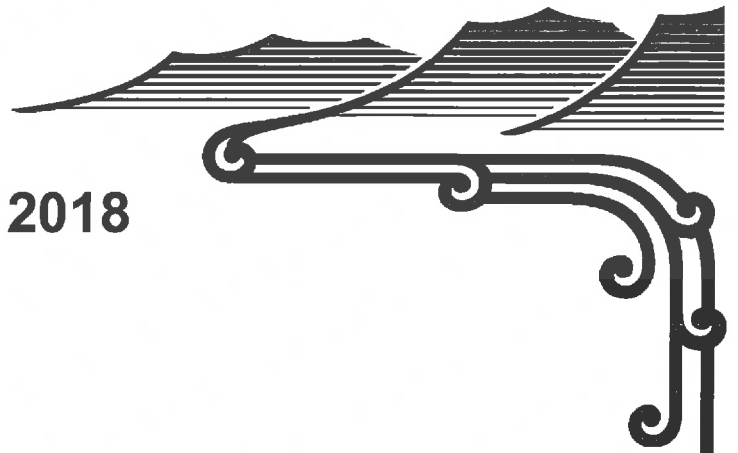


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NEW PUPILS

Alexander Deng has joined us in Room 1. Welcome to Waitohu School Alexander.

CONGRATULATIONS BASKETBALL PLAYERS

On Monday the finals for the local Ōtaki Schools' Basketball Competition were held at Ngā Purapura. We had five teams in the competition and all five were in a final - how awesome. Congratulations to Waitohu 1 who were the overall winners of the Year 5/6 grade, tumeke ka rawe.

LIBRARY BOOKS / SCHOOL READERS / JOURNALS

This Wednesday 28 November we will be holding our annual stock take of the library and reading resources. Please, please, please take 2 minutes to gather up and return any library books, school readers or journals that may be in children's bedrooms, on bookshelvesPlease don't be embarrassed – we'd love all books returned so other students may get to enjoy them.

2019 CLASSES

If you know of any students who are planning to come to Waitohu School next year, or if any families are leaving, can you please ring or call into the office to let us know. This will be a great help to us as we create our 2019 class lists – thanks.

WAITOHU SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL CLUB HOME GARDENS

Congratulations to all the children who worked hard on their home gardens this year. The results for our school's garden entries are as follows: Senior Vegetable: 1st - Zoe Royal and, 2nd - Lyla Kuester. Well done to you all.

AGRICULTURAL CLUB GROUP FINALS

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Agricultural Club Group Finals. You all represented our school fabulously. Special congratulations to:

Jorgia Bigwood: Champion Kid, Senior Kid Care & Rearing and Senior Best Pet Kid.

Jordan Blakeley: Senior Best Pet Lamb.

Joanna McCosh: Junior Best Pet Kid.

Samuel McCosh: Junior Kid Care and Rearing.

Our Agricultural Club Assembly will be held tomorrow, Friday 23 November at 10.10am.

ŌTAKI COLLEGE ENROLMENTS

Please return all enrolment forms for Year 6 students intending to go to Ōtaki College in 2019 to Waitohu School office as soon as possible. Alternatively, the forms can be returned to the college. We have spare Ōtaki College enrolment forms here at Waitohu School office if you have misplaced yours.

KIDSART CALENDAR ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED

The Home and School Kidsart Calendar, Card & Diary orders are now ready in the office for parents to collect. A note has been sent home to parents about collection. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser.

YEAR 6 LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS

In the past, Year 6 students leaving Waitohu School have donated books, or money to purchase books, to the school library. Over the years we have greatly appreciated this generous contribution to our library. Students wishing to do this can drop them into the office before Monday 10 December.

