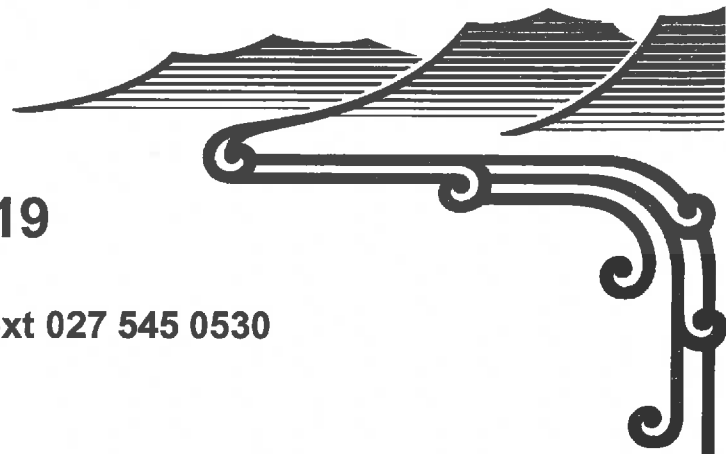


# Waitohu School



Newsletter – August 22 - 2019

For absences please phone 364 8272 or text 027 545 0530



**Year 3/4**

**Future Ferns Tournament**

**with Irene Van Dyk**

**TO BE** Valuing and nurturing individuals to be themselves  
**OUR BEST** In all things there are many forms of best - as individuals and as a community of learners we always strive to be our best

Te Manuao Road, Otaki

Phone: (06) 364 8272  
Fax: (06) 364 8272  
Email: [office@waitohu.school.nz](mailto:office@waitohu.school.nz)

# Harcourts

## Natalie Malloy

Licensed Real Estate Consultant

M 022 302 2660 P 06 364 5284  
natalie.malloy@harcourts.co.nz

Team Group Realty Limited Licensed Agent REAA 2008  
169-175 Main Highway, Otaki  
PO Box 15148, Otaki 5542  
www.teamharcourts.co.nz



List and sell exclusively with Natalie and she will donate \$250 to our school.



## Otaki Vets

269 Mill Road

Otaki

06 3646941 06 3647089

contact@otakivets.co.nz

www.otakivets.com

Angela Ford  
BVM&S MANZCVS

Maria Lombard  
BVSc

Helen Beban  
BVSc MBA

Graham Kirker  
BVSc

Olivia Baker  
BVSc BA

New Zealand's No. 1 Rock Group



# WINSTONE

AGGREGATES

Otaki Quarry, Main Road, Otaki  
Phone 364-8932



first  
national  
REAL ESTATE | Otaki



Grant Robertson

ARENZ  
Principal  
021 660 113



Derek Kelly

Registered REA 2008  
Salesperson  
0210 832 6460

PHONE 06 3648350

EMAIL grant@fnotaki.co.nz : derek@fnotaki.co.nz

WEB otakiproperty.co.nz

GBR REALTY LTD MREINZ Licensed Agent REAA 2008  
238 Main Highway Otaki

List and sell exclusively with Derek or Grant and they will donate \$250 to our school

**COASTWIDE PLUMBING LTD**

PLUMBING ROOFING DRAINLAYING  
SPOUTING & MAINTENANCE

**027 2878 001**

coastwideplumbing@gmail.com  
www.coastwideplumbing.co.nz

**In-home childcare  
vacancies available**

Jeff  
PORSE Educator  
available in the Otaki area  
**(06) 364 7160**  
For more information please contact  
PORSE Mana Office ph 04 233 0494  
**porse.co.nz 0800 023 456**

**porse**  
Growing little  
minds at home.

**Brendon Heenan**  
TALL POPPY REAL ESTATE AGENT & OTAKI  
FRANCHISEE OWNER

M 027 479 2772  
P 06 3648833  
E brendan.heenan@tallpoppy.co.nz

tallpoppy.co.nz  
Bulsara Ltd REAA-licensed MREINZ

List and sell exclusively with Brendon and he will donate \$250 to our school.

