



Wainuiomata Primary School

Term 3, Week 4 2023

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



It is exciting see the progress of our new school buildings. The builders are hoping to finish all the building work by the end of next week.

From there we will need to have all the paperwork signed off from the Council and Ministry of Education.

We are very hopeful that classes will be in the new rooms at the start of Term 4.

The remaining old prefabs are scheduled to be demolished in the next school holidays if we can get into the new classrooms.

The Board of Trustees is investigating getting a landscape designer in to create a plan for our school playground so we can have good flow around the school grounds. Classes have been discussing what they would like to see in our school grounds that we can include in the brief we give the landscape designer. Once we have a "masterplan" for our school we will look to break the developments up to smaller projects that we can complete when we have the necessary funding available.

I would like to welcome our new children and their whānau to Wainuiomata Primary School: Apra, Libby and Annaleeya.

Staff Professional Development

Mathematics

This year staff are continuing our DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) professional learning development (PLD) journey.

The aims of DMIC are to:

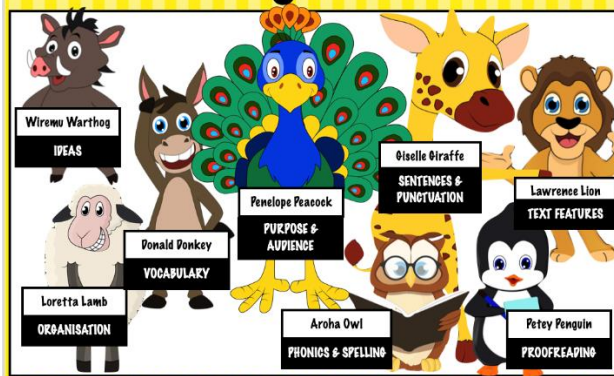
- Dramatically lift mathematics achievement for all students, with particular gains for Pasifika, Māori, and previously under-achieving learners
- Transform teachers' views of what mathematics is, who can learn mathematics, and how children best learn mathematics.
- Increase students' confidence, participation, reasoning, oral language, cultural identity, and responsibility for their own and others' learning.
- Reduce bullying and disengagement.



We are adopting research-based and culturally sustaining practices to our mathematics teaching and learning as we want all our students engaged in rich, challenging mathematics, reasoning, and discourse (discussions). We have continued to emphasise 'fixed mindset' thinking and linking mathematics to students' cultures and lives.

This is the third year we have been working on DMIC and it has been wonderful seeing our mathematics achievement improve.

The Writing Whānau of 8



Writing and Reading

We have been successful getting funding from the Ministry of Education to continue working with Bek Galloway on developing our teacher practice in literacy.

When teaching writing at our school we use our Writing Whānau of 8.

Ask your children to explain to you what each of the characters does.

Later this term we will begin unpacking our 'Ride of Discovery' for the teaching of reading. This idea was

developed by some of last year's year 6s and in particular Callum O'Connor-Thompson.

Look out in future newsletter for an update on our 'Ride of Discovery'.

Heads Up – There will be no school on Friday 20 October (the Friday before Labour Weekend) for a staff only day to work with the Ministry of Education personnel on Behaviour.

School Assembly

A reminder that there is a school CARE assembly this Friday 11 August at 10:30am. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend.



Dancesplash Tickets – CHANGES TO THE WAY TICKETS ARE SOLD

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Tickets for Artsplash 2023 will be sold through the sole digital ticketing agent for the Michael Fowler Centre - Ticketmaster. Artsplash tickets for all concerts will be purchased by families through the Ticketmaster website www.ticketmaster.co.nz from Friday the 11th of August until

Thursday the 14th of September 2023.

Whānau/families will be able to purchase tickets the Dance concert online and have them available on their mobile device.

Ticket cost: \$5.50 Ticketmaster Transaction Fee: \$5.00

Tickets will be \$5.50 per person/per concert with a 'per event' transaction fee of \$5. This fee is fixed whether you buy two tickets or more. This is a change from last year; we feel proud to have kept the tickets at a very low price to meet the needs of our schools and their families. The transaction fee is set and collected by Ticketmaster.



Important – Dance Concert Ticket Limit - There is a limit of **two tickets per Dance performer for our Dance Concerts**. If you require further tickets Ticketmaster will allow you to place yourself on a waiting list for Dance tickets and be notified if more tickets become available.

A reminder that our tamariki are performing on Thursday 14 September @ 5:00pm (Concert 2)

Left-over School Lunches

We have some school lunches left over most days and are putting these leftover lunches outside the office at 3:00pm. Please help yourself – we would like them to be used by our whānau rather than being wasted.



Happy Birthday

Best wishes to these students whose birthday was last week or is this week: Leilani, Riyon, Katalia, Jemima, Emily-Rose and Malico.

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. Police and Parking Wardens often patrol parking spaces around our school and can issue an infringement notice with a fine of up to \$150.

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

- Friday 11th August – School Assembly
- Monday 14th August – Yr 6 Ride to Konini
- Monday 21st – Friday 25th August – Book Week

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

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