Maine Curtis
Principal

EVENTS – UPCOMING

- Wheels Day - Junior Syndicate - Friday 23 November
- Agricultural Club Assembly - Friday 23 November
- Kai & Carols - Tuesday 4 December (6.00pm)
- Disco - Thursday 6 December (6.00 - 8.00pm)
- Kapa Haka Festival - Friday 7 December
- 2018 Student Reports and 2019 Class Lists Published – Friday 7 December
- Year 6 Lunch (11.30am) / Year 6 Assembly (1.30pm) – Tuesday 11 December

- Final Assembly – Wednesday 12 December (1.30pm)
- Term 4 Finishes (2.00pm) – Thursday 13 December
- Student-Parent Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 29 January 2019
- Classes begin – Wednesday 30 January 2019

RELATED INFORMATION

KAI AND CAROLS – TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER – 6.00PM

The Home and School Association invite all families to come and enjoy a relaxed get together on Tuesday 4 December. The plan is for whanau to bring their fish'n'chips or picnic dinner to the school to enjoy between 6.00–6.30pm. Kai will be followed by singing some good ol' Christmas Carols. Spot prizes and some great fun will be had. The aim is a no fuss, relaxing whanau evening. Be great to see you there if you can make it, we'll be gathering in the school hall.

DISCO – THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

The Home and School Association are organising a disco to be held on Thursday 6 December, 6.00–8.00pm in the school hall. In keeping with the 'spirit' of Christmas the entry cost will be a can/packet of food which will be given to our local food bank. Parents are most welcome to stay for the evening. As this disco is for current Waitohu School students I ask that older siblings / friends only drop off and pick up students. There are teachers and parents organised to take care of the children.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FARMER'S MARKET

The Farmer's Market is on this Sunday 25 November at Ōtaki Racecourse from 8.30am -12.30pm.

FUNZONE SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Funzone summer holiday programme will be full of fun activities with both in-venue and day trips. The in-venue days will be filled with various activities like Kool Kiwi Fun, Xmas Crafts & Baking, Avatar Elements Day, Ōtaki Big Dig, Wearable Arts, Where's Wally, Narly Nature, Edible & Blow Up Science, Opposites Day and so much more. Visit days will include; Kayaking, Kāpiti MENZSHD, Pool Parties, Staglands, Wellington Zoo, Splash Planet, Cloud 9 Tramp Park, Te Manawa Museum. They have special guests joining the programme with Charlie Rudd Personal Trainer for Crossfit, Michelle Davies for Photography, Scouts NZ and Dr K for Science and an awesome Rainbows End Camp.

Go to <https://funzone.co.nz/fun-zone-summer-2018-2019/> for bookings.

PARENT HELPLINE: 0800 568 856

Parent Help is a non profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whānau. They run a free confidential parenting Helpline for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9am – 9pm, 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge.

PARENTING BOYS FOR SUCCESS AT SCHOOL

On Monday 26 November, at 7.00pm, Paekākāriki School are hosting a parent evening with author Joseph Driessen, an educator in boys education, about Parenting Boys for Success at School. This evening is free but koha would be appreciated. Email adminsitation@paekakariki.school.nz to reserve your place.

KĀPITI FOOD FAIR

Kāpiti Food Fair in on Saturday 1 December 10.00am-4.00pm Mazengarb Reserve, Paraparaumu. Entry \$8 per adult and under 18 years free. Lots of food and beverage products to taste and take home. Kitchen items to buy. Celebrity demo by Brett McGregor and live entertainment by talented locals. Three kids zones and Tuatara Bar. This event will be on rain or shine.

CASTING CALL FOR CHILD SINGERS TO RECORD SONG AND MUSIC VIDEO OF 'FEEL BRAVE'

If you think you've got what it takes to be part of a song and music video recording with some fabulous musicians of the "Feel Brave" song, send a video link of you singing to info@feelbrave.com. The recording will be happening at a studio on the Kāpiti Coast on Sunday 20 January. You would need to be available for auditions in person on Wednesday 16 January and rehearsals a few days before the final recording. It doesn't matter what age you are, your voice just needs to sound like characters who are around the 8 to 10 year old range. Go to www.feelbrave.com/casting-call for more information.