**ELECTRICAL DYNAMICS**  
NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

Electrical & Audio / Visual Specialists

**Rob Wilkinson: 021 034 5252**

Email: [electricaldynamicsnz@gmail.com](mailto:electricaldynamicsnz@gmail.com)

**Quarter  
Acre  
café bistro**

MANAKAU-NZ

**Coastal Landscape  
Supplies Ltd**

- Topsoil
- Compost
- Bark Products
- Mulch
- Firewood

☎ 04-293 6621  
☎ 021-419 672

"We Deliver"

13 Omaha St, Waikanae

www.coastallandscape  
supplies.co.nz

WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR NEWSLETTER SPONSORS - THANK YOU

## **NEW PUPILS**

A very special welcome to our new student Tomai Bevan who has joined us in Room 3. Welcome to Waitohu School.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SURVEY**

The Board of Trustees have prepared an online survey seeking your feedback and impressions on many aspects of the school. This survey is completed every two years. Thank you to the parents who have had an opportunity to already complete our school survey. The survey is on Survey Monkey, the link has been emailed to whanau. If you don't have internet access, or would prefer to complete the survey on paper, one is attached to this newsletter, thank you.

## **MID-WINTER RAFFLE - ORIGINAL RAFFLE BOOK RETURNS DUE TOMORROW**

Thank you to all the people who have sold their raffle tickets, very much appreciated. Please return the ticket stubs and the \$10 per book to school by Friday 23 August. Additional books need to be returned by Monday 16 September. The proceeds will be used to purchase extra classroom resources for our students. The more books you are able to sell, the more resources we will be able to purchase. Every book sold will put you in the special ticket seller prize draws. There are also two prizes for the top ticket sellers. If you do not wish to sell the tickets please return them unsold as soon as possible so we can redistribute them. Thank you.

## **MIDCENTRAL HEALTH DHB - MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE: DON'T WAIT – TAKE ACTION**

There have been 3 confirmed cases of meningococcal disease in the MidCentral region during July/August. Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial disease which can affect anyone but it is more common in children under the age of 5, teenagers and young adults. It can look like influenza in its early stages but it can very quickly get much worse. The illness may develop slowly over 1-2 days or quickly over a period of a few hours so it is important to not wait and seek immediate medical help in the early stages of symptoms – ring a doctor - or ring Healthline 0800 611 116 straightaway at any time of the day, even if you have already been seen by a doctor.

### **Don't be put off. Insist on immediate action.**

#### **Your baby or child may:**

- high pitched cry or unsettled
- refuse drinks or feeds
- vomit
- be sleepy or floppy/harder to wake
- have a stiff neck
- dislike bright lights
- have a rash or spots (that don't fade when pressed and look like small bruises)

#### **Adults may:**

- a fever
- a headache
- vomit
- be sleepy, confused, delirious or unconscious
- have a stiff neck
- dislike bright lights
- have joint pain and aching muscles
- have a rash or spots (that don't fade when pressed and look like small bruises)

The best way to avoid getting sick with meningococcal disease is to not share spit/saliva and other respiratory secretions with other people. To do this:

- Don't share food, drinks, cutlery, toothbrushes, pacifiers, cigarettes and other objects that can transfer spit
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Washing and drying your hands can help reduce the chance of spreading the bacteria that can cause illness

There are vaccines for certain strains of meningococcal disease available in NZ. Some are free for certain high risk groups. There is a charge for vaccines for adults and children who do not fit into these groups. See your GP for further information.

## **ROAD SAFETY**

A reminder that if you are collecting your child from school to please ensure they get into your car from the footpath. There have been some close misses with cars almost hitting an opening door or students who are getting into the car from the roadside. Please be extra careful - the road is very busy at drop off and pick up time, thank you.

