



Hi Everyone

Welcome to Week 2 Term 3 2020

Week 1 flew by and we are now firmly back into the swing of things.

Last week the children completed some learning around the Maori festival of Matariki, and created some fantastic art works which are now on display at the Events Centre.



Parent Interviews

We will be holding parent interviews on Tuesday 11th 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

Family needing a rental property

We have a family of three at school looking for rental accommodation in Waimate. If you have, or are aware of a suitable property please let either myself or Andrea know, and we can pass on your details.

Junior Literacy Parent Information Session

Tomorrow afternoon at 3:10pm Shona is running an information session around the Liz Kane Structured Literacy Approach that is being run in the new entrant room, and partially in Totara on up. We would really appreciate 100% attendance from Pohutukawa parents as this session will explain our literacy approach, and things like homework.

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 22nd 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.

Building Update

The junior rooms are very close to completion and, all going well we should be moving in this Friday. This means that the senior classes will be moving out of their rooms. Kahikatea into the hall, and Rimu into the Parenting Hub.

Reminders

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...

- Literacy Parent Session with Shona – Wed 29th July
- PB4L Team Meeting – Monday 3rd August
- BOT Meeting – Tuesday 4th August
- School Photos – Wed 5th August
- Parent Interviews – Tuesday 11th August
- South Cant Cross Country – Wed 12th August
- Mountain View Jazz Band – Wed 12th August
- High School Matinee - Friday 4th August
- PB4L Team Meeting – Monday 7th August
- BOT Meeting – Tuesday 15th September
- School Choral Festival – Tuesday 22nd September
- Road Patrol Training – Thursday 24th September
- Pet Day – Friday 25th 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