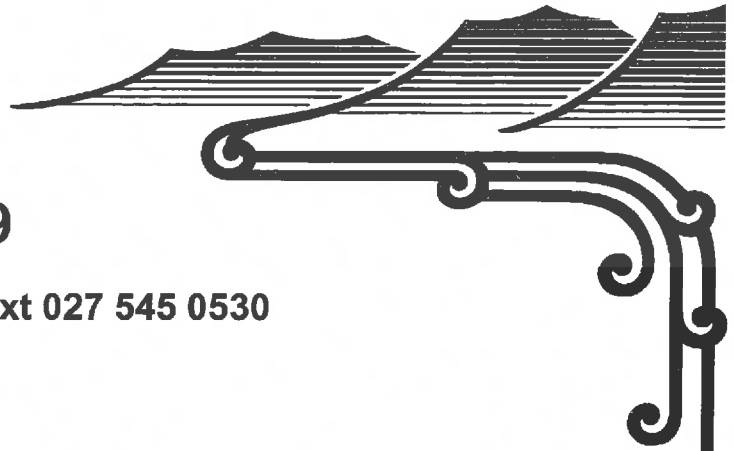


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EARLY FINISH 12.30PM - THURSDAY 21 MARCH

On Thursday 21 March, school will close at 12.30pm. This is to enable teachers to attend a paid NZEI meeting relating to their collective employment contract. There will be no bus at this time.

JUNIOR SCHOOL DUATHLON - TOMORROW - FRIDAY 15 MARCH

The Junior Duathlon will be held tomorrow Friday 15 March starting at **10.00am**. The course is below:

5 year olds (Run as separate boys and girls races)

- Run 1 lap of the field
- Walk 1 lap of the pool

6 year olds (Run as separate boys and girls races)

- Run 1 lap of the field
- Walk 2 laps of the the pool

7 year olds (Run as separate boys and girls races)

- Run 2 laps of the field
- Walk 2 laps of the pool

CRICKET SUCCESS

We have recently had two school teams playing in a Ōtaki-Kāpiti Cricket competition on Monday afternoons at Waikanae Park. A huge thank you to each of the coaches Kerry Bevan and Kere Strawbridge. Both teams performed superbly with each making the final of their respective competitions. Special congratulations to Kere Strawbridge's team who won their final. What a great experience for all the players in both teams - awesome.

GALA – SUNDAY 7 APRIL 11.00AM – 2.00PM

We are planning to have a fantastic whanau event with music, kai, children's activities and loads of great bargains for sale. The date set for our gala is **Sunday 7 April**. Please mark it in your diaries and let friends and whanau know.

- **Stall Helpers** – *a helpers list is at the back of this newsletter, please consider where and how you can help, thanks.*
- **Vouchers** – we are hoping to have a range of vouchers to use with our quick fire raffles. You may be able to organise one for us. All vouchers will be gratefully received – restaurants, cafes, bakeries, hairdressers, appliance stores, cleaning services, one or two hours of a tradesperson's time We can 'create' the voucher so please don't hesitate to see someone in the office if you are able to donate in this way.
- **White Elephant Stall** – if you have any items that would be suitable (clothes, books, toys, etc) please bring them to the school office (please note old computers and TVs are not suitable), thanks.
- **Raffle Items** – once again, classes will be competing to bring the most items to school, to be used in our raffles. This year instead of cans, we need non-perishable pantry fillers, laundry products, hair products, toiletries and gourmet products. *If every family provides 1 or 2 items it will make a huge difference.*

LATE CHILDREN ARRIVAL

Please note that all school gates are closed at 9.00am, so if your child arrives after 9.00am please accompany them to the gate in case they need assistance in opening and closing it. Your child then needs to come straight to the office to sign in as they will have missed the morning roll. Thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB - HELP NEEDED

The community initiative of providing a free wholesome breakfast to Waitohu School students is up and running again this term. It's open to all students, every school morning, from 8.00am–8.50am in the Baptist Hall on Te Manuao Road. A huge thanks to members of our school community, and beyond, for making this possible. Volunteer help is needed from 8.15am-9.00am on Tuesday 19 and 26 March, and 2 and 9 April. Also a casual Volunteer is needed who can come in at short notice when regular helpers are away. Please contact Rod Graham on 027 445 7545 if you can assist.

THANK YOU KYLIE, PAUL AND TALL POPPY REAL ESTATE

Brendan Heenan of Tall Poppy Real Estate recently sold the home of Kylie Plunkett and Paul Carylton. They kindly asked Tall Poppy to donate \$250 to our school as part of Brendan's school newsletter pledge. Thank you - we appreciate this support.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Lucky Book Club Offer 2 orders are due in by Wednesday 20 March. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic New Zealand Limited. The online ordering system now available is explained in the brochure.

EVENTS – UPCOMING

- Wheels Day – Junior Syndicate – Friday 15 March
- Junior Duathlon – Friday 15 March
- School closes at 12.30pm - Thursday 21 March - NZEI Paid Union Meeting
- Assembly (12.10am) – Friday 22 March - *please note the change of time*
- Year 6 Camp – Wednesday 27 March – Friday 29 March
- Home and School Association Meeting - Tuesday 2 April (7.15 - 8.30pm)
- 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
- Powhiri (10.10am) - Friday 3 May
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 10 May
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 14 May at 7.15pm
- Senior Cross Country - Tuesday 21 May (p/p Wednesday 22 May)
- Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 22 May 3.30 - 5.30pm
- Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews - Thursday 23 May 1.30 - 8.00pm
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 24 May
- Interschool Cross Country - Tuesday 28 May (p/p Wednesday 29 May)
- Queen's Birthday Weekend - Monday 3 June

COMMUNITY NEWS

ŌTAKI COLLEGE FAMILY FRIENDLY FUNDRAISING EVENT

Ōtaki College is hosting a Family Friendly Fundraising Event on Saturday 16 March from 4.30pm-9.00pm. There will be music by Andrew and Kirstin London and Feña Latino band, candy floss, bouncy castle and yummy food stalls and more. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and children are free. Tickets are available at the Ōtaki College Student Centre and Waitohu School office. See the attached poster for more details.

