

# Waitohu School

Newsletter – November 29 - 2018

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## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU - FAREWELL ASSEMBLY - TOMORROW 1.00PM**

Tomorrow at 1.00pm we will be holding a farewell assembly for Robyn Dean, Angela Graham and Nikki McLean. After 25 years of leadership and teaching service to Waitohu School, Robyn is retiring, lured by the tug of her mokopuna in Auckland. At the same time, each after a decade of service to our school community, Angela Graham will be moving to Feilding Intermediate, and Nikki McLean to Ōtaki College.

Tomorrow, with only appreciation in our hearts, students, staff and our community will have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Robyn, Nikki and Angela for the generosity, aroha, skill, sweat and tears they have gifted us over numbers of years. Our farewell assembly is open to anyone who would like to attend. Bring your own tissues.

## **SCHOOL PATROL SUPERVISION**

This year Derek Kelly and Lisa Te Wiata have kindly provided supervision of our Te Manuao Road pedestrian crossing between 8.35am – 9.00am. This is a really important safety role within our school. Thank you so much Derek and Lisa for providing a service to our students that so directly impacts upon their safety. On behalf of all the parents whose children use the crossing each morning, a huge and very genuine thank you. Thank you also to our patrol students who have been so faithful, through all types of weather, to provide a safe crossing for their peers. You are STARS.

## **THANK YOU JARED CARSON FOR AWESOME BOOK**

A big thank you to Jared Carson for generously donating copies of the Room 10 book The Very Hungry Caterpillar to our library and to each of the Room 10 children. This is hugely generous and a brilliant example of what stunning collaboration looks like, thanks Jared.

## **STUDENT REPORTS – FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER**

Next Friday 7 December, students will receive their school reports. Your child's teacher and room number for 2019, as well as next year's stationery requirements, swimming opportunities and instructions on how to book your parent teacher interviews for Tuesday 29 January, will be included with the report.

## **CLASS LISTS FOR 2019 – FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER**

Class lists will be displayed on the office window next Friday 7 December (after 3.00pm). I thank you in advance for affirming with your child the marvellous year they are going to have with their next year's teacher and classmates. Your positive attitude goes a long way toward assisting your child to look forward to, and make the best of, the opportunities that await them. Please note Kapa Haka students will be able to collect their reports from the office when buses return from the festival (4.00pm ish).

## **CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR 2019**

### **Junior Syndicate**

Denise Creasy	Year 1	Room 1	Assistant Principal – Leader Junior Syndicate
Andrea Sturmeay	Year 1/2	Room 2	
Delia Glogowski	Year 2	Room 8	
Kirstin Scott	Year 3	Room 10	
Karen Hansen / Sheralee Mildenhall	Year 3	Room 11	

### **Senior Syndicate**

Kahura Cameron	Year 4	Room 5
Kylie Plunkett / Shelly Matheson	Year 4/5	Room 6
Robyn Browne	Year 5/6	Room 12
Jason Ward	Year 5/6	Room 3
Annie Spratt	Year 5/6	Room 4

Shelly Matheson	Deputy Principal – Leader Senior Syndicate
Mainie Curtis	Principal

## **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.

## **SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORMS**

Please return all touch rugby, basketball and other sports uniforms to the office tomorrow (they don't need to be cleaned).

## **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 - Senior Syndicate - Friday 30 November
- Farewell Assembly - Friday 30 November (1.00pm)
- Kai & Carols - Tuesday 4 December (6.00pm)
- 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
- Disco - Tuesday 11 December (6.00 - 8.00pm) - please note change of date
- 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 – TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER**

The Home and School Association are organising a disco to be held on Tuesday 11 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**

### **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 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.

### **REAL CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE**

Real Christmas trees for sale at Ōtaki Market, State Highway 1, opposite New World on Sunday 9, 16 and 23 December. Priced between \$20 - \$30 with delivery in Ōtaki costing \$5. Call Maggie for more information on 021 949 214.

### **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.

### **KIWIANA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ŌTAKI LIBRARY**

Ōtaki Library Kiwiana Christmas celebration will be on Monday 10 December 5.00-6.30pm. Bring along some canned food for the local food bank.

### **EVENTS AT MĀORILAND HUB**

Māoriland Hub are hosting the following two events next week:

Tuesday 4 December: Taiao Tuesday- screening of The Human Element. Doors open at 6.00pm for 6.30pm screening of this film about the effects of climate change and the relationship between humanity and nature.

Entry \$6 available online at <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2018/dec/the-human-element> or at the door.

Saturday 8 December: Tawata Productions present The Night Mechanics - a play where water is no longer free. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm performance. Entry \$15 waged, \$7.50 unwaged.

### **MAHARA HEALTH SERVICES**

Mahara Health, Ngaio Road, Waikanae has new Community Services Card funding now available. Under 14 years is free. New prices with Community Services Card; 14-17 years \$12.50 and 18 years and over \$18.50. Go to [www.maharahealth.co.nz](http://www.maharahealth.co.nz) to view the full fee structure.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.feelbrave.com/casting-call) for more information.