



Wainuiomata Primary School

Term 1, Week 3 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa

We have had a settled start to the year, and it has been exciting seeing tamariki embark on their new learning adventure.

Thank you to all those families who have organised their child/ren's stationery – there are still packs available at the school office. Please come and talk to me if there is a problem getting your child/ren's stationery – we have some donated packs available.

I would like to welcome our new children and their families to Wainuiomata Primary School: Hunter and Beauden

Hutt City Council have changed speed limits around schools. The new speed limit around Wainuiomata Primary School is always 30km/h. There is a sign at the Village shops and by the roundabout at the end of Hine Road.



When visiting our school please remember to sign in/ out at the school office. Even if you are just popping in and out. – Thank you



Senior Swimming

Starts today at the Wainuiomata Pool for the senior syndicate.

The junior syndicate will be swimming at Huia Pool later in the year – more details to come nearer the time.

This year we are continuing to teach the Water Skills for Life programme which is endorsed by Swimming New Zealand and the Ministry of Education.

Learning to swim and developing increasing water confidence is part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

We expect all children to bring their togs and participate every day. If your child is unable to swim on a particular day, please provide a written note for their teacher.

Fun Day at Remutaka Forest Park

We had an amazing day down at Remutaka Forest Park last Thursday building dams, tramping, playing games and swimming.

We were very proud of how our students joined in the different activities and demonstrated our CARE values. Special thanks to Luke Hudson for all his organisation and thanks to whānau members who volunteered to help supervise on the day – without your help trips like this would not be possible.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts this week. Breakfast Club was very popular last year and was only possible with the help we received from parents and staff. We are still asking for parents to help with this - If you can help in the morning (8:15am to 9:00am) please let Marlene in the office know.





School Lunches

This year we have two suppliers providing lunches for our tamariki – Subway and Pita Pit.

Arrangements for our lunches are as follows:

- Monday – Subway – hot meal
- Tuesday – Subway - sub
- Wednesday - Pita Pit – hot meal
- Thursday – Pita Pit - sandwich
- Friday – Pita Pit – hot meal

Any leftover lunches will be given out at the end of the day outside the school office.

School Assemblies

We hold a whole school 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 C.A.R.E. value.

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

Harry Room 2	Indy B Room 11
Indy R Room 3	Cassie Room 4
Apra Room 12	Atlas Room 7
Arni Room 10	Evelyn Room 9
Aalis Room 6	



Children who are spotted demonstrating our C.A.R.E.

values at playtimes and lunchtimes are given a 'C.A.R.E. coupon'. These coupons are put into our letterbox outside the staffroom and at each assembly six names are drawn out. We then draw again to find out who will get to choose a prize pack. The other students receive a Juicie.

Congratulations to these students who won C.A.R.E. coupon Juicies.

Johnathan Room 11	Aalis Room 6
Hayley Room 9	Alexander P Room 10
JJ Room 7	Harrison Room 6

Special congratulations to Harrison Room 6 who won the special C.A.R.E. prize pack.

Best Class Award - Congratulations to Rooms 7,9 and 12 who were awarded the best classes. These classes get to sit on the seats at the back of the hall next assembly.

Our next assembly is Friday 1 March at 10:30am.

Arriving at school on time

It is important that children arrive at school on time. The first part of the day is when daily routines are set, and often important notices are given out.





Parent Help

Thank you very much to the parents who have offered to help with road patrol and with the Breakfast Club. We still need parents to help with road patrol in the mornings and afternoons and to help at our Breakfast Club. Teachers found last year that the Breakfast Club made a huge difference to their children's learning, and we really want to run it every day.

We really appreciate all the support we can get. If you want to be involved in your child/ren's learning, there are several other ways that you can help:

- Buddy reading
- Classroom support
- Resource making
- Trips
- Gluing activities into books (junior children)
- Playing maths games
- Breakfast club
- Sports
- Enviro club
- Fundraising Committee
- Road patrol



Please talk to your child/ren's teacher if you can help in any way.

Movin' March

Next month our school will be taking part in Movin' March (Māehe Manawa Ora). Movin' March is a month-long celebration of active school travel run by Greater Wellington Regional Council. Participating schools encourage whanau to walk, bike or scoot to/from school during March.

Research shows walking and biking to school improves physical fitness and helps develop confidence, independence, decision making and risk assessment skills, improve communication with parents and build a stronger sense of community.



We have a number of fun activities planned for Movin' March – more details in next week's newsletter.



Happy Birthday

Best wishes to these students whose birthday was last week or is this week: Rian, Mason, Lola and Harper.

Important Dates

- Monday 19th Feb to Friday 1st March – Senior Swimming
- Monday 19th Feb – Ulalei Monday Football
- Friday 23rd Feb – Total Touch
- Friday 1st March – Movin' March

Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme



In the holidays, all staff worked with Christina Barruel from the Peace Foundation to learn about the Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme which we are introducing across the school.

The Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme promotes peaceful conflict resolution in primary schools throughout Aotearoa. It is a whole-school approach to conflict resolution which can shift the culture of a school in supporting the building of positive, caring, safe relationships with others especially in times of conflict.

The programme engages children in understanding constructive ways of managing inevitable conflicts that arise in life.

Children learn to demonstrate empathy for others, become effective communicators, co-operative members of a team, effective leaders, and caring, concerned members of their communities.

Taken from Cool Schools Manual for Primary Teachers, The Peace Foundation

Staff were asked the question “Why Cool Schools?” and gave the following responses:

- There should be less conflict which will lead to better learning & growth
- It supports student agency
- The mediation process is taught and modelled to staff and students
- It fosters tuakana / teina relationships
- It teaches collaborative problem solving skills
- It is restorative based
- Children understand how each other feels – it fosters empathy
- It empowers students with life skills
- If more students are solving conflicts it supports staff and takes less of their time
- Minor conflicts do not escalate
- Students take ownership of their behaviour and their relationships
- Students get tools to help solve conflict in a positive manner
- Cool Schools is an evidence based programme

We are really excited to work through this programme - I will include more information in upcoming newsletters about the Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme and update everyone on the progress we are making as a school.

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison Burdon".

Allison Burdon