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Newsletter – July 29 - 2021

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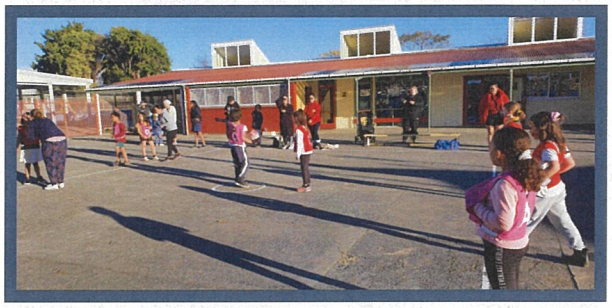
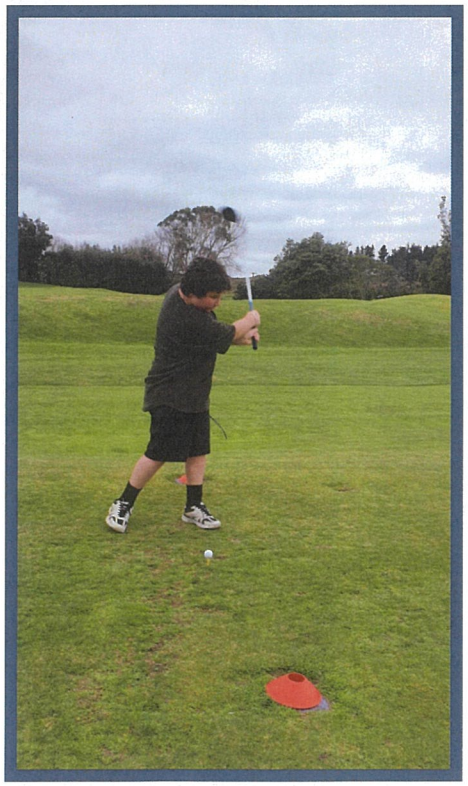
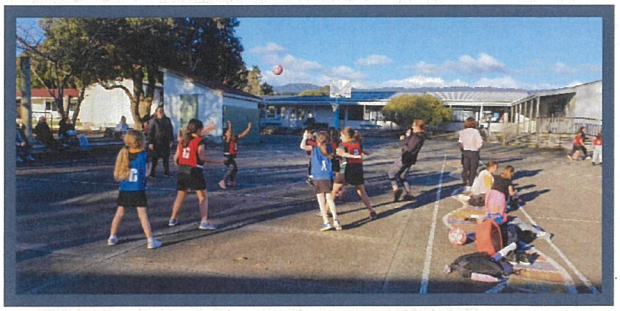
End of term 2... golf, basketball, netball....







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NEW PUPILS

A very special welcome to our new students Ihaia Hawea-Winiata, Ezra Tahere, Mason Anton who have joined us in Room 1 and Esa Pearson who has joined us in Room 7. Welcome to Waitohu School.

Tomorrow, Friday 30 July at 10.20am we will be having a pōwhiri welcome for all of the new students who joined us during Term 2 and this week of Term 3. Please feel very welcome to join us for our pōwhiri.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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. I thank you in advance for helping us by taking the time to complete this. The survey is on Survey Monkey, the link will be emailed to whānau. If you don't have internet access, or would prefer to complete the survey on paper, a copy is attached to this newsletter.

MID-WINTER RAFFLE

Our Home and School Association have once again organised a Mid-Winter raffle with an array of great prizes. Next week, each child will receive a book of 5 tickets (maximum of 2 books per family). Each ticket is $2. We ask that you sell these tickets to your friends, families or workmates and return the ticket stubs and the $10 per book to school by Friday 27 August. Additional books need to be returned by Monday 13 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. If your child did not receive tickets to sell, apologies for the oversight. You can contact the office if you would like some. Ngā mihi nui to Rebecca Hines and Tracey Savage for organizing this raffle for us.

