

Waimairi Week

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Kia Ora,

Waimairi in the community

This term we have established a partnership programme with WesleyCare Rest Home. Students visit the residents to read with them. We have received wonderful feedback on the impact of this initiative. There have been many smiles and conversations inspired by both students and residents. The students have reported they really want to go back and the residents have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks for teacher Lynda Wilson for coordinating these visits.

Basketball

The season comes to an end this afternoon. You can see the final matches at the Bishopdale YMCA (Rockets at 3:30pm, Thunder at 4pm, Fire at 5:30pm). Thanks to the parent coaches/managers, the supervising teachers, and Emma Stoddart for coordinating our basketball programme.

A clarification

Last week a couple of pedestrians on the railway footpath made some foolish comments to some of our children as they walked past the school. Whilst the children concerned handled the matter very well, sadly some of our older students have then ramped things up with exaggerated stories about the matter. Please be assured that if there ever is an incident of concern for the safety of our children involving members of the public, we will follow our procedures and communicate with our community. I have spoken to all of our senior classes about the impact of spreading rumours and how it can cause unneeded anxiety in others.

In the meantime it is timely to reinforce to your children the importance of not engaging

Next week

Monday:

Ngā Puna
Gymnastics
12.30-3.00pm

Thursday:

Touch
Registration in hall
before school
Kereru - Olympia
Gym
11.00am-1.00pm
ICAS Science
9am-12.30pm

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

with people they don't know and other family safety rules you may have in place.

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/whānau.

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 - 9.30am.

Mana Ake are presenting two parent sessions this term on anxiety.

These will be held in the staffroom on 19th September 7pm and 26th September 9am.



- What is anxiety and how does it present in children?
- What is normal? When does anxiety become concerning?
- Strategies to support your child
- Managing avoidance
- When to seek help and from whom?

If you are interested please fill in the attached link we look forward to seeing you during one of these sessions
<https://forms.gle/X2nAYDZRpU1pNKun6>

Y3 & 4 Woodend Camp

Detailed information attached in this newsletter. Parents wanting to be considered as a camp parent need to fill in the online form by next Tuesday, 3 September at the latest, details on the attached notice about the police vetting process. All medical and consent forms are due back next Friday, 6 September. If you didn't get these, please contact class teachers. If you do not have access to online forms please ask office staff for assistance.



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.

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TOUCH RUGBY 2019

NUNWEEK TOUCH MODULE, held every year at Nunweek park on Tuesdays nights, register now!

Touch rugby is starting again this year with the first game on Tuesday October the 15th first week of term 4.

The registration form is attached and they are available at the school office, we will have our registration sign up on the morning of the 5th of September in the school hall from 8 to 9 am. If you can't make this please hand your fee and registration form into the office, this can be done anytime up to the registration day.

As usual we can only have teams if we get parent coaches and enough girls within each grade. Please note depending on the ratio boys/girls we may need to have a ballot draw for the boys, if we have an insufficient number of girls.

Grades are as follows with the completion run through to March next year. Year 6 children are expected to return to complete the season.

YR 0-2, 5.30 to 6pm

YR 3-4, 5.30 to 6pm

YR 5-6, 6.05 to 6.35pm

Environment News: Kaupapa Taiao

We've recently been sent information from the CCC about their Walk or Wheel Days. It is a great initiative. However we're proud that we've been encouraging Walk and Wheeling for many years now. One of our Environment Procedures is to: Encourage travel to and from school by non-car modes. Iconic muso Tiki Taane recently acknowledging the negative impact of his global travels and is working out ways to (Quote) : "leave less stress on Papatūanuku - Mother Earth". Tiki would be pleased to see all our young active travellers zero carbon burning their way through our school gates.

If you'd like to help with anything "Environmental" please contact martin.lukes@waimairi.school.nz. There is plenty of scope: from hands on assistance, policy and planning assistance to securing resource support.



Waimairi Chess Club

We're thrilled to confirm our annual Black and White Day on Friday 20th September (Week 9). Be prepared for a Black and White Mufti, sausages galore and fun Chess themed action.

We're welcoming Businesses to get in and support our Canterbury Chess Champions as they take on teams from New Zealand's other provinces. The big showdown is over the School Holidays first weekend in Palmerston North. Your support will go directly to Travel Costs. In return we'd love to promote your company and even come out to practise at your "place".

