

WAINUIOMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Week 7 Term 1 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa

Last week we held our Tu Meke time for all our students who have demonstrated our CARE values. At the beginning of the year, we asked tamariki what things they would like to do during Tu Meke time. Their ideas were compiled, and teachers chose one of the activities to supervise during last week's Tu Meke time. Activities included:

- Chalk creations ·Bikes
- Scooters ·Cricket
- Making forts ·Arty activities
- Scavenger hunt ·Colouring competition

Lots of fun was had by all!!

A reminder that Easter does not fall in the April school holidays this year and our school will be closed for the following days:

- Good Friday – 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday – 1 April 2024
- Tuesday after Easter – 2 April 2024

Term 1 finishes on Friday 12 April at 3:00pm and term 2 starts on Monday 29 April at 9:00am.

I would like to welcome our new children and their families to Wainuiomata Primary School: Zianni, Ava and Jackson.



School in Action Morning

Please mark the morning of Wednesday 27 March in your diaries.

We are inviting our school whānau to come and see the school in action from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

In the first block you are welcome to visit the classrooms and see the learning programmes we offer from new entrant to year 6. We will have morning tea available for staff and whānau and after that you are invited to help decorate children's fancy feet (and your own) and take part in the Fancy Feet parade at 12:30pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 27th!

School Assembly

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our school assembly last Friday as we had to move the last items from the junior block classrooms and put them temporarily in the hall. We are hoping to have the hall back in action ASAP so we can get our school assemblies back up and running. If it is fine this Friday, we will hold an assembly in the quad area.



Please remember to name all your child/ren's clothing - all named clothing will be returned to the children. At present most of our lost property is not named.

Lost property is kept in bins on the new entrant hub for parents to check on every day after school. Any clothing not claimed at the end of the term will be donated to the Koha Shed.

Best wishes to these students whose birthday was last week or is this week:

Elii, Dallas, Fabian, Ava, Odin, Hapi, Gracelynn, Ivy, Jackson, Indy-Rose, Kiiiiinoko, Kyza and Kaiser

HAPPY
Birthday!

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

- Monday 18th - Ulalei Football - Last Game
- Tuesday 19th - Y2/3 Cricket Festival
- Friday 22nd - Total Touch - Last Game
- Wednesday 27th - Wacky Wheels and Fancy Feet Day
- Friday 29th - Good Friday (school closed)
- Monday 1st April - Easter Monday (school closed)
- Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Tuesday (school closed)

Student attendance: A guide for parents and caregivers (from Ministry of Education website)

Every day counts towards your child's learning at school. Attending school gives your child the best chance to gain qualifications and do well in life.

Parents and caregiver expectations

Ākonga | students are legally required to attend school every day. Support is available for families of children who are struggling to attend.

- Parents play a big role in helping their child do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.
- Parents must make sure children are enrolled and attend school every day.
- Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

What are my legal responsibilities as a parent or caregiver?

Regularly attending school helps students to get the most out of their education.

Children must be enrolled in a school. If they leave a school, you need to make sure you enrol them in the new school right away.

You must let the school or kura know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for any reason (for example, a tangi or medical procedure).

You are also responsible for letting the school know if your child is moving schools.

Tips for parents

- Talk to your tamariki about why school is important, be positive about it and help them build good habits.
- Schools and kura can help too. They should create a welcoming environment, have clear rules about attendance and support local activities that promote going to school.
- We know that families sometimes have problems, and that can make it hard to focus on school. But there's help available.

·Schools and parents and caregivers should work in partnership to support tamariki regularly attend school. If your child is reluctant to go to school and you're having trouble, talk to your school. Getting help if your child is not attending regularly We know there can be important reasons why children aren't coming to school, such as long-term illness, bullying or financial challenges for families. If your child is affected by any of these, talk to your school first.

Your school will work with you to remove barriers to attending. There are many kinds of support available that might help make it easier for students to come to school. Your school might also connect you with other agencies or alternative education pathways. If you have more serious concerns, contact your local Ministry office.



Book Amnesty

School books lurking in corners, under beds, in drawers?

We would love them back.

We don't care how low you have had them.

They can be returned to your child's teacher or at the school office.

1 book? 50 books? Library books? Class books? Not a problem, as long as we get them back so we can use them again - THANKS.

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

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