## **FANCY DRESS DANCE EVENING - WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER - 6.30PM - NGĀ PURAPURA**

Please make a note in your diary so you are able to come and enjoy our Fancy Dress Dance Evening on Wednesday 18 September at 6.30pm at Ngā Purapura (opposite Te Wānanga o Raukawa). This will be a wonderful evening – lots of smiles are guaranteed! A few points to note:

- It is our expectation that all students will attend. Classes will be creating their dances to share and *all* students being part of the sharing is important.
- Parents and preschoolers are also very warmly invited to dress up and attend.
- Everyone is encouraged to dress up. Costumes can be anything you and your child would like. Your dress up box at home with a few creative touches may create wonderful pirates, princesses, rugby players, Tarzans, fairies, soccer players, movie stars, book characters .....
- We are looking forward to this fantastic event.

## **LUCKY BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Lucky Book Club Offer 6 has been given out today. Orders are due in by Friday 6 September. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand Limited. The online ordering system now available is explained in the brochure.

## **EVENTS – UPCOMING**

- Wheels Day - Senior Syndicate - Friday 23 August
- Year 5/6 Rippa Rugby Nationals - Sunday 25 to Tuesday 27 August
- Daffodil Day - Friday 30 August
- Assembly (2.00pm) - Friday 30 August
- Interschool Rippa Rugby Tournament - Tuesday 10 Sept (p/p Wednesday 11 Sept)
- Assembly (2.00pm) - Friday 13 September
- Fancy Dress Dance Evening at Ngā Purapura - Wednesday 18 September (6.30 - 8.00pm)
- School Photos - Tuesday 24 September
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 24 September at 7.15pm
- Assembly (12.00pm) - Friday 27 September
- Final Day, Term 3 – Friday 27 September
- Day 1, Term 4 – Monday 14 October
- Powhiri welcome for new students (10.20am) – Friday 18 October
- Home and School Association Meeting - Tuesday 22 October (7.15pm)
- Assembly (2.00pm) - Friday 25 October
- Labour Day - Monday 28 October
- Interschool Touch Rugby Touch Tournament - Tuesday 5 November (p/p Wednesday 6 Nov)
- Thursday Afternoon Touch Rugby begins - Thursday 7 November
- Fireworks Extravaganza - Friday 8 November (p/p Saturday 9 November)
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 12 November at 7.15pm
- Assembly (2.00pm) - Friday 15 November
- Assembly (2.00pm) - Friday 22 November
- Kapa Haka Festival - Wednesday 4 December
- Disco - Thursday 5 December (6.00 - 8.00pm)
- 2019 Student Reports and 2020 Class Lists Published – Friday 6 December
- Year 6 Lunch (12.00pm) / Year 6 Assembly (1.50pm) – Tuesday 10 December
- Final Assembly – Wednesday 11 December (1.30pm)
- Term 4 Finishes (2.00pm) – Thursday 12 December
- Student-Parent Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 4 February 2020
- Classes begin – Wednesday 5 February 2020

## **WAITOHU SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL CLUB**

### **Lambs, Kids and Gardens**

It's Agricultural Club time again. In Term 3 Mrs Moore will be meeting with students interested in bringing a lamb or kid to our Annual Agricultural Day for judging in Term 4, or entering into the Home Garden competition.

Birth dates are:            Lambs and kids -            15 July onwards

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **FREE HOME FIRE ALARM CHECK VISITS**

Fire and Emergency New Zealand offers free visits to help people make their homes fire safe for them and their families. They can provide information and help install and test smoke alarms or provide a free smoke alarm to those who are eligible. Go to [www.fireandemergency.nz](http://www.fireandemergency.nz) for more information or to book a free visit email [FENZwellington@fireandemergency.nz](mailto:FENZwellington@fireandemergency.nz) or contact your local fire station.

### **VETS ON RIVERBANK FREE AG DAY LAMB AND KID VACCINATIONS**

Vets on Riverbank are offering free vaccination and docking for all Ag Day lambs and kids. This will be by appointment only every Monday between 3.30-4.30pm. To ensure your lamb or kid is seen, call 364 6942 to make an appointment. Please note patients seen outside of this allocated time may incur a fee.