Remember weekly Chess Club. All welcome on Thursday's in Tī Kōuka Library 12:30 pm.

Physical Literacy Update

We would love to receive used sporting gear from organisations you have connections with. Our sport asset is highly depreciated through all the fun children like to have. Your clubs may be rejuvenating kit. We'd love to receive gear for our children to use at play times. We've gratefully accepted Footballs, Tennis balls and rugby balls in the past. Basketballs are always popular as they are quickly worn out through heavy use.

Orienteering is a brilliant outdoors play activity that appeals to all children. There is an emphasis on participation and fun. We're looking forward to encouraging our tamariki to attend the upcoming: Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival on the 14th and 15th September. There are practise events around the city before then. Entries will be called for soon. Check out www.papo.org.nz

Sports news & results

Waimairi Rugby

Our Waimairi A Rugby team qualified for the Central Zone Rugby tournament after winning the North Zone Tournament last term. The Central Zones tournament was held last Thursday at South Hagley Park. Many schools participated in this event. Waimairi School was in the Orange Pool, and played six games which saw them qualify for the semi finals.

Our pool results were:

Game 1 vs Hillview 28 - 0 win

Game 2 vs Hoon Hay. 33 - 7 win

Game 3 vs West Melton 35 - 0 win

Game 4 vs Te Waka Unua 28 - 7 win

Game 5 vs Kaiapoi North 35 - 0 win

Game 6 - bye

Game 7 vs Hororata 19 - 0 win

We encountered a more challenging semi final against South Brighton, and won 14 - 0.

We played the final against Hoon Hay and pulled off a great win against them 14 - 0 .

Only two tries scored against the team for the entire day, highlighting just how dedicated and talented this team are.

Last Friday topped off an extremely successful season, as the A team played Te Wake Unua in the finals for the Friday Senior Sport Yr 5/6 10 a side competition, and also won this convincingly.

Not only have this team represented our school to such a high standard in terms of their play on the rugby field, but they have also been outstanding in their sportsmanship and their behaviour at South Hagley Park every week.

We are very proud of this team, and want to acknowledge and thank Paul Farrelly who has volunteered his time each week to coach the team, and all the parents that have been able to go to the park and support all the rugby players in both the A and B teams. And a special mention to Stephen Pepese, who has been a huge support to the rugby players.

Winter Sports

The Year 5 & 6 Winter Sports season has now come to an end with the final games of the round being last Friday. We have had a great season, and have been extremely lucky with the weather every Friday afternoon.

We had Football, Hockey, Netball and Rugby players competing every Friday afternoon at both Hagley Park and Nunweek Park.

Hockey

Both the Red and Blue Hockey teams had a great season. It was a delight to see a whole bunch of new hockey players learn from the more experienced players. Throughout the season, everyone played well as a team. Red team won their grade, Blue team came a close second for their grade. Well done Waimairi Hockey! A special thanks to all the parents who helped with refereeing and coaching :)

Football

The Waimairi Blue placed 2nd in the finals after having a great season playing in the A grade. The Waimairi Red started in the B grade then were moved up to the A grade where they still had several wins. Both teams were coached by Brian Miles on Wednesdays and Fridays at Nunwick Park. The skill base improvement in a season was a pleasure to witness. The footballers involved were a fabulous bunch of kids to take off school site every Friday and their attitude and manners were a credit to them and their families on and off the bus. In my eyes they were all a bunch of stars. Sue H

Netball

Both the Red and Blue Netball teams gave it everything they could this season. They played their hearts out on the courts every Friday afternoon and all worked extremely well as contributing members of a team. They were all incredibly supportive of each other and it was really lovely to see both teams grow and develop as the season went on. A big thank you to Anna Gibb for her coaching and support of the Waimairi Blue team this season. We couldn't have done it without her! THANK YOU!

Sports Development

On Friday afternoons, year 5/6 students who stayed at school developed their skills in a range of sports. Coaches from across Christchurch introduced the students to bowls, badminton, ultimate frisbee, dodgeball, handball, and tae kwan do. Players from Canterbury Wildcats even came to run basketball drills for two weeks with the students. It was an active, social and fun ten weeks. Community notices