

Waiau School Newsletter



Term 4 . No 14
27th November 2020

Our community, our growth, our success, our future.

2020 - 2021

What's Happening

Wednesday 9th December
BOT Meeting 7pm - School Staffroom

9th-10th December
Dental Van Visit

Monday, 14th December
Prizegiving / BBQ - 5pm

Tuesday, 15th December
End of Term 4

Tuesday, 2nd February 2021
Start of Term 1

Thursday, 4th February 2021
WaiSwim Lessons begin

Friday, 19th February
Waiau Swimming Sports

24th - 25th February
Whole School Camp - Takahanga Marae, Kaikoura

Decile Announcement

The Ministry of Education has now reclassified our school from a Decile 8 to a Decile 4. A lower decile rating gives our school greater access to funding streams. The increase in funding will be significant in helping to ensure our students receive the best education possible, and reach their individual potential.

As our school is a Decile 4 we have the option of accessing the school donation scheme. From the 2020 school year, Waiau School could receive \$150 per student, per year, if the school does not ask parents and caregivers for donations (with the exception of overnight camps). We will discuss this at board level and provide further information at a later date.

Thank you for your diligence in completing the survey forms.

Reading Together Programme

Well done to our whanau who completed the Reading Together Programme run by Amuri Area School recently. This was a four week course designed to help parents to support young readers at home and make the most out of reading time with their child. This is a powerful programme with proven positive outcomes and we would like to thank Alison and Amuri Area School for running the programme. We look forward to seeing the positive outcomes that will be reflected in the reading skills of the children.

Please Return Cups/Trophies

Can all cups/trophies please be returned to school asap ready for prizegiving or if you have a sports cup that requires engraving.



21st Nov - 4th Dec

Miah Thomas

For welcoming others into games and playing kindly. Ka pai Miah!

Reports

Reports will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, Week 9. We used your feedback to reorganise how our reports look. They contain a wealth of information about your child's learning progress, and next learning steps. They will be sent them home earlier than normal so if you have any questions you can get in contact with us.

End of Year Celebration / BBQ - Monday 14th December

Monday 14th December, 5pm - Waiau School Hall

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our end-of-year prizegiving. This year it will be held in the school hall due to the Waiau Hall renovations. Prizegiving will be followed by a casual BBQ at the school.

The prizegiving involves all of the children and is a great way to end our school year, celebrating their successes and farewelling the Year 6's.

All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and wider community members are very welcome to attend.

Please bring along a plate to contribute to the bbq.

Room 1 - Salad / Rice / Potato / Pasta etc

Room 2 - Something sweet to share

The school will provide some sausages and bread for the bbq.

Library class

The money raised from last year's trail ride has been used to support our learners by opening up a new teaching space. Cath Ferguson has been teaching a group of students from 9 - 12.30 three days a week since the beginning of Term 3. This has allowed all our classes to have a fantastic teacher to student ratio, and really allowed our teaching staff to support our learners' progress, and teach to each student's needs. The Library class has been exceptionally lucky to have been supported by Jen Brett who has been kindly donating her time working alongside Cath.



Swimming

Please make sure your children bring their swimming togs and towel to school for the rest of the term. If it is a hot day we will try and fit in a swim.

Polo Top Orders

Our new polo tops with the new logo have finally arrived. If you would like to order any we will be placing orders soon. We will be holding minimal stock at school but will place orders each term. Children are welcome to wear the existing polos tops for the foreseeable future.

Please fill in the google doc below or see Liv in the office if you would like to place an order.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15OsIORsr_3kvPj0f2OSFI421IzLegclZyKXci6qQE0U/edit?usp=sharing



Sausage Sizzle with Harold!

Waiau School's duck came first in Harold's Schools Duck Race run by the Life Education Canterbury Annual Duck Race. This means we have won a school sausage sizzle with Harold the Giraffe on Friday the 11th of December, time to be confirmed. RSVP's will be coming home next week for catering purposes.



Kapa Haka

We are extremely lucky to have Courtney McSkimming taking a Kapa Haka programme every Friday at 11.30am with the children in our school library. If you are interested in coming along to join us, please do!



Lucky Book Club Orders - Issue 8

The Lucky Book Club Catalogue has been sent home today.

Please either - order direct at mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or if unable to complete online please send cash along with the completed form.

