

Waitohu School

Newsletter – January 31 - 2019

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**Congratulations to Lily O'Rourke
Winstones Award Winner - 2018**

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone to the 2019 school year. A very special welcome to our new students who are joining us at Waitohu School School this year - Natasha Heta, Oranga Tidd, Pearl Isaac, Mason Te Maari, Azariah Joe, Harper Smith and Meia Putu (Rm1), Stewart Johnston, Laylah-Coutour Heta-Mohi and Ricoh Brown (Rm2), Sasha Meynell (Rm8), Bacardi Tiitii, Brooke Butcher, Kaylee Ault, Liddell Heta-Mohi and Charley Ngahiwi (Rm5), Zhyla Putu and Danny-Lee Farr (Rm6), Charm Ngahiwi (Rm12), Ethan Tayler and Ngaraima Rerekura (Rm3), Mezziah Tiitii and Manase Bailey (Rm4).

A very warm welcome also to Jason Ward who is teaching in Room 3. Jason has come to us from Tawa School. We are delighted to have Jason join our school community. We hope you all love being part of Waitohu School.

Tomorrow, Friday 1 February at 10.10am we will be welcoming all of our new students with a powhiri. Please feel very welcome to join us for our powhiri.

WINSTONE AGGREGATES AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to Lily O'Rourke – the winner of the 2018 Winstone Aggregates Award. Our thanks to Winstone Aggregates for their ongoing support of our school.

THANK YOU ŌTAKI FIREFIGHTERS AND SOAPBOX

A big thank you to Don Watson for organising a crew of firefighters to delight our senior students at the end of last term in a 'water fight!' Special thanks also to Soapbox for donating the suds that generated many smiles - a much loved end of year tradition!

SWIM KĀPITI SWIMMING LESSONS

Attached to this newsletter is an information / permission slip regarding the Swim Kāpiti Swimming Lessons. Thank you to all the parents who have already returned this. If cost is a barrier please don't hesitate to see me, we would like all students to benefit from this great opportunity of convenient and heavily cost reduced swimming lessons.

SAFETY

Student Absences - We ask that all parents contact us if their child is absent from school. To assist parents who only have mobile phones we have a school mobile phone for the specific purpose of receiving text messages. If your child is going to be away please text the full name of your child, their room number, **and the reason for their absence**. The number is 027 545 0530. As always our landline is another option, the number is 364 8272.

Drop Off Time - Please do not drop students off or send them to school prior to 8.20am, thank you.

Road Safety - If your child walks or cycles to school, the start of the year is a good time to remind them about safety around roads. Perhaps over the next weekend or two, you could ride or walk to school with your child to check that their road safety habits are in place.

School Patrol - Thank you to the students who have volunteered to be school patrollers this year. This is a very important job and we appreciate your willingness to help in this way. A huge thank you Derek Kelly for once again supervising the Te Manuao Road pedestrian crossing each Friday between 8.30 – 9.00am.

We currently need a parent supervisor each Monday between 8.30 - 9.00am. If you are able to support our students in this way could you please let the office know. We really appreciate your generosity in ensuring our students are safe.

Sun Hats - During Terms 1 and 4 students are required to wear a school hat at morning tea and lunchtime. These hats are generously provided by our Home and School Association. As well as the hats, I encourage you to ensure your child has sunscreen on before they leave for school each morning.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Ōtaki New World provides the following lunch order options for Waitohu School students from Monday to Friday during school terms. **All options cost \$4.00 each** (the money goes directly to New World).

To order lunch students will need to:

- Bring the correct money in a sealed envelope that has their name, room number, order letter: (ie. A, B, C, D, E, F, VA or VB), and either 'M' for a muesli bar or 'S' for Strings clearly written on the outside.

For example: Maine Curtis
 Room 1
 A M

- Please note that change will **not** be given and that envelopes are **not** available from the office.
- The envelope needs to be delivered to the school office by 9.00am on the day of order.

A. Ham sandwich, apple, muesli bar or Strings, 125ml juice	\$4.00
B. Ham sandwich, banana, muesli bar or Strings, 125ml juice	\$4.00
C. Chicken salad sandwich, apple, muesli bar or Strings, 125ml juice	\$4.00
D. Chicken salad sandwich, banana, muesli bar or Strings, 125ml juice	\$4.00
E. Potato top pie, apple, muesli bar or Strings, 125ml juice	\$4.00
F. Potato top pie, banana, muesli bar or Strings, 125ml juice	\$4.00
VA. Vege sandwich (cheese, lettuce, cucumber), apple, muesli bar or strings & juice	\$4.00
VB. Vege sandwich (cheese, lettuce, cucumber), banana, muesli bar or strings & juice	\$4.00

TERM DATES FOR 2019

Term 1	Wednesday 30 January to Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October to Thursday 12 December

BREAKFAST AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

The community initiative of providing a free wholesome breakfast to Waitohu School students is up and running again this year. It's open to all students, every school morning, from 8.00am–8.45am in the Baptist Hall on Te Manuao Road. A huge thanks to members of our school community, and beyond, for making this possible.

