

# Waimairi Week

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## Kia Ora,

### Waimairi citizenship

I recently received this lovely hand-written card, from an elderly member of our community, in the post.

*"Dear Mr. Anderson, I am writing to tell you how impressed I was with a group of boys from Waimairi School. I was biking through St. James Park and having trouble with my gears. The boys stopped, very concerned and sorted me out. I was so impressed with their kindness, lovely manners and cheerfulness. Such behaviour is a credit to them and the future is in good hands. Thank you boys."*

Well done to this group of senior boys.

### New Deputy Principal.

Please read the letter from our Board of Trustees that is being sent home with this newsletter. We look forward to introducing Katrina to you all next term.

### Wairakei School zone consultation - follow up

Thanks to all who made submissions while Wairakei School were establishing an enrolment zone. The Wairakei Board agreed with many of your suggestions regarding allowing overlaps and having properties closer to Waimairi remaining within the Waimairi zone - good on you for making submissions.

## Next week

### Tuesday:

Heaton Testing  
11am-12.30pm

### Wednesday:

North Zone  
Athletics @ Rawhiti  
Domain

### Thursday:

Mufti Day for Inter  
Regional Cross  
Country

### Friday:

CJCA Friday  
Superstar Cricket @  
Cotswold 12-3pm

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

The Wairakei Zone comes into effect in Term 1, 2019 and the Waimairi Zone remains as is, until at least May 2019. Both Boards agree that this status quo should remain unless overcrowding is experienced or we are directed to change by the Ministry of Education.

### Teacher industrial action

As advised by the Board earlier this week, Waimairi School will not be open on Wednesday 15 November if the teacher industrial action goes ahead.

### School renewal project.

Work on-site continues this week with fitting heat pumps to the hall, Rooms 18, 19, 20, 16 and 17. A larger heating unit for Te Puna will arrive over the summer break. This work allows for the demolition of the boiler house in December.

Also underway, is the relocation of an underground power cable away from the site of our new floor slab.

### 2019 classes.

Now that our 2019 staffing levels have been confirmed and various job application processes are finished, we are able to start composing next year's class groups.

This work is done carefully and slowly. Where possible we aim to maintain functioning pupil-to-pupil and pupil-to-



teacher relationships. We don't move children at the end of each year just for the sake of it.

Having said that, we always have some teachers changing age levels and leaving for/coming back from parental and study leave. This does cause some pockets of larger scale change each year.

Thank you to those who contacted me with specific issues and requests within the consultation timeframe. We will be taking these into account.

We will be letting you know your child's 2019 class before they head off for the Christmas holiday.

### 2019 school layout and functioning

Part of the annual planning that is unique for the 2019 school year, is that we are starting the year with Rooms 9-10, 11-13, the Admin building and the boiler plant no longer there.

As the building plans become more refined we are able to see that we are going to have a fairly routine year next



### Stay in touch

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year, with only a few groups of children using spaces where you would not usually find them.

Make sure you come to either the 9am or 7pm parent info' meetings on Thursday 15 November to see the most up to date plans for 2019 and beyond.

Have a great week  
Mike

### Community Day of Action: Friday 2 November

On Friday New Zealand's Primary teachers are being encouraged, by their NZEI Union, to create awareness about the 3 Big Issues that the teaching profession has raised as issues to attract and retain teachers.

Workload, Support for Learners and Pay are the three issues. Unfortunately much of the media attention has been on Pay. This has taken the focus away from the call for recognition that high workload and meeting the needs of all New Zealand's Learners is highly demanding and deserves better funding.

We do encourage you to chat with our staff and find out more about the 3 Big Issues. It would be wonderful if you can support the Teaching Profession through your connections. It would be marvellous if you are able to advocate for the role Education has in NZ Society for the immediate "now" and also the future of our nation.

To celebrate teachers and their value we have placed tinsel around some special places in our school. A reminder that we need quality teachers and a fantastic education system that attracts and retains fantastic staff.

### Hotdog helpers needed for 2019

Are you able to volunteer your time to help with Friday hotdog lunches next year? The hotdogs are very popular with our children but in order for the PTA to continue to offer them in 2019 we need a number of new volunteers for the following roles:

- Co-ordinator: A person (or two people sharing the role) to prepare the volunteer roster at the start of each term and on a Friday morning count the cash from the hotdog orders and then collect the hotdog ingredients from two suppliers. This usually takes 2 1/2 hours from 9.00am to 11.30am each Friday.
- Morning orders: People to take the hotdog orders from 8.10am to 9.00am on a Friday morning once or twice a term. Volunteers are rostered in pairs to do this.
- Lunchtime preparation: People to help prepare and serve the hotdogs at Friday lunchtime from 11.30am to 1.00pm



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This is a great way to be involved in helping our school and getting to know other Waimairi parents and children. Please contact Carmen Marsh on [CJMarsh5@aol.co.uk](mailto:CJMarsh5@aol.co.uk) or 021 194 1233 if you think you can volunteer your time for this.