PAROLI WHĀNAU - COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Members of our awesome Ōtaki community supporting Liam Paroli's whānau (a Year 4 student from Room 5 here at Waitohu School currently undergoing chemo and radiotherapy - a process that will take the better part of 18 months), have organised two fundraising events outlined below:

MOVIE NIGHT - SHORELINE CINEMA WAIKANAE - THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 6.30PM

Jill Rutherford has organised a movie night fundraiser to view **Dating Amber R16** at Shoreline Cinema in Waikanae on Thursday 5 August starting at 6.30pm (supper from 6.00pm with spot prizes and raffles). Tickets available from Main St Bakery or ring Jill on 0211 403 655. See the attached flyer or contact Jill for more information.

KIDS NEON DISCO PARTY - FRIDAY 6 AUGUST 5-7PM

The Ōtaki Volunteer Fire Service have organised a disco for children in year 1- year 6 from 5pm-7pm on Friday 6 August, at the Rahui Rugby Club Rooms, Ōtaki Domain. Koha for entry. Food, drinks and glow sticks will be available to purchase. Eftpos will be available. See the attached flyer or contact Rhyna Clode on 027 739 3703 for more information.

Ngā mihi nui to all those who were able to support the Ōtaki College *Manukura GPS* 40 hour Football Fundraiser in the middle weekend of the term break. You may have seen the great article about Liam and this event on the front page of the Kāpiti News.

UNIFORM RETURNS

Can all Thursday afternoon basketball, netball and soccer uniforms please be returned to school tomorrow. Please note they do not need to be washed as we have all uniforms cleaned.

LIBRARY BOOKS / SCHOOL READERS / JOURNALS

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 bookshelves … Please don't be embarrassed – we'd love all books returned so other students may get to enjoy them.

EVENTS – UPCOMING

- Wheels Day - Junior Syndicate - Friday 30 July
- Pōwhiri - Friday 30 July (10.20am)
- Year 6 Students Visit to Ōtaki College - Wednesday 4 August (9.00am)
- Assembly – Friday 6 August (2.00pm)
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 10 August at 7.15pm
- Assembly – Friday 20 August (2.00pm)
- Daffodil Day - Friday 27 August
- Assembly - Friday 3 September (2.00pm)
- Interschool Rippa Rugby Tournament - Tuesday 7 Sept (p/p Wednesday 8 Sept)
- Choir at ArtSplash - Monday 13 September
- Year 6 Camp - Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 September
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 21 September at 7.15pm
- Performing Arts Evening at Ngā Purapura - Wednesday 29 September (6.00 - 8.00pm)
- School Photos - Tuesday 21 September
- Assembly - Friday 1 October (12.00pm)
- Final Day, Term 3 – Friday 1 October (2.00pm)
- Day 1, Term 4 – Monday 18 October
- Pōwhiri - Friday 22 October (10.20am)

RELATED INFORMATION

FUNZONE ONSITE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (UNTIL 7.00PM)

Our fun, safe and friendly 'on-site' Before and After School Care Programme has casual and permanent spots available for Waitohu School students for 2021 and beyond. Enrol, book and manage your bookings online. And….. our breakfast club is free of charge! Come and visit our team after school at the Waitohu School Hall from 3.00pm for more information or find us online at www.funzone.co.nz, email info@funzone.co.nz or contact us on 021 711 531 or 0800 543 9696. We are OSCAR approved and WINZ subsidies apply.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HAVE-A-GO AT CODING- ŌTAKI LIBRARY- THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 3.30-4.30PM

The Ōtaki Library is hosting a "Have a go…coding Event. It is free and open to all ages and abilities. For those who go along there will be a chance to win cool tech prizes, and for interested 9-15 year olds to sign up for the new Code Club trial in term 3. For more information go to www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/libraries

KUNG FU

The Kung School will be opening soon in Ōtaki to encourage fitness, fun, resilience, coordination, confidence and self defense. Classes will be on Fridays in the Rotary Hall, Aotaki Street as follows;
Pee wee (5-6 year olds) 5.30 - 6.00pm, Children (7-12 year olds) 6.00-7.00pm, and Teen (12 years +) to Adults 6.00-7.30pm. Please email Rob Young at otaki@shaolinkungfu.co.nz to enrol or for further information. See www.shaolinkungfu.co.nz for information about this style of Kung Fu.