### **ŌTAKI PLAYERS PRESENT THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**

Ōtaki Players present The Phantom of the Opera with music by Kāpiti Light Orchestra at Ōtaki Civic Theatre from 22 August - 7 September. Tickets cost \$35 per adult and \$25 per student. Go to [www.otakiplayers.org.nz](http://www.otakiplayers.org.nz) for ticket bookings or phone Roger on 06 364 8848 or purchase at United Video, Main Street, Ōtaki.

### **STATIONHOUSE SOCIAL CLUB DINNER AND LIVE MUSIC**

There will be dinner and live music by Andrew London, The Salty Hearts on Thursday 5 September at The Railway Hotel (Function Room) from 6.30-9.00pm. Tickets cost \$35 and are available now at Event Finder [www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/stationhouse-social-club/otaki](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/stationhouse-social-club/otaki) or from Ōtaki Travel, 74 Main Street, Ōtaki.

### **TENNIS OPEN DAY AT HARUATAI PARK**

Ōtaki Sports Club are hosting a "Love Tennis" open day at Haruatai Park, Mill Road, Ōtaki on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September from 1.00-4.00pm. This is free for all ages and racquets are supplied along with a BBQ, prizes and giveaways. Email [mattandmariette@gmail.com](mailto:mattandmariette@gmail.com) or go to [www.lovetennis.kiwi](http://www.lovetennis.kiwi) for more information.

### **ŌTAKI MONTESSORI FUNDRAISER - ICE SKATING EVENT 10 - 13 SEPTEMBER**

Ōtaki Montessori are again hosting a Kāpiti - Horowhenua annual ice skating event. The event is truly unique in the district. It caters for all ages and all abilities. The surface is artificial, and has 97% of the gliding capacity of natural ice. It looks like ice, skates like ice, but isn't cold.

Where: Hadfield Hall When: September 10-13 Time: 3pm-7pm Cost: \$8 per child, \$12 for adults and \$35 for families of 4. Door sales are available for these sessions.

### **KĀPITI YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

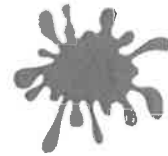
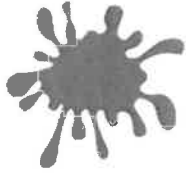
Kapiti's Youth Orchestra annual concert is at Southward Car Museum at 2.00pm on Sunday 15 September. Tickets costs are: family \$35 (2 adults and 2 children), adults \$15, students \$7 and children under 14 years \$5 each. Email [kapitiyouthorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:kapitiyouthorchestra@gmail.com) for tickets or more information.

### **TOUGH KID CHALLENGE**

Blue Light Ventures are hosting a Tough Kid Challenge on Saturday 21 September at Donnelly Park in Levin. See the entry form attached at the back of this newsletter.

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS**

English Language Partners offer English lessons for those born overseas and wanting to improve their english. They can offer one to one help anywhere in Kāpiti (1-2 hours per week), classes in Paraparaumu (2 hours per week), in speaking, listening, reading and writing for all levels. This tuition is for new arrivals and also those who have lived in New Zealand for years and is free for most people. Contact English Language Partners on 0800 639 5494 or email [horowhenua-kapiti@englishlanguage.org.nz](mailto:horowhenua-kapiti@englishlanguage.org.nz) for more information.



BLUE LIGHT VENTURES

# TOUGH KID CHALLENGE

Are you tough enough?

10:00 am Saturday 21 September 2019, Donnelly Park, Levin.

FREE Entry, Open to all school students.

The event is a challenging obstacle course. You will have to contend with water and lots of mud.

A completed consent form must be presented to be able to register. Registration is up till 15 minutes prior to the start time.

Start times, primary 10:00 am. Intermediate 10:30 am Secondary 11:00 am

Suitable footwear must be worn (lace up shoes) No slip on shoes or barefeet.

Dry clothes should be available to get changed into on completion. Adults are also welcome to participate.

NOTE: If you are not prepared to get WET, TIRED, MUDDY, COLD, BRUISED, and have FUN, do not enter this event as you are not tough-enough.

