

Waimea Intermediate | Specialist Classes – 2023



Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive



Kia ora and welcome to Specialist Subjects

This year students will rotate around all 6 Specialist Subjects – Art; Music; Food, Workshop and Textiles Technology; and STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics). They will spend approximately 9 x 1.5 hours lessons in each specialist area.

Students are collected from their Home Room and taken to their specialist area. They are then collected by their Home Room teacher at the end of the lesson. This is to ensure students know where they are going and so reduces anxiety. It is also an opportunity for teachers to communicate with each other.

2023 will see the launch of a new online specialist subjects reporting system where students will post their work in the form of photos and comments into 'Spotlight'. This is a new exciting initiative for Waimea Intermediate School and we look forward to hearing your feedback. Keep an eye on your emails for more details.

The Specialist Team teachers are all specialists in their field and love sharing their knowledge and skills with our tamariki. Do you have a skill in one of these areas that you would like to share with us or do you have access to resources/materials we could use? If so, please contact Whaea Jo at: jot@waimeaint.school.nz

Meet the Specialist Teachers

Below is a brief introduction to the Specialist Subjects Team in the form of 'Two truths and a lie'.

Can you guess which statement is a lie?



Chris Phillips – Music Specialist teacher

- I currently play drums in 6 different bands.
- My dad wrote the classic kiwi kids song, 'Bad Hair Day'.
- I'm a scratch golfer.



Whaea Emma - Art Specialist Teacher

- I speak Welsh.
- I am allergic to chocolate.
- I own 10 pairs of Doc Martens.



Whaea Jo – Food Technology Specialist

- I was a contestant on 'The Great British Bake Off'.
- I am a qualified PADI Diver.
- I got married in Las Vegas.



Stu McDonald – Workshop Technology Specialist Teacher

- I used to be able to shear 200 sheep in a day.
- In my house there are 11 functioning computers.
- I am in the 2015 Guinness book of records



Whaea Sandy – Textiles Technology Specialist Teacher

- I have travelled to India.
- I'm scared of birds.
- I have bungy jumped off the Auckland Sky Tower.



Whaea Di – STEAM Specialist Teacher

- I have a Bachelor of Science Degree, specialising in neuroscience psychology and hypnosis.
- I am passionate about creativity and increasing student engagement and often include an assistance dog during lessons.
- I have been teaching for 20-plus years and I recognise the value of using digital technologies for learning and creating knowledge.

We can't wait to work with your children this year.