

WAIMAHIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Ali'i, Malo ni, Ni sa bula vinaka, Ia Orana, Aloha mai e, Taloha ni, Halo Olaketa, Mauri and a warm Waimahian Greetings

MANA, MANAAKITANGA, MĀTAURANGA

Newsletter #4

Thursday 16 February 2017

Kia Orana e te iti tangata o Waimahia, te ingoa te enua, “kia pukuroa o vaevae, e kia mokora o kaki”

Over the next few weeks I will be sharing with you parts of our Strategic Plan for the year. Please feel free to come in and chat with me if you have any questions or feedback about what you read.

Our school core values

If you ask our students, they will tell you that our school values are

Mana - to empower ourselves and others

Manaakitanga - to embrace and engage with each other

Mātauranga - to educate ourselves and others

Showing our three core values in all that we do at Waimahia School is an expectation for all our students and staff. We expect students and staff to uphold each other's mana, to show an ethic of care for themselves, others and the environment, and be at school with the purpose of learning with and from each other.

WaiMai - Meet the Teacher

Don't forget we are having an informal meet and greet tomorrow 17th February from 3pm to 6pm out on the courtyard by the hall or in the hall if it is wet. Join us for a sausage sizzle and a chance to meet your child's teacher.

Whānau - Student - Teacher Conferences

Our first 3-Way Conferences will be held Tuesday 21 February, 2pm - 7pm and Wednesday 22 February, 2pm to 6pm. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher individually about their learning. At this meeting you will hear about the goals your child has set for the first half of the year. Technology Specialist Teachers will also be available to see you. Notices were sent home earlier this week so you could nominate a time to see the teachers. Please return these as soon as possible so we can allocate a time for you. Please note that we will be finishing school at 1.30pm on both these days.

Start Fresh - Fresh Start!

We have noticed many of our students arriving at school very early in the morning. To give everyone a Fresh Start! to the day we are opening up Start Fresh on Monday morning at 7.45am in the Community Room. Start Fresh is a space where students get to hang out before school, listen to some music, read the paper, eat some breakfast even if they've already had some, and maybe even get that last bit of homework done. If your child is an early riser please encourage them to come along to Start Fresh in the morning. Start Fresh will be open every Monday to Thursday.

Naming rights has gone to Chanel Crichton from Room 14. Congratulations \$10,000 Waitala points for your great idea.

Rangatira Camp

The Rangatira Student Leaders camp is only three weeks away. We are excited about this venture and are looking forward to enhancing the leadership skills of our student leaders. The school is investing in our Rangatira by making this camp free to our students. Please return all forms required for your child to be included in this camp.

Dates to Remember:

Friday 17 February	WaiMai meet the teacher from 3pm to 6pm
Tuesday 21 February	3 Way Conferences - 2pm to 7pm, school finishes for the students at 1.30pm
Wednesday 22 February	3 Way Conferences - 2pm to 6pm, school finishes for the students at 1.30pm
Mon 6 - Thurs 9 March	Rangatira Camp
Tuesday 28 March	Year 8 Immunisation Dose 1
Thursday 6 April	Waimahia Food Festival
Thursday 13 April	Last day of school for Term 1
Monday 1 May	First day of school for Term 2

Soifua ma ia manuia

Melini Fasavalu
Tumuaki / Principal