN: Wednesday 28th February

Please contact Marie Black on 0212 068 185 for the above areas if you have any questions.

How you are getting on 15 months after the 14 November 2016 earthquake?

Deputy Mayor Marie Black and Viv Gray and their team of volunteers are visiting townships in the Hurunui District again. They have a short questionnaire for you to complete.

We want to make you, your family and neighbours aware of the support services available.

If you are not home when we visit and you would like to fill out a questionnaire please contact Viv Gray or Marie Black.

Thank you for your time.



Seminar for Parents

Understanding **'WHY CHILDREN BULLY'**

Bullying is a universal problem. It exists in every country, in every school, irrespective of size or social economic status. It seems to be more prevalent today, no thanks to computers and mobile phones. It can begin on Day-1 of the school year. Your child/teen could be very happy at school this week, with a secure group of friends. However, on Monday, everything can change as this 'best friends' group has now become her 'worst enemy.' How did this happen? Why did this happen? If it is baffling for the child, it is even more baffling for parents.

Boy-world is considerably simpler than girl-bullying, and has a complexity of its own. There are boys who are reluctant to attend school each day as a result of being constantly teased by peers. Why are boys underperforming at school? Might this have something to do with bullying? Boy's bully for different reasons than girls, and there are similarities. Why a particular boy bullies another can be different to why another boy bullies the same individual. There are a range of motives. Hence the complexity. Boy-bullying is essentially teasing.

This seminar will assist parents to understand WHY CHILDREN / TEENS BULLY. It will provide parents with the bigger picture behind this social problem, and with this knowledge, assist parents to engage in the necessary background conversations with their sons and daughters that will assist in minimizing this growing problem. It is easy to take a denial-approach to this problem and lay blame at the feet of teachers, or parents, or the mass media, or dismiss it as 'boys will be boys.' We don't seem to have a cliché-equivalent for girls (!) yet girl-bullying can be more horrendous than what happens in boy-world.

The School Staff will be spending a day with the Presenter (below) to learn how to address this universal problem in an educational manner. Policies are insufficient to curtail this growing issue. The school's response needs to be educational. For parents to play their part in reducing the effects of bullying on children that are not their own, we need to have the same understanding of this social issue that the teachers will be gaining from our staff day.

DATE: - Tuesday 13 March

TIMES: 7.00 pm

Cost: - NZ \$ 10.00 pp

VENUE: Amuri Area School

Speaker: Robert Pereira from Australia, is an educational consultant in this area of school bullying. He is the author of a resource entitled '*Why We Bully*' which reports on his findings from lessons with over 160,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. He is not going to impart statistics, but rather, share his face-to-face experiences with children and teens with whom he has engaged in classroom conversations about this universal problem. Apart from Australia, he has in-serviced school staffs in New Zealand, and international schools in Sth. Korea, Beijing, Shanghai, Suzhou, Guangzhou, Xiamen, Hong Kong. Singapore, Hyderabad and Kathmandu. He will provide parents with a Model which can enhance your conversations with your own children about the complexities of this problem. Copies of his resource: 'Why...Just Why...is MY Child Being Bullied' will be available @ \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased through Lucy at the Amuri Area School office.
Any questions or queries please feel free to email me julia@amuri.school.nz.

Kind regards,
Julia Steel