

# Waimairi Week

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## Kia Ora,

What an honour to be hosted at Parliament by the Prime Minister this week. Being a finalist in the Prime Minister's Education Excellence Awards is well deserved recognition for our Junior teaching team, led by Lynley Cummack. We are all dead proud of you.

### Arts term finale

Book in the date Wednesday 25 September. We are looking forward to hosting parents, friends and whānau here at school to showcase arts learning from the term. A booklet containing schedules will be coming home to you next week.

### Renewal update

Josh and his team from HRS have finished the new boarding along the Inaka/Kereru site boundary. It is great to have so much extra walking space. We appreciate the fun shapes that have been cut in as viewing windows for the kids. Next term we'll do some serious mural painting to brighten the fence up.

This week has seen the mapping out of the grid lines. We can now clearly see the layout of our new building.

Have a great week  
Mike

## Next week

### Monday:

Last day to register for Siblings photos  
Welcome Meet Up  
Kōtare to Tuia: An instrumental  
Journey 12.30 - 3pm

### Tuesday:

ICAS English 9am  
PTA Meeting 7-8pm

### Wednesday:

School photos  
portrait/learning spaces 9am-3pm

### Thursday:

ICAS Maths  
9am-12pm

### Friday:

Black & White Mufti Day

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

## PTA NEWS

## FUN RUN/WALK SUN 10 NOV NUNWEEK PARK

After a really fun and successful inaugural event last year, we have decided to hold another Fun Run event in 2019.

Save the date – Sun 10 Nov 2km or 5km event, food vendors on site, dress up optional, face painting and balloon/bubble fun.

More details to come but in the meantime, we'd love some help!

If you or anyone you know can offer us any of the following or you have other suggestions please get in touch with one of the following PTA members:

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We need:

SPOT PRIZES – healthy food items, toys, sporty clothing, caps etc



SPONSORSHIP – small amounts needed to cover expenses such as printing, sausage sizzle supplies, prizes

FOOD VENDORS – anyone who might like to sell food to families during and after the event

MARSHALLS – 10 adults needed to act as marshalls on the course. Ideal for those who will be there but would rather not run for any reason. Full instructions given!

Thank you in advance!

## 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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## SPORTS UNIFORM

A reminder that all school sports uniform should have been returned by now. This includes all winter sports teams, cross country, Future Ferns netball and basketball. Please check at home for any outstanding gear and return to school asap – no questions asked!

## CALENDAR ART

Classes have been busy producing art for our annual calendar art fundraiser. Look out for order forms coming home on Monday. Art should be available for viewing in your child's classroom and orders will need to be in by end of term (Fri 27 Sept).



## Environment News: Kaupapa Taiao

Environmental Te Reo Word of the Week: Whenua. How can you use this in everyday korero when talking about land or place?

As we move into Spring we're thrilled to see how non carbon powered wheels are being used not only at Waimairi School but also in the wider Ōtautahi community. Hard to believe we now have 3 E-scooter companies in business now. I bet our ex Waimairi students will be loving the chance to have fun on these cool devices in the fresh air for commute or recreation.

Your whānau may like to roll up their sleeves and support New Zealand's 50 Year Anniversary Conservation week. A lot of wairua and aroha has been given over the last 50 years to sustain and maintain our fragile natural environment. Good news! There is plenty more mahi to do. Check out <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/events/conservation-week/> for more information.

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

## Waimairi Chess

Remember 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 and South Island Champs Runners Up 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:

Waimairi School are the defending Canterbury Primary Schools Cricket Champions. We'll be trialling our Year 5 / 6 team in Week 9. Expressions of Interest are closing with your child's teacher this Friday.

## School Photos

Next Wednesday, 18 September, learning space and individual photos will be taken. Children will need to be wearing school uniform, if possible red/blue polo shirt, culottes/navy shorts are preferable to track pants. If the weather is cold students can wear their winter uniform. On this day parents may want to get "siblings at school" photos done as well.

Please fill in the google form <https://forms.gle/Xv6reU8NxHkcphRU7> to register by Monday, 16 September if you want your children to have a "Siblings at School" group photo.

## Touch Rugby

Last call touch registrations, forms and payment must be returned to the school office by 2pm tomorrow. We are needing offers to help coach, co- coach or help with teams, please email Steve Bamford [stevebamford@hotmail.com](mailto:stevebamford@hotmail.com) if you can assist. Any help much appreciated, without you we can't enter teams or we are limited to how many teams we can enter.

## NEED HELP WITH CHILDCARE THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Hello, my name is Matthew Robinson and I am a teacher aide at Waimairi School. During the school holidays, I will be offering school holiday care service for Waimairi children whose parents still have work. I will be at an easy location on Blighs Road with a big backyard and plenty of games and art supplies. We will even go on a few excursions during the break. Please contact me on [0226339101](tel:0226339101).

## Sports news & results

### Kia Ora Koutou

We have our annual Waimairi Athletics Sports coming up in week 2 on October 23rd (pp24 October).. This will be held at St James Park and is a great day for all! The first event will begin at approximately 9.30am. During this time we require some parent help. If you are experienced or have done this in the past and can help out with an athletics rotation like high jump, shot put, sprints or discus please email Miss T at [lisa.tangiiti@waimairi.school.nz](mailto:lisa.tangiiti@waimairi.school.nz) with the subject line ATHLETICS and where you prefer/are available to help out on the day for either part of or the whole day.. Thanks for your support.

**Touch Canterbury** are running an awesome 4 day holiday programme filled with modified games and fun from the 30<sup>th</sup> of September to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. This is a full day programme 9am-3pm ideally for children aged 7-13, held at Mairehau High School. Your child will have a fun experience during our programme and they will get the chance to make new friends and have a blast! We also have a great group of young coaches who will be able to bring a lot of positive energy and fun to the programme.

Parents have said this about our past programme "Had a great time. Awesome value for money" and "lots of fun playing games"

To register or for more info please visit this link: <http://www.touchcanterbury.co.nz/Development/Term-3-holiday-programme-2019>

Thanks