



Hi Everyone

### Welcome to Week 3 Term 3 2020



School photos went very well this morning and we were lucky with the weather. This year we posed for the whole school photo on our brand new deck, outside of our refurbished junior classrooms. You are more than welcome to come and have a look at the rooms, which are looking very light and fresh.

Work has now begun on the senior block and we look forward to moving the children into their new rooms at the end of this term. Just a reminder that Rimu are in the Parenting Hub, and kahikatea are in the hall.

Our numbers have continued to grow and on Monday we will hit 101 students, which is the largest the school has been for many years. 101 students is the magic number for us to receive some additional Ministry of Education staffing, which will likely be put towards the running of lots of reading, writing and maths groups aimed at boosting children, and reducing the classroom numbers.

#### Parent Interviews

We will be holding parent interviews **next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, from 1pm – 7pm**. These interviews will cover where your child is currently working in relation to the curriculum. What are areas of strength and further development, and next learning steps, plus information on how your child interacts with others and meets the key competencies. We will be sharing the PACT tool information, which is quite visual and easy to see where your child is working. As these interviews will replace the more formal written report this year we would like every family to attend.

The timetable is online and ready for you to book a slot.

Interview times can be booked by visiting <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/admin/home?z=FBbuLW&welcome=1>

Enter the code ptduf to book a time slot

#### Waimate High School for Year 6 Students

The high school have handed out prospectuses this week to our Year 6 students. They are currently looking at dates in either week 8 or 9 of this term for a transition day over at the high

school. A second transition day will be held in week 6 or 7 in Term 4.

#### Year 5&6 Miniballers

We are running trials to enter teams into the South Canterbury competition which is held every Tuesday from the 15th September to 8th December (excluding holidays), in Timaru. As these are representative teams we require full commitment from players for games and practices. Trials will be held on Friday 14th August at the Waimate Events Centre at 3.30pm. Any questions please call Nicole on 0275719625.

#### Reminders

##### Skiing

I am in the process of locking in a couple of weekend dates for our school ski programme. Unfortunately, Round Hill are not offering the cheaper school prices this year, so we are planning to go to Mt Dobson instead. This will work out at roughly \$38 per child, per day for lesson, gear hire and lift pass, and not including a PTA subsidy of \$20 per Waimate Main School child.

##### Choral Festival

This term our arts focus will be on singing, and we will be running a choral festival evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Every class will perform a song, and every whanau group will team up to present a song. We will also perform a kapa haka item and a whole school song, giving us around 10 items in total. We will be practicing over the course of this term, and we would love to see you there.

##### School Trips/EOTC

We are in the process of finalizing two school trips this term. One of the trips will be a road trip out to the fossil museum at Duntroon, followed by lunch at Elephant Rocks, and a quick visit to the Maori rock drawings on the way back to school. The other trip will be a farm visit out to the Guys dairy farm to experience milking and calf feeding. We are also trying to organise tours of either the Fonterra or Oceania processing plants on the same day. These trips will lead in nicely to our pet day on the final day of term.

##### Skool Loop App

This App is available for download, then simply select our school. This is a great way of receiving notices, reading the newsletter, checking calendar dates and submitting absences.

The app is free to our school but does rely on advertising so if you know of a local business that would like their banner to appear on our Skool loop App please put them in touch with us.

##### Policy Review this Term

This term the BOT, staff and parents will review...

Learning Support policies and procedures

To review or read a policy at any time – Search School Docs (For all school policies and procedures)

User name – waimatemain  
Password- thinkcareachieve

##### Key dates this term...

- Parent Interviews – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August
- South Cant Cross Country – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> August
- Mountain View Jazz Band – Wed 12<sup>th</sup> August
- High School Matinee - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August
- PB4L Team Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August
- BOT Meeting – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September
- School Choral Festival – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- Road Patrol Training – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September
- Pet Day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

##### We would also like to run a disco this term at some point

If you have any questions please come and see me anytime Monday to Thursday. On Fridays, my primary focus is teaching. Have a fantastic week

Paul Cartlidge