No online payments to the school.

We encourage parents to order online as this means less processing at our end. The orders will still be sent to the school at no charge. Waiau School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders.

Instructions for ordering:

1. Go to - mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz
2. Click on the Register tab - add your contact details and your child/children's details.
3. Select your school and your child's class select - Year level - All classes.
4. Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
5. Go to the orders tab to start your order. Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
6. All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

Orders close Tuesday the 8th of December

FYI

Assembly

Assembly will be next **Friday 4th December at the new time of 2.35pm**

Library Books

Please return all library books by next Friday the 4th of December as we are completing our stocktake of the library the following week. Any library books that are overdue and are not returned will be receiving an invoice at replacement cost. Please look out for a letter coming home if your child has overdue books.

Our community - Nō Ūkaipo
Our Growth - Te Kunengatanga
Our Success - Te Angitū
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Mainpower Waiau Community Pool

The pool is now open for the summer season

Early morning swimming, Aqua & Swim Coaching will start from Nov 28TH, weather permitting

How do I get a key?

Keys can be purchased from Waiau Hardware or the Waiau Motor camp.

A huge thank you to those two businesses for their continued support this year.

How much will it cost ?

Household Season Key for residents : \$100

Single Season Key: \$60.00 Single 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.

Waiau Pool Bank Account: 03 1582 0102537 00- please include your name for reference

Chairperson: Cath Ferguson 027 349 1144 cathspriggs@gmail.com

Secretary: Caroline Eastmond 029 776 7701 mceastmond@outlook.com

Swim Coaching 2020

Starting Monday Nov 30th at the Waiau Pool -FREE

3.30-4pm Year 5-6 students, 4-4.30pm y 7-8, 4.30-5 pm Y 9- senior

Swimmers should be able to achieve a length of the pool and want to develop their fitness and skills.

Learn to swim sessions will be held over the summer holidays for Year 1-4 students and any age wanting extra support.

Register at the first session and Students Y 9 & under please bring your parent or caregiver to the first session.

Caroline Eastmond mceastmond@outlook.com

Adult coaching, learn to swim or water confidence available by arrangement

Mainpower Waiau Community Pool Timetable November 28th -December 16th, 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7am	Pool opens 9.30am	Length swim 7am -8am	Pool opens 9.30am	Length swim 7am -8am	Pool opens 9.30am	Pool opens 9.30am	Pool opens 9.30am
	Aquafit 10-11 Level 1		*Playcentre 1030-11am		*Playcentre 1030-11am	Aqua Xtrain 9.30-1030 Starts Nov 28	
11-1.30							
1.30-3pm	Waiau School 1.30-3pm*	Waiau School 1.30-3pm*	Waiau School 1.30-3pm*	Waiau School 1.30-3pm*	Waiau School 1.30-3pm*		
3.30-5pm	Swim Coaching 3.30-4pm Y 5-6 4-4.30 Y 7-8 4.30-5 Y9 seniors						
5-8.00pm			Aquafit Level 2 6.30-7.30pm				

Pool opening hours 9.30 am-8 pm

(if the weather is cold or wet the covers may go on early to conserve heat, when the covers are on the pool is closed)

Times noted for Waiau School & Playcentre are included FYI and they may or may not be used depending on their programmes and weather. * If the pool is not in use key holders are welcome to swim. Waiau School Term ends Dec 15th

*The pool is open during Aqua, coaching & Playcentre sessions however some areas may not be available for general use.

Swim Coaching or Aqua info: Caroline mceastmond@outlook.com

Early Morning swimmers: Sarah Williams searharris@hotmail.com

It's back

“Spud in the Bucket” competition

The Amuri A&P Association are calling for entries for the 2021 ‘Spud in the Bucket’ competition.

Enter now by contacting your local school.

- You will be given the seed potato and bucket as they are provided.
- It is for school children and ‘invited’ guests.
- You may use any ‘secret blend’ of compost, soil or potting mix that helps your spud grow.
- Spuds can be collected from schools next week.
- The potato seed can be planted now.
- Bring along your bucket to the Amuri A&P Show on Saturday 6th March for the official weigh-in and judging.

Fantastic prizes - be in to win the competition for the ‘biggest’ spud, the ‘most’ spuds, the ‘ugliest’ spud plus many more prizes!

Enter now! It's free!