A casual volunteer is wanted to help at Breakfast Club on mornings when regular helpers are away. Please contact the school office or Rod Graham on 027 445 7545 if you can assist.

EVENTS – UPCOMING

- Interviews (4.00pm - 7.00pm) - Thursday 31 January
- Powhiri (10.10am) - Friday 1 February
- Wheels Day – Senior Syndicate – Friday 1 February
- Waitangi Day Public Holiday - Wednesday 6 February – School is closed
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 8 February
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 15 February
- Home and School Meeting – Tuesday 19 February (7.15pm - 8.30pm)
- Senior Tryathlon – Friday 22 February
- Swim Kāpiti Swimming Lessons begin - Monday 25 February
- Year 5 Trip to Kāpiti Island – Wednesday 27 February
- School Picnic, Waikanae Pools – Friday 1 March
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 5 March at 7.15pm
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 8 March
- Junior Tryathlon – Friday 15 March
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 22 March
- Year 6 Camp – Wednesday 27 March – Friday 29 March

- Gala – Sunday 7 April
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 9 April at 7.15pm
- Assembly (10.20am) – Friday 12 April
- Final Day Term 1 – Friday 12 April
- Day 1, Term 2 – Monday 29 April

RELATED INFORMATION

SCHOOL PICNIC – WAIKANAЕ POOLS – FRIDAY 1 MARCH

In four weeks' time we will be having our annual school picnic at Waikanae Pools. We will be departing at 10.00am and returning by 2.30pm. This was such an awesome day last year that we are all looking forward to it again this year. To make it happen we need:

- A signed permission slip and entry money (\$5.00 per child - includes entry and hydroslide; please note *all* students are able to use the hydroslide)
- You and the rest of your family to join in
(Standard costs apply of \$4.60 per swimming adult, \$1.60 per pre-schooler and \$1.60 for an adult if swimming with a pre-schooler – please pay this money at the pool on the day. Children under 4 years are now required to wear a swim nappy, they are available at \$1.50 each from the pool).
- Due to the car seat law (all children up to the age of 7 must be in a booster seat) we will be travelling to and from the pool by bus. If parents are able to come for the day (and we hope there are lots) they are very welcome to transport their *own* children.

Please note that during the day we will be having swimming races (1 length freestyle, 1 length breaststroke and 1 length backstroke) for any Year 4, 5 and 6 students who would like to participate.

SCHOOL PICNIC RETURN SLIP

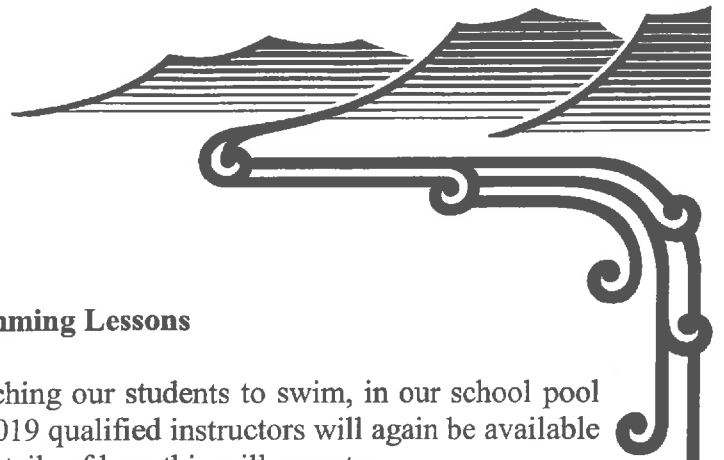
Name(s) _____ Room/s _____ has my permission to go to the school picnic at the Waikanae Pool on Friday 1 March.

I will transport my children to and from the pool. YES / NO

Cost per child \$5.00. Enclosed \$ _____ Signed: _____

(Please return this slip to the school office by Friday 22 February, thanks).

Waitohu School



Friday 7 December 2018

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers

Swim Kāpiti Swimming Lessons

In Term 1, we had qualified swimming instructors teaching our students to swim, in our school pool (remember it is now heated!), during school hours. In 2019 qualified instructors will again be available to teach all of our students. Below I have outlined the details of how this will operate:

Number of lessons: 8
Number of students per group: 8
Length of lesson: 30 minutes
Regularity of lessons: 4 per week over a two week period (Monday to Thursdays)
Cost: \$35 (*a saving of \$65 for equivalent lessons at Ōtaki Pool*)

Please note that the lessons will be ability grouped. It is hoped all students will get to benefit from these convenient and reduced cost swimming lessons.

If cost is a barrier please don't hesitate to see me, we would like all students to benefit from this great opportunity.

Ngā mihi

Maine Curtis
Principal

Swim Kāpiti Swimming Lessons

I give permission for _____ Room _____ to take part in the *Swim Kāpiti Swimming* lessons to be undertaken in Term 1 as outlined above.

\$35 enclosed

Online Payment Made

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Waitohu School BOT: 03-1532-0014731-000

Reference: Your child's name Code: Swimming

Parents / Caregiver Name: _____ Signature: _____

(Please return to the school office by Friday 8 February 2019, thanks).

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