

# Waimairi Week

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## Next week

Thursday:

Rakaia River picnic  
dinner/swim  
5.30-7pm

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

## Kia Ora,

Welcome back to school for the 2018 school year. We love having the school full of life and laughter again.

This year we welcome Lisa Tangiiti to our staff, working with Leanne Parnham in Harakeke. Lisa is covering for Caroline Orchard who is on a year's parental leave caring for a delightful four-year-old girl who joined her family over the summer break.

### School renewal update

Everything unfolded as planned over the holidays and we are back in action with the planning and design of our new school. The delay was caused the need to increase the scope of work being done here at the school. All is now approved and what will be created will be a stunning asset for this community for the next 40 or 50 years. The 6 month delay has delivered many more years of quality facilities.

We pick up where we left off last year with the next full-size-mockup morning. This time it is the admin, library, staffroom area. Drop into the hall on next Wednesday morning to take a peek.

We have a dedicated page on our website to make sure you can see the background story and stay abreast of regular renewal project updates. <http://www.waimairi.school.nz/renewal.html>

## Term 1 2018 School-wide learning

This term we focus on the Social Studies area of the NZ Curriculum. Classes will be working on a wide range of learning projects under one or more of the following headings.

**Identity, Culture, and Organisation** – Students learn about society and communities and how they function. They also learn about the diverse cultures and identities of people within those communities and about the effects of these on the participation of groups and individuals.

**Place and Environment** – Students learn about how people perceive, represent, interpret, and interact with places and environments. They come to understand the relationships that exist between people and the environment.

**Continuity and Change** – Students learn about past events, experiences, and actions and the changing ways in which these have been interpreted over time. This helps them to understand the past and the present and to imagine possible futures.

**The Economic World** – Students learn about the ways in which people participate in economic activities and about the consumption, production, and distribution of goods



and services. They develop an understanding of their role in the economy and of how economic decisions affect individuals and communities

Regardless of the learning area being explored all classes will be using the School Fair on 7 April as the 'finale', showcase or to apply their social studies learning this term. Another great reason to be at the fair.

You class teachers will be able to give you more insight into the planned learning for your child/ren. You can learn more about Social Studies in the NZ Curriculum here <http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/The-New-Zealand-Curriculum/Social-sciences/Learning-area-structure>

## Swimming

Lessons are back in action for all children. Over the next few weeks our teachers are topping up their knowledge with some external professional development on effective group teaching of swimming.

Those children needing more individualised attention benefit from Yohan, our professional swimming coach. This is funded by our PTA.

Learning basic aquatic skills is part of the NZ Curriculum and we need all children to have their togs at school and taking part.

Have a great year Mike



## 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.

**Text:** Telecom & 2Degrees networks only: text follow waimairischool to 8987 for free txt alerts.

**Phone:** 03 352 9208

**Email:** [admin@waimairi.school.nz](mailto:admin@waimairi.school.nz)

## Year 5 and 6 STEPS Programme

In 2017 we trialled the STEPS Literacy Programme in-class and at home for one year 5/6 group. The results were very impressive.

We are therefore going to extend the programme this year.

The STEPS Web programme is accessed online. The programme is individualised to each child. It increases phonological awareness, visual perception, sequencing, memory and spelling.

The contribution for the licence is \$25. This contribution will be added to your students account..... The children will also need headphones/earbuds. These can be purchased from KMart, Warehouse stationery, the Warehouse and lots of other outlets. They need to be named. Earbuds are around \$5 and the headphones are about \$10.

We are currently testing all year 5 and 6 children to determine their starting level. You can check out the programme on [www.learningstaircase.co.nz](http://www.learningstaircase.co.nz). They charge \$80 to do the same programme.

We are aiming to have all children tested and ready to go by the 26th February. Please let me know if you have any questions. Carol Coleman

## Amnesty!

Help!. Help help...Our book boxes are looking very depleted. In your holiday tidy up did you come across any of our books under the bed or in the school bag? Please pop them back to the office... We need them even if it's just 1 copy... if you've got a bag full even better! Drop them in .. No questions asked :)

## New to Waimairi?

Come along on Thursday 15 February from 7.00pm in the school library

The Waimairi PTA is wanting to welcome all new parents to the school. It's an opportunity to meet some fellow new parents and to hear about all the happenings around school.

