

# Waimairi Week

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## Kia Ora,

### Cross country

Well done to Amelia Henstock for winning the central zone cross country race yesterday. Your hard work really paid off and we are all so proud of you.

### Matariki 2019

It's nearly time for the turn of the year and the march towards summer. We are marking our unique New Zealand New Year on Monday 1st of July at 5pm.

Due to the construction work we can't have a hāngi this year. So we invite you to be welcomed with Mihi Whakatau, learn about the night sky, enjoy some hot soup, and visit our classrooms to gain insight into the learning going on.

A information booklet about the event will be sent home next week. Put the date in your diary in the meantime. Grandparents, friends and pre-schoolers all welcome.

### Coffee with the Principal

9am, Wednesday 26 June. Grab a coffee from the 4Rivers Cafe and meet up in the staffroom for a chat about anything to do with school, or education in the wider sense. No set agenda, just an opportunity once a term to ask about

## Next week

### Monday:

Kōtare to Antarctic Centre 11am-3pm

### Tuesday:

New Parent Orientation 9-10.30am

### Wednesday:

Cobham Experience -Yr 6 Coffee with the Principal 9.00-10.00am

### Thursday

Road patrol training Gp2 9am

### Friday

Wai Iti at The Groyne and Nga Puna at Botanical Gardens Mana Are parent drop in session 8.50am

### All Week Yr 4-6

parent teacher interviews

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

things you're wondering about and connect with other parents.

### New Board

Last night our newly elected Board of Trustees met for the first time. Leah Scales was elected as Chair. You can access our Board members' details on the Board page of our school website <http://www.waimairi.school.nz/board-of-trustees.html>

### Year 4 and 6 reports

It is reporting time for Year 4 and 6 parents. Make sure you have booked in a time slot to meet the teachers and receive your written report.

### Renewal update

A quiet time behind the fence as procurement and sub-contractors are arranged for phase two of the project. During the first week of the school holidays the power supply at the front of the school will be replaced, so please remind



your children to stay away from the fenced areas.

Work on the main site will restart in late July. We are still on schedule for a July 2020 finish.

Have a great week  
Mike

### Mana Ake Parent Drop In Sessions

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow is a service that provides wellbeing support for children in years 1-8 and their families/whānau. It offers schools a range of group programmes, as well as being available to support individual students and their family/whanau.

The Mana Ake team are holding parent drop in sessions at school for those who would like some support, advice or questions answered. Our Mana Ake support worker will be in the staff room every Friday from 8.50 - 9.30 starting Friday 28th June.

Photo:Shadow Sun Sculptures.... Having Fun in Nature on a Winters Day



### Stay in touch

**Web:** [www.waimairi.school.nz](http://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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## Wainui Camp (Minori Naoi)

When I was packing my bag, I had no idea of what camp would look like. I had 3 sets of thermal clothes, sunscreen and insect repellent in my bag. In my head, camp looked like an isolated piece of open land.

Wonderingly, I focused on my surroundings. There were absolutely no cigarettes or litter of any kind. Just branches, twigs, plants of all sorts. There were more colours in nature than a pack of paint chips. Every leaf had a different shade of green, and all sides weren't symmetrical in colour. They were all unique, like people.

Branches reached out to me and tickled my jacket, leaves made me itch my face. On my second stride, my foot landed on a thick carpet of soft green moss. As I opened my mouth, I felt the fresh air flow into my mouth like a natural inhaler.

As quiet as an observer, I point my ear to the sounds of the forest. I could hear the sound of the water prancing over rocks, and dancing into one single line. The fantails waltzed to the sound of the dripping water.

I grabbed the rope handrails on the swinging bridge. Water rushed right below me, and hit the supporters of the bridge. My hands hit the pole as the bridge ended abruptly.

Being at Wainui felt like I had entered a portal into the middle of evolving nature

## ICAS examinations

### Y4-6 ICAS Entries

Please see the attachment with today's newsletter about this year's competition. If interested please complete the entry form by



Tuesday, 30 July. Entry fees will be invoiced next term.

## A special request

Emma Stoddart has been teaching at Waimairi School for 10 years, and is mother to Eli (in Keruru) and Jacob (now at Heaton.) She has Multiple Sclerosis and has made the very hard decision to get HSCT done - a stem cell transplant. She and her husband Chris, are going to Mexico in September and will spend a month undergoing some extensive treatments including a full course of chemotherapy. The hope is that this will stop the disease progressing any further. Emma will not be able to work for about a year. It is expected that the cost of this will be over \$100,000.

Waimairi School wants to support Emma and Chris in anyway with their fundraising efforts. There are a few ways you can help:

- <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-emma-fight-multiple-sclerosis>
- drop a donation into the office
- donate something to be made into raffles (chocolates, wine, non -perishable goods for example)
- donate a voucher or similar that could be auctioned

As part of their fundraising, we are having a Fiesta! Drinks, food, raffles, auctions, music, dancing and fun! 16th August, 7pm. Tickets will be on sale soon. Please, tell all your friends and family.

## Update: Bible in Schools

With all the changes at school at the start of the year, a decision was made to allow the kids to settle into the new routine before recommencing Bible in Schools.

It's been really encouraging having so many kids and parents asking about Bible in Schools. We are currently working with the school to find a suitable venue and look forward to kicking off again on Wednesday's at lunchtime next term.

Thanks for all your support and encouragement.  
Dave Morgan & Jess Seatter

## Sports news & results

### Centrals Cross Country

A big well done to the children who travelled to the Central primary schools cross country event in Halswell yesterday. Teachers, parents and staff were blown away to hear of the amount of resilience, grit and determination that Waimairi children displayed while out completing the course. You should all be super proud of yourselves! Ka Pai Koutou! Waimairi came away with some fantastic results!

A special mention to Amelia Henstock for her outstanding effort resulting in 1st place for the year 6 girls race and to Archie Watson who came 9th in the year 6 boys race. Both have made the Inter regional cross country team and will represent Canterbury in Hanmer Springs on September 26.

Thanks to the parents and whānau who travelled with the children to support the team!

## Community notices

### Bliss Calm Qigong Classes

Looking to up your self care routine? Want less stress and more energy? Bliss Calm Qigong classes are like a workout, yoga class and meditation all in one. Join us on Monday morning, 10.30 am at Abberley Park Hall in St Albans for our Tao Yin class. Tao Yin combines the powerful asana practice of yoga with the effortless flow of Qigong. Find out more: <https://blisscalm.com/tao-yin-series/>

### Heaton Normal Intermediate School

**Open Day Tours.** We warmly invite students/parents/caregivers/whānau to attend our Open Day on Wednesday, 24 July. Tours will be between 8.45am - 10.00am, 10.45am - 12.00pm and 1.30pm - 2.45pm. To register for a tour, please visit our website ([www.heaton.school.nz](http://www.heaton.school.nz)). Details about our Open Day and 2020 enrolments are on the front page. Please call the school office, 355 9555 with any queries.

**Open Christchurch** invites the public of all ages to discover central city architecture and public spaces with free, one-off access to special buildings, and a range of themed walking tours. Comprising one event per week over winter, the programme kicks off on Sunday 30 June when The Cathedral Grammar Junior School opens its doors and its rooftop playground for all to encounter for one day only.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1177364139132613/>

Two very different inner-city school buildings open in the weeks that follow: the stunning heritage building, Christ's College Memorial Dining Hall (Sunday 4 August); and Ao Tawhiti, Christchurch's only vertical school (Saturday 7 September).

More information can be found here: <https://teputahi.org.nz/2015-programme/open-christchurch/>