

WAIMAHIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

MANA, MANAAKITANGA, MĀTAURANGA

Newsletter #5

Friday 3 March 2017

Fakalofa lahi atu!

This week has been a busy learning week as usual at Waimahia! Your tamaiti have been busy with lots of learning programmes with their classroom teachers and their specialist teachers too. *Rangatira* have been very busy preparing for the leadership camp coming up next week. Teachers have also been doing some learning about helping our students learn to be 'active learners'. Our goal is for our students to have the knowledge and skills needed to make good decisions about their learning.

Manaakitanga In Action

All our whānau started the week with a Manaakitanga afternoon on Monday. Each whānau was challenged to find a way to show Manaakitanga at school. Most of the whānau focused on Manaakitanga for the environment while Papatuanuku focused on Manaakitanga for their teachers.

- *Mahuika* students looked at how to care for the harakeke and did some gardening.
- *Papatuanuku* students made appreciation cards for their classroom teacher
- *Tangaroa* students did a litter pick up and cleaned graffiti
- *Tāwhirimātea* students looked at how to improve our school entrance way and are finding ways to make a garden bed

Learning about our school values is important, showing them in our everyday actions is even more important.

Mana - empowering ourselves and others!

A huge congratulations to Seoul Nelio from Te Manukura Maia, and Destiny Butler who was a student here last year!! Seoul and Destiny are finalists for the Manurewa Junior Sports Awards in the Under 13 Sportsman and Under 13 Sportswoman of the year awards. Congratulations on the hard work it takes to be a top level athlete. You have brought mana to yourselves, your whānau and your schools.

Waimahia Food Festival

Please keep April 6 free! We are having a Food Festival! The Food Festival is our Enterprise Project for term one. Each class has been inquiring into how they can use their \$200 seed money to make a dish to sell at the Food Festival. The students are working with their class to figure out what dish they can make that will give them the biggest profit margin. Students are finding recipes, looking at the cost of ingredients, and trying out different food. Each class will be able to keep the money they make from the Food Festival to help them with term two's Enterprise Project. Ask your tamariki what their class is making for the Waimahia Food Festival!

Orange Day!

Help raise awareness and much needed funds to help victims of family violence get safe and stay safe! Students can come to school dressed in orange for the day on Friday 10th March for a gold coin donation. Thank you for your support towards a great cause.



Wellbeing Survey and Raffle

Thank you very much to all of you who filled in our quick survey about how your tamariki is feeling about school. Here's what you told us:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
My child enjoys learning at school	4%	0	30%	66%
My child feels safe at school	4%	1%	21%	74%
My child knows what to do if someone is being hurt or bullied	5%	0	34%	61%
Teachers treat my child fairly	4%	0	12%	84%
Teachers make learning interesting for my child	4%	0	11%	85%

We will be looking at this and other information to help us improve student wellbeing. If you would like to talk to us about these results or the survey, please contact me at school.

Everyone who completed a survey went into a draw for vouchers. And the winners are:

\$100 Countdown Voucher - Ekeli Kopeteni (Elora Kapeteni, R7)

\$50 New World Voucher - Jason Heka (Cassidy Heka, R10)

\$50 Warehouse Voucher - Shirley Whiting (Alicia Whiting, R10)



NEW WORLD



After School Study Support Centre

So many of our students asked to be part of our After School Study Support Centre that we now have a waiting list. We know that learning is important to you so we are pleased that we have the opportunity to offer extra support for learning. Please make sure your child attends when they are supposed to, or contact us if they will not be staying after school. If there are three consecutive absences without us hearing from you, we will have to give up your spot to someone on the waiting list. If you have any queries about After School Study Support Centre, please contact Shanthi Swaminathan at school.

Student Attendance

Coming to school is very important for learning. Getting up in the morning, getting ready for school and getting there on time is also a good habit to build for life. Student safety is important to us, so please let us know if your child is not going to be at school for any reason. If we don't hear from you, Mr Wearing in the office will ring you if your child is absent from school.

Community Notices:

Wakaama Juniors Open Day for children aged 6 - 18 years. Will be held at Ian Shaw Park on Sunday 5 March from 1 - 3pm

Free Family Event: Everyday Heroes will be held at Botany Town Centre on April 1st from 10am - 2pm.

Dates to Remember:

Mon 6 - Thurs 9 March	Rangatira Camp
Tuesday 7 March	Boys Counties Zone Softball Tournament
Thursday 9 March	Girls Counties Zone Softball Tournament
Tuesday 28 March	Counties Zone Ultra Rip Rugby Tournament
	Year 8 Immunisation Dose 1
Thursday 6 April	Waimahia Food Festival
Thursday 13 April	Last day of school for Term 1

Kia monuina!

Melini Fasavalu

Tumuaki / Principal



Waimahia School App

Kia Orana Whanau of Waimahia, we would like to take a moment of your time to introduce to you our **school App**, as technology seems to move faster into the future so does our everyday living situation with technology like television, cars, computers and now smart phones.

The aim of the school App is to keep in contact with our Waimahia whanau and friends and businesses in our community.

This App is created solely for push notifications to our community to let our whanau know what's going on here in our Kura. We have done a little survey here at school in regards to newsletters going home and 33% of this does not get to our parents/caregivers because it is still in the kids bags or it gets thrown out. The App gives you that consistency in receiving notifications, and as a parent we love to be informed about our children's education and events in the school that they are attending.

FREE DOWNLOAD from the App Store for iPhones and Androids as well as Window phones, this App is LIVE NOW! So go and download this NOW!

- *Once you have downloaded this from the App store, you will need to open the App and agree to the following terms, receiving notifications etc.... or the app doesn't do its job to the best it can, you MUST have an email account to communicate. If you have any queries please contact the school to speak with Mr Wearing.*

What the App provides:

- Information at your finger tips
- Update details
- Website Access
- Newsletters
- Contact Details
- School Events
- School Calendar
- Photos
- Messages & many more.....

Attached also is a QR CODE Scanner that you activate on your smart phone and scan the correct code, this will take you to the App Store to download the Waimahia App

WHANAU POINTS:

Please fill in the form below and get your child/ren to return this to the office and they will receive 1000 points each for their whanau. This needs to be signed as proof of reading this information pack, an extra 3000 points will be given if you download the app and send a message back to confirm your child's name and room number.

I _____ parent/caregiver of _____ in Room _____ have read this information, I will / will not download the Waimahia App

Thank you for your ongoing support of Waimahia Intermediate School. We look forward to working with you in regards to this App initiative. If you have any queries in regards to this information pack, please do not hesitate to contact the school to have a chat with Mr Wearing on (09) 266 7455 Ext 0



Waimahia School

This is the official Waimahia School Mobile App. App Features; - Conveniently e-mail or phone the school, get directions to the school, reach the website, with contact information that's always up-to-date. - Direct e-mail Absentee notification. - Push notifications will keep you updated about school news. - E-mail photos to the School. - View School Events. - View School Newsletters. - View School Calendar. - Update Contact Details. - Easily Share the app with your FriendsWhanauColleagues via E-mail, Facebook, Twitter and SMS. The school is located at 44 Palmers Road, Manurewa, Auckland, New Zealand. They can be contacted via admin@waimahia.school.nz or 09 266 7455. App developed for Waimahia School by Importarch Limited trading as Propel Apps Licensed Reseller contact craig@quickapps.co.nz.