Very informal just come along for a cuppa and chat. See you then.

## Music 2018

Did you miss out on signing up your child to learn an instrument or singing in 2018? There are still some spaces for some students. Please fill out the following form by Friday 23rd February. <https://goo.gl/forms/G0Hx9UtXgGfyENXH3>

Please contact Katie Lord -

[katie.lord@waimairi.school.nz](mailto:katie.lord@waimairi.school.nz) if you have any questions.



## Attention NEW parents to Waimairi.....ON-LINE PARENTS BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Waimairi School PTA is about to launch an on-line directory for the local businesses within our school community!

To support our families in their own businesses and professional endeavours, this on-line resource will offer parents and caregivers the opportunity to publicise their business or place of employment on a special directory webpage - as a link from the school's main website. The cost will be \$50 per business / per 365 days from when your business is added to the website. You can have more than one business per family and the cost can be tax-deductable.

Other school families may then choose to support these local businesses when looking for a beautician, gardener, concrete layer, builder, accountant, engineer, fashion-designer or even a new Indian restaurant - the list goes on! We have a wide network of talented and skill-based parents, caregivers and family members within our school community, so let's spread the word and start supporting each other's businesses.

We will update the site regularly as and when new businesses come on board – let the networking begin :-)

If you would like to submit your business or place of employment to the directory, please send the following information to email: [parentbiz@waimairi.school.nz](mailto:parentbiz@waimairi.school.nz)

- Business Name
- Business Type (including brief description of what the business does)
- Business Address
- Email Address
- Website
- Contact Name
- Contact Phone Number (s)
- Business Hours
- Other Information
- Business Logo - JPEG

Watch This Space – the website is going live soon!

Many thanks,

The Waimairi PTA

## Sports news & results

We are lucky to provide a variety of opportunities at Waimairi School for your child to participate in organised sport. Sometimes these opportunities are at school, and at other times at venues across the region. Often parents have particular skills or interests in certain sports.

Throughout the year we are constantly asking for help to run our sports programme. We would love to hear from anyone now, who we may be able to contact later on in the year. Your child will be sent home with a form where you can tick what 2018 sports or events you might like to help us with. Ticking the boxes DOES NOT commit you to helping. It just means that you may get a phone call or email prior to the event to see if you are still available or interested. Thank you in anticipation.

### Term 1, Week 4

Senior Swimming Sports are being held on Wednesday 21st February from 12.30pm at Jellie Park. A notice is going home next week. If any parents can offer to help with a small job on the day, I would love to hear from you.

fiona.[virtue@waimairi.school.nz](mailto:virtue@waimairi.school.nz) [Touch results Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.](#)

### Touch Rugby Results

#### YR5-6

Turbos won 5-3 POD Sam Rainer  
Wolves lost 4-7 POD Ella C

#### YR3-4

Leopards won 4-0 POD Patrick O'Regan  
Warriors lost 1-5 POD Lyla  
Sharks won 11-3 POD Amelia

#### YR0-2

Lions won 7-3 POD Atlas  
Legends lost POD Nicholas Barr  
Tigers Default

## Community notices

### Vincent Pageot Home Maintenance & Gardening

Dirty windows? Garden needing attention? A heatpump to service? Fence to fix? If you have things that are not functioning the way they should and you've no time to do it, hire a Waimairi handy dad to help you.

Vincent Pageot Home Maintenance & Gardening - 021 120 3145 [Pulse Taekwon-Do](#)

2018 classes available for age groups 3-5yrs, 6-8 yrs, 9-13yrs and 14yrs+. For information call/text 021842011 or email [info@pulsetkd.co.nz](mailto:info@pulsetkd.co.nz)

### Churchbythetracks

This Sunday we are kicking off our kids and youth ministries so we'd love to invite you and your family to come along and check it out.

Waimairi School hall 9:30-11am Sundays (coffee break and morning tea included).

Church by the Tracks is a bible believing church with a relaxed family-friendly vibe.

We started post earthquakes to serve our local community. For more info [www.churchbythetracks.com](http://www.churchbythetracks.com)

### Light = Junior Youth Groups for those in Years

6-9.

Sundays 4:30-6:30pm . Bring a gold coin for dinner. Waimairi School Hall.

For more info Contact Dave (0210722804 or [dave@churchbythetracks.com](mailto:dave@churchbythetracks.com))