Many thanks from the PTA

In term 2 Whanaketanga's class inquiry was about New Zealand's native birds. We learnt about their ecosystems and how to help the endangered birds.

Last term our class inquiry was about taking the vibe and creating an artwork to leave a mark. So, we decided to create a mural to put up around our school and use our knowledge from the term 2's inquiry as the motivation.

This term we created the mural and are going to enter it into the Resene paint mural competition. We were lucky enough to get discounted paint from Resene. Carter's on Madras street donated us the ply to paint on too.

The name of the artwork is Dawn to Dusk. It shows all the native New Zealand birds at different times of the day. Our mural is in our school pool area. Feel free to come and look.

Zac and Jacob

### Waimairi School Tennis Team

Well done to Seb, Margo, Thomas and Samuel who represented Waimairi School yesterday in the Canterbury primary schools tennis competition at Wilding Park. The team played really well to win eight of their ten games and end up being the overall winner of the boys/mixed grade competition.

Here is a link to the survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SchoolSwim18>

Thanks in advance for providing your thoughts.  
Community Notices

## New Zealand Chess Championships Update

Time has flown since our Waimairi Chess Team flew to Mt Maunganui for 3 days in the School Holidays to represent Canterbury at the National Chess Championships. We had a fantastic experience. The location was wonderful and meeting children, staff and parents from all over the country was a real honour. We even chatted about chess with Acting Prime Minister Winston Peters while walking to the plane on the way home. We're tremendously proud of our team. Harry, Finley, Jonty and Zac. They all competed with real skill, tenacity and perseverance to challenge the best players in our country. Super tough match ups over 7 rounds with battles over 2 days. Brilliant! Waimairi edged out arch nemesis local rivals Waitikiri to a creditable 15th from 24 teams and retain the rights as the top South Island School. We do look forward to next year and future challenges.

Thank you to you all for your support to help get our four boys to Mt Maunganui. Your support is deeply appreciated.

## Environment News: Kaupapa Taiao

Isn't it wonderful having electric Green Scooters as a talking point in Christchurch. Zero Carbon-burning and Fun these are the ultimate urban toy for young and old. We're proud that Waimairi School has been encouraging Wheels as a way to commute to our kura ever since our Environment Procedure addressed this as a Ecologically sustainable practise. We love seeing children scoot for fun and Physical Literacy development. We always raise a smile when bikes come into our school. However as adults we stand back and are amazed at the talent, skill and bravery shown by children zipping around on rip-sticks. How do they do it??

## Be in to WIN!

You could win a free fun day for your school at Jellie Park (pool and slide) on the 18 December by filling in a short survey around water safety and learning to swim. Each **entry increases your school's chance of winning.** **Currently only 30% of school age children participate in swimming lessons and the Christchurch City Council's Swimsmart team are keen to understand parents and caregivers views around water safety and learning to swim.**

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## EVworld South Public Day

Have you thought about making the move to electric? Are you interested to learn more about Electric cars or electric bikes? Visit the EVworld South Public Show on Saturday 24 November at The Air Force Museum in Wigram.

Find out why more New Zealanders are making the switch to quiet, energy efficient electric vehicles. With FREE seminars running throughout the day covering all things you need to know. There will also be a wide range of e-bikes and e-scooters available to try on the e-bike track.

EVworld South is also hosting EVelocity national schools' competition and the grand finals will be happening at this event. EVelocity's schools programme engages teams of students in designing and building an electric vehicle using supplied electric motor componentry kit/s.

Bring your friends, your family and join the EVolution this November! For more information and to pre-register for the chance to win a Hyundai Kona for a month or a Wattwheels e-Bike to keep - head to [www.evworldsouth.nz](http://www.evworldsouth.nz)

## This Sunday Nov 4th Blue Smoke (The Tannery, Woolston)

family arvo show kicks off at 4 pm ....door sales from 3.30 pm or pre sale at eventfinda \$20 with kids invited for a koha . The afternoons show will feature local school ukulele players in on a few tunes that were part of the weeks schools workshop and show visits about Canterbury

The Nukes from West Auckland are far more than a ukulele band. Part vaudeville, part rat-pack, part musical car crash, this talented trio deliver an engaging mix of humour and originality that audiences of all ages will love. The innocent little uke is the instrument of choice and people will be staggered by what the Nukes are able to achieve with it. Great song-writing, musicianship and 3-part harmony combine to create a truly memorable, entertaining experience.