

Waimairi Week

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Next week

Monday:

Zone Swimming competition
9.45-12.45 Jellie Park Recreation and Sports Centre

Wednesday:

Waimairi School Cross Country
10am-2pm

[Full calendar of events for the year](#)

Kia Ora,

Measles outbreak

Further to earlier notices, we need to know of any changes in your child's immunisation status in order to maintain an accurate database. Please let the office know if you have recently immunised children who were not previously immunised.

Year 3 and 5 reporting interviews

This term parents of Year 3 & 5 students receive their written report at an interview with your teachers. Online time-slot bookings will open soon.

Play eat learn

Given that we can't eat outdoors during construction period we have taken the opportunity to change up our routines.

Changing the order of playtime and lunch has been shown in overseas studies to improve children's ability to pay attention in classrooms. Teachers in these studies reported that children ate more, drank more liquids and had improved readiness to learn.

“The improved attention is due to having the learning immediately follow eating, which is the period most associated with attention, cognition and memory” (Liberty, K. 2017. Reducing Stress in Schools)

Benefits found from overseas programme evaluations included:

- More food being eaten.
- A calmer classroom atmosphere.
- A dramatic decrease in disciplinary problems.

Also provides opportunities for:

- Teachers to have time to sort out play time issues.
- Time to check in with target children.
- Get to know students more by engaging with them informally and sitting with them.



Rail bridge advance notice of closure

The Christchurch City Council advise that to allow for repair works the rail bridge will be closed from 9am to 3pm on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and from Monday 25th to Friday 29th March.

School renewal update

You may have noticed that the construction site has been quiet this week. Any further work will be delayed by a few weeks due to the discovery of the remains of the old Waimairi School main building (demolished in 1976).

It has become apparent that back in the day the rubble was spread across the ground and simply buried.

The project manager and contractors now face a complex task, planning and executing the safe removal of tonnes of waste material that can't be proven free of contaminants.

Stay in touch

Web: www.waimairi.school.nz is full of school information.

Facebook & Twitter : Every day we post information about school events on our [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#) pages. Check them out for the most up to the minute school information.

Tiqbiz: Get alerts direct to your phone with the Tiqbiz app for Apple & Android.

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Environmental testing has been carried out, and there is no danger to staff or students. Any proposed removal solution will have health and safety as the key priority.

While a pause in works is disappointing, we have full confidence in HRS and Logic Group as they tackle this unforeseen challenge.

Have a great week
Mike

Waimairi Chess Club

Through popular demand we're delighted to announce the launch of Waimairi Chess in 2019. Chess has been a genuine Waimairi strength for well over 10 years. We're proud to have regained the South Island Champion title in 2018. This year we look forward to encouraging children to play this sport and have fun even in competition.

We'll begin our Waimairi Chess Club in the week beginning 18th March; highly likely at 12:30 on Wednesday or Thursday.

Chess can be played at any age and we really encourage play in class and home. Research shows the benefits include academic, positive mindsets and social skills. It's delightful to see chess pop up in our new Central Library, Harry Potter movies and also now it is the National Sport of Armenia.

We welcome your help through the year and would be thrilled if a business or company would like to resource our school new chess sets. This would be an exciting partnership for 2019. Please contact martin.lukes@waimairi.school.nz if you would like to help Waimairi's chess programme.



Thankyou

We would like to thank the Mike Pero Foundation along with Tariq Kundan, Strowan Mike Pero Real Estate brand and territory owner, for presenting and gifting the \$500 to Waimairi School to help with fundraising efforts for the new school pool. We are extremely grateful and thankful for the generosity.

Environment News: Kaupapa Taiao

With the year well underway we're pleased to kickstart our weekly update. We do welcome your input through the year with ideas, news or good stories relating to care and respect for the "Environment".

It's such a big topic it is sometimes a bit hard to know where to start. Especially with our school in rebuild mode.

The good news is Waimairi School still has an Environmental Procedure. The Procedure covers a wide range of practical goals for future actions including: waste management, plantings, energy saving and travel to school. Thinking Global (e.g. Climate Change, Biodiversity) often connect with practical actions, like yesterdays Christchurch-wide Wheel to School Day.

Have a korero or chat about how to care for our place on the way to school. Maybe pick up some

waste or use reusable packaging for lunches. Wheel more often. It's often fun and also good for healthy reasons too.

Who would have thought that plastic bags are now retro? And that children around the world would be standing up for Climate Change on the 15th March; 27 years after the significant United Nations Convention on Climate Change in Rio.

Please contact:

martin.lukes@waimairi.school.nz if you have time or energy to give in 2019. We do welcome your support, ideas and practical actions.

This term our we have two policies up for review, they are the School Swimming Pool and the Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances policies. If you wish to make a comment on them, please follow the instructions below.

1. Visit the website <http://waimairi.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (waimairi) and password (tillman).
3. Click on policy reviews
4. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
5. Read the policy.
6. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Thank you for your time.

QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 5 April

We're well underway with planning for this fun event and ticket sales will start next Wednesday, stay tuned for details. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to donate goods or services we could offer as prizes at the Quiz night. If you or a business you have contact with might be able to help us, please get in touch with Rebecca on 0273358077. Even small items would be useful.

MUFTI DAY - Tuesday 26 March

Please can your child donate a wrapped bottle as payment for wearing mufti to school. Use your imagination - this doesn't need to be limited to pantry items, anything that comes in a bottle is great - body lotion, motor oil there are lots of possibilities! Please make sure all bottles are unopened and if the bottle is consumable make sure it is not expired. We will use these at our mystery bottle stand at the quiz night.

PTA AGM - Tuesday 19 March

Tuesday 19 March is the AGM of our school PTA group. We meet at 7.30pm in the current staffroom, off the hall foyer. Anyone is welcome to come along, either just for interest or to possibly join the group. We are a friendly bunch of parents who want to help the school staff provide the best programmes for our children and develop a great family community within our school. We've had a few new people join us this term which is great and we'd love some more! Come and see what we're all about, we even have drinks and nibbles at this meeting.

Thanks to the parents who helped out at the Mitre 10 BBQ on Sunday. It was a chilly day which meant we sold a steady stream of sausages! All money raised is going into our playground redevelopment fund for once the new building is complete - exciting! Thanks also to those who supported the school by coming to the rugby on Saturday. What an exciting game and what a great atmosphere. We hope you all enjoyed it