KIWI HOOPS - TERM 3 - SATURDAYS 7 AUGUST - 11 SEPTEMBER

The Kapiti Basketball Association has a number of sessions running on Saturdays during term 3. The Dr Dish Shooting School is on Saturdays 9.30-10.30am and is $10 per player per session, sessions must be pre booked by contacting Matt on 022 473 2104. On Saturdays 11.30am-12.30pm there is a fun session for 5-9 year olds, the cost is $5.00 per session or $25.00 for the term (6 weeks) and from 12.30pm -2.00pm there is a session for children ages 10-13 years. The cost for this age group is $35 for the term (6 weeks) or $10.00 per session. All sessions are held at the Paraparaumu College Community Gym. To register or for more information please email contactus.kba@gmail.com

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PARTNERS

English Language Partners offer help to those born overseas who want to improve their English. This is for new arrivals and those who have lived in New Zealand for years - and it is free for most people. They offer one-to-one help anywhere in Kāpiti (1-2 hours per week), classes in Levin (2 hours a week) in speaking, listening, reading and writing for all levels (beginners to advanced). To contact them email horowhenua-kapiti@englishlanguage.org.nz or phone 0800 NEW KIWI or 0800 639 5494 or go to www.englishlanguage.org.nz/levin/ for more information.

We are having a

MOVIE NIGHT

Fundraiser for Paroli Family

Shoreline Cinema Waikanae
Thursday 5th August 2021
Supper from 6.00pm/ Movie from 6:30pm
Spot prizes and raffles
Movie is R16 - ID may be requested

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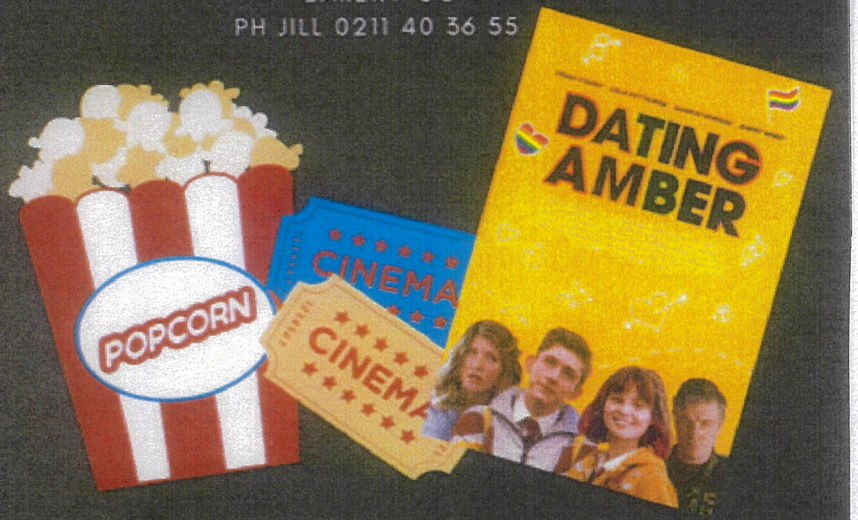

KIDS NEON PARTY

ITS HAPPENING

Friday 6th August
5-7 PM
Year 1 - 6 Kids

RAHUI CLUBROOMS,
OTAKI DOMAIN

FUNDRAISING FOR THE PAROLI FAMILY

GRAB A WHITE OR NEON T-SHIRT AND BRING YOUR BEST MOVES!
GET YOUR FACE PAINTED AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
FOOD, DRINKS AND GLOW STICKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

KOHA ENTRY

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Contact Rhyna Clode 027 739 3703

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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
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 20 August 2021.

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)

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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 management of student behaviour?

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

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, kapa haka, 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.

Health and Physical Education Curriculum

In accordance with the Ministry requirements, it is necessary for us to consult with our parent community about Health and Physical Education. These two areas are linked in one curriculum document and your feedback will help us with our reviewing of policies and practices that reflect the needs of the tamariki at our school.

To help you respond, the following key areas identified in the curriculum document may be included in the two yearly cycle of Health and Physical Education teaching. Each 'key area of learning' has aspects which may be taught at all year levels.

Key Areas of Learning

Mental Health

Sexuality Education

Food and Nutrition

Body Care and Physical Safety

Physical Activities

Sport Studies

Outdoor Education

16. Which of these key areas do you consider most important for your students to learn and why?

17. Are there any other topics you think we should teach?