Sausage Sizzle \$2

**Blue Light Tough Kid Challenge Consent Form:**

As the parent/caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_ who is primary/intermediate/secondary, aged \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ give my consent for him/her to take part in the Blue Light Tough Kid Challenge to be held at Donnelly Park on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2019.

I acknowledge the risk of injuries inherent in this type of physical activity, While I am aware organisers will take all due care, I recognise that accidents may occur.

If my child became ill or is accidentally injured Blue Light may obtain on my behalf whatever medical treatment my child requires. I will pay all such medical expenses.

I have not given consent for my child to enter this event knowing that they have a medical or physical condition that may threaten their wellbeing by participating in this event.

I also acknowledge that Blue Light and the New Zealand Police accepts no liability for any personal injury or property loss suffered by my child during this event.

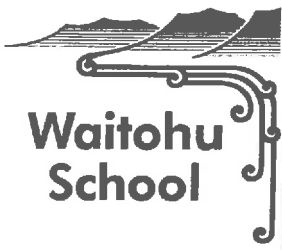
I or another adult appointed to look after my child will stay in the immediate area of the event to supervise my child. I will make sure that my child has access to suitable clothing and shout footwear to participate in. I will also have suitable clothes for my child to change into at the completion of the event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date / /

Parent/caregiver





TO BE Whāngai and nurturing individuals to be themselves  
OUR BEST In all things there are many forms of best - as individuals and as a community of learners we always strive to be our best.

## Community Perception of Waitohu School Survey

**Kia ora Parents and Caregivers**

**We ask you to make time to complete this survey.**

**All surveys are confidential. This survey will allow the staff and Board of Trustees to:**

- 1. Gain valuable feed-back from the community on the views and opinions of the profile of the school and to**
- 2. Assist the staff and Board of Trustees with ideas for planning for the future direction and development of the school.**

**Once the surveys are completed, the findings will be distributed to the community.**

**It would be appreciated that all surveys are completed by Friday 30 August 2019.**

**Ngā Mihi**

**Lis Watson  
Board of Trustees Chairperson**

**Maine Curtis  
Principal**

**1. Which ethnicity best describes you?**

- Pasifika
- Asian
- Māori
- European
- Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify)



TO BE Valuing and nurturing individuals to be themselves  
OUR BEST In all things there are many forms of best - as individuals and as a community of learners we always strive to be our best

## Community Perception of Waitohu School Survey

2. How do you perceive the reputation of Waitohu School within the community?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

3. How do you perceive the atmosphere at Waitohu School?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

4. How do you perceive the school on being welcoming and responsive to parents?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment



5. How do you perceive the school on providing a safe and secure environment for children?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

6. How do you perceive the enthusiasm of your child(ren) about Waitohu school?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

7. How do you perceive school discipline?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

8. How do you perceive the development of basic learning skills?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

9. How do you perceive the range of diverse educational programmes provided?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

10. How do you perceive te reo and tikanga Māori and kapa haka programmes provided?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

11. How do you perceive the school's reporting to parents (interviews, written reports) about student achievement?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

12. How do you perceive the school's effectiveness of keeping you informed?

1. Excellent

2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment

13. How do you perceive the buildings and grounds?

1. Excellent

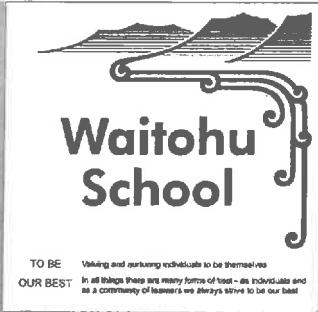
2. Very good

3. Good

4. Below average

5. Poor

Comment



## Community Perception of Waitohu School Survey

### Prioritising

**In completing this section of the survey you could keep in mind the following areas as a guide:**

**academic achievement, school atmosphere, teaching, learning, attitudes, values, parental involvement, buildings, grounds, school trips, camps, homework, behaviour management, sport, art, choir, kapahaka, curriculum, personnel, management, governance etc**

14. What are the two things you most value about your child(ren) attending Waitohu School?

1.

2.

15. What are the two most important things you think Waitohu School could do better?

1.

2.