

Term 3, Week 6 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa



It's with sadness that we let you know that Wainuiomata High School Tumuaki/Principal, Janette Melrose (nee; Terry), passed away on Saturday 19 August.

Janette had been WHS Tumuaki for five years and has taught in Wainuiomata for almost 40 years. To honour Janette, Wainuiomata High School will be hosting a celebration of her life on Tuesday 22 August and Wednesday 23 August 2023.

To facilitate this Wainuiomata High School will be closed both days.

Our school will remain open but if you wish to take your child out of school to pay your respects, that will not be recorded as an absence, please note the following regarding timings:

### **Tuesday 22 August – Public Celebration**

Janette and her whānau will be arriving at school at 10:00am and Janette will be moved into the Wharenuī (Wainuiomata High School Meeting House).

- 11:00am Students of WHS welcomed in to pay respects (no pōwhiri)
- 12.00pm: Pōwhiri #1 for the community
- 1.30pm: Pōwhiri #2 for the community
- 2.30pm: Pōwhiri #3 for the community
- 3.30pm: Students of Wainuiomata welcomed in to pay respects (no pōwhiri)

Janette and her whānau will leave the Wharenuī at 4.00pm.

### **Wednesday 23 August – Funeral Service**

Janette and her whānau will arrive at school at 9:30am and Janette will be moved into the Auditorium. A brief service for her family, staff and friends will be held at 10:00am in the Auditorium, with refreshments following.

If attending any of the services you are requested to park on the street, but not on the median running down the centre of Parkway. If an area is coned off, please respect this and do not park there.

Janette has been a dedicated servant to education in Wainuiomata for nearly 40 years and has made innumerable impacts upon the lives of many. If you are one of those please make an effort to attend one of the services and let her whānau and friends see the high regard in which she was held and the difference she made.





## This Week is Book Week!!

*“Reading for pleasure is associated with numerous benefits – from improvements in reading achievement and comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and general knowledge*

*to improved empathy, understanding of self and others, and wellbeing.*

*The more you enjoy reading, the more you read. The more you read, the better you become at reading. The better you become, the more you read — a virtuous cycle.”*

**From National Library New Zealand**

All our students have been given a Red (Read Every Day) Book to record what they are reading and we have arranged special events in the library everyday this week. Check out all the events on our Facebook page.

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

### School CARE Assembly

A reminder that we have a school CARE assembly this Friday 25 August at 10:30am. Parents, caregivers and whānau are very welcome to attend.



### Contacting the school with queries or concerns:

Wainuiomata is a large primary school. We have 10 classrooms and 240 students on the roll at present. We have over 25 staff working in the school. From time to time issues and concerns will arise concerning relationships between children or there may be parental concerns about something that’s happening at school. If parents or caregivers have a concern or a complaint it is important that the correct procedures are followed.

- Contact the class teacher and arrange a time to discuss the problem. Teachers are in the best place to solve issues such as relationship problems or queries about class programmes
- If you need further information or help you can contact the syndicate leaders (Kylie Chapman – Junior syndicate leader or Taylor Marlow-Jones – senior syndicate leaders) to make a time to talk to them.
- Our Deputy Principal (Luke Hudson) and Assistant Principal (Sam Sanders) can be contacted if you feel the issue is unresolved or your query is unanswered.
- You are welcome to contact the principal and arrange a meeting if problems continue



### Happy Birthday

Best wishes to Ellie whose birthday is this week.

Kapa haka plays a large role in our school, enhancing positive well-being by encouraging a sense of belonging, providing a ‘safe haven’ in which our tamariki practice te reo me ōna tikanga.

With support from Whaea Louana and our senior teachers, kapa haka enables learning through aroha, manaakitanga and whānaungatanga. The students develop strength and unity within our kapa haka whanau, by being positive and having pride about our Māori culture, while performing to others within our school, whanau, and community. Some of the highlights for our kapa haka performance group are at Matariki, Hutt Fest, Te Papa, Christmas in the Nui and lots of school occasions. Hutt Fest Highlights are on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/@hutfesthuttvalleyschoolsf9059>  
We look forward to seeing you at our next performance!

## Kapahaka



## Dancesplash 2023

We are so sorry about the confusion around the Dancesplash tickets. This is the email we received on Saturday at 10am:



Artsplash Coordinator

to me ▾

Kia ora koutou,

UPDATE: ARTSPLASH DANCE CONCERT 2 THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 5pm - TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE NOW. **NOT** SOLD OUT.

DANCE CONCERT 2 appeared to sell out yesterday by lunchtime. This was an error by Ticketmaster. They only released 1/5th of the tickets available for sale.

The remainder of the tickets have now been released. Apologies for the worry this may have caused for your families.

Any further issues please do let me know. If I do not reply then I am in the background solving the issue and will let you know as soon as possible. Thanks.

Link to tickets: <https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/artsplash-2023-dance-concert-2-wellington-14-09-2023/event/24005F0BA3A31151?fbclid=IwAR1Ud0WLGbpGrCgYYI0VGtyL0gXBnYsNham9qK6FI5D-DIaK6-LjbVnJH8I>

**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

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

- All week – 21<sup>st</sup> August – 25<sup>th</sup> August Book Week
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Juicies – money to the office ASAP
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – School Assembly 10.30am

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

*Allison Burdon*

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Principal