



Wainuiomata Primary School

Term 3, Week 3 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers – Kia Orana, Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa

This week is Cook Islands Language Week. It runs from Sunday 30 July to Saturday 5 August.

This year's theme for Te 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is '*Ātuitui'ia au ki te au peu o tōku kāinga Ipukarea, which means, "connect me to the traditions & culture of my homeland".*

This year's theme focuses on deepening Cook Islands people's connection to their traditions, cultures, and ultimately, their dialects of their many islands through their familial ties, cultural traditions of their *enua*, *vaka*, and the songs, dance, and *pe'e* (chants) of their family.

A huge thank you to all those whānau who attended the Learning Conversations last week. Teachers look forward to meeting with families to discuss your child's progress. It is not too late to make an appointment with your child's teacher. I will be asking teachers to contact any families that were unable to attend to arrange an alternative time.

Apologies that there was no newsletter last week, I was away sick.

It is exciting seeing all the progress on the new classrooms – they have done so well considering all the bad weather. Niche have said that all site work should be completed in the next 3 – 4 weeks and are hopeful that all the documentation will be signed off so we can move classes on for the start of term 4.

The rest of the prefabs (rooms 3 – 9) are scheduled to be demolished in the September school holidays.

I would like to welcome our new children and their whānau to Wainuiomata Primary School: -

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School CARE Assemblies

We hold a whole school CARE assembly every fortnight at 10:30am in the hall. Parents are very welcome to come to the assembly. At each assembly selected children are presented with a CARE certificate for demonstrating one of our CARE values (see later in the newsletter). Our next assembly is Friday 11 August.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with certificates the last Friday.

C.A.R.E. Certificate

Room 1 –

Room 2 –

Room 6 –

Room 7 –

Room 8 –

- Room 13 –
- Room 14 –
- Room 15 –
- Room 16 –

Children who are spotted demonstrating our CARE values at playtimes and lunchtimes are given a 'CARE coupon'. These coupons are put into our letterbox outside the staffroom and at each assembly six names are drawn out. We then 'Spin the wheel' to find out who will get to choose a prize pack. The other students receive a Juicie

Congratulations to these students who won CARE coupon Juicies.

- ## – Room ##
- ## – Room ##
- ## – Room ##
- ## - Room ##
- ## – Room ##

Special congratulations to ## (Room ##) who won the special CARE prize pack.

Best Class Award -

Congratulations to Room ## & Room ## who won the best class.

Happy Birthday



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

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Picking up and Dropping off Children: Thanks to all the parents and caregivers who are conscientious and careful when picking up or dropping off their children by car.

This is a reminder about the importance of safe and legal driver behaviour around our school gates – Main Rd and Homedale Rd.



The following driver behaviour puts all our children at risk:

- *Parking on yellow lines*
- *Parking on blue lines (Homedale Road)*
- *Double parking*
- *Doing U turns on Main Rd*
- *Calling children across the road to your car*

From time to time police officers and the Hutt City Council parking wardens will be patrolling around our school. Drivers who are parking illegally can be fined \$150.

Please remember everyone's safety before and after school!

Parents are also asked not to park in the staff car park before or after school as it makes it very difficult for the Road Patrollers to carry out their duties. Thank you for your help with this.

Important Dates

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

Allison Burdon