YOGA CLASSES FOR KIDS & ADULTS - WAITOHU SCHOOL HALL

A parent has kindly organised for yoga lessons to be run out of our school hall on Tuesday evenings. These are kid friendly beginner yoga classes within which mindfulness and meditation will also be taught. I encourage you to really consider whether this may be a useful skill for your child or yourself to learn. The benefits of learning yoga as a tool to bring calm and balance are experienced by many - there is now a local option for our community to try this out. More information is below:

Dates: Tuesday 2, 9, 16 & 30 April, Tuesday 7 and 14 May

Time: 6.30 - 8.00pm

Venue: Waitohu School Hall

KĀPITI FUN RUN FOR YOUTH

Kāpiti Fun Run to raise funds to help youth is on Sunday 31 March at MacLean Park, Paraparaumu Beach. You can choose from a 6k or 12k run or walk. To register or sponsor someone phone 04 299 2285 or go to www.kapitirunforyouth.co.nz for more information.

FREE CURTAINS FROM CURTAIN BANK

If you are living in a cold home and have a Community Services Card, then you can apply for free lined curtains from the Wellington Curtain Bank - for your living area and the main bedroom for you and your children. You can pick up order forms from the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) in Ōtaki, 65A Main Street. Completed forms need to be returned to the CAB by 22 March. Call the CAB on 06 364 8664 for more information.

PEKA PEKA TO ŌTAKI EXPRESSWAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE MEETING

On Monday 25 March NZ Transport Agency will host a Northern Neighbourhood Group Meeting will be held at 7.00pm at Waitohu School Hall. The neighbourhood meeting will focus on the programme of construction works in this area and are an opportunity for you to hear what's planned and to raise questions or concerns you may have about construction activities. If you can't make it at this time, email your name and address to pp2o@nzta.govt.nz so you can be kept up to date. If you wish to subscribe to the e-newsletter go to www.nzta.govt.nz/pp2o. NZ Transport Agency contact number is 0800 7726 4636.

CELEBRATE NEIGHBOURS DAY AOTEAROA

KCDC are supporting Neighbours day in Kāpiti from 22-31 March. Plan a get together with five or more of your neighbours and they will help you out with ideas, support and a pack of goodies to help create a fun event. Register by 13 March at www.kapiticoast.govt.nz or email neighboursday@kapiticoast.govt.nz for more information.

ADULT BASKETBALL SCRIMMAGES

Kāpiti Hoop Club are running Adult Basketball Scrimmages on Sunday's from 3.15 - 5.15pm at the Paraparaumu College Community Sport Hall, 151 Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome. Entry is \$5.00. Contact Lindsay on 027 619 4636 for more information.

YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WITH HORSES

Equine Assisted Learning involves hands on interactive group activities with horses to help youth develop self confidence, communication skills, teamwork, cooperation, problem solving, decision making, develop boundaries, trust and leadership skills. All the activities are ground based, no horse-back riding is involved. No prior experience with horses is necessary. "Herd by Horses" run by Anna Royal (experienced social worker) and Kelly Henry (equine specialist) and their four legged team members, are holding a Youth Skills Development course for youth aged 10-13 years in small groups of 4-6 people on Thursdays 4.00-5.15pm starting on 24 April and running for 6 weeks. The course is based at 593 Waikawa Beach Road, Manakau, Levin and costs \$240 for the course (\$40 per session). A 50% deposit (non-refundable) is payable on booking. To register email herdbyhorsesnz@gmail.com or call Anna on 027 734 5887 or Kelly on 027 635 3537.

STUDENT EXCHANGE HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITY

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will be receiving teenage students from France, Denmark, Finland and Germany in April, May, June and July 2019. The new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. They are currently seeking host families for these students who will have at least a basic levels of English. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student you can visit www.studentexchange.org.nz to find out information and view student profiles or ring 0800 440 079.

Waitohu School Gala Helpers 2019 - Sunday 7 April

Please mark this date in your diaries and let friends and whanau know. **We need your help** to make this an awesome event. Please add your name, and return the form to the school office, if you are able to help in any of the ways listed below. Thanks.

Stall		Your name & phone number
Friday 5 April 9.05am White Elephant Sorting	0	Riteria Ruru, Declan Cox, Judith Griffin, Rebecca Hines
American Hot Dogs	0	Riteria Ruru, Derek Kelly, Jonah Pritchard
Lamb on a Spit	3	
Sausages		Harcourts Ōtaki
Hamburgers	3	Kyle Johnston
Confectionary/Drinks	4	
White Elephant	2	Sonya Howland
Clothes	2	Emma Davis
Quick Fire Raffle	1	Penny Gaylor, Adele Milldove, Shelly Warwick
Face Painting	4	
Funky Hair	2	Angela Park
Vegetables / Plants	1	Sharon Gilpin, Gerald Ward, Fiona Rutter
Cake Stall	0	Diane Taylor, Angela Taylor
Books/Toys	1	Barbara Bevan
Jumpy Castles	0	FunzOwn Staff
Rides	0	FunzOwn Staff Teachers x 2
Clean Up at The End	4	Beata Johnston
Mon 8 April - Final Clean Up	1	Judith Griffin

(Please return this slip to the school office, thanks).



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— HOME & SCHOOL —

Fundraiser

16TH MARCH 4.30PM – 9PM

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FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

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