



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
Dream Big, Aim High & Work Hard

Newsletter #11

Thursday 11th May

Tēnā koutou te whānau o Waimahia!

We have had a lovely start to Term 2! Students are happy to be back and excited about our inquiry topic, Whenua - Land! As the winter weather settles in, can I remind parents that children are welcome to wear plain black track pants (only) at school to keep warm.

Education Review Office Visit

The Education Review Office (ERO) will be visiting our school next week (15th May - 18th May). Please come and join us in our powhiri to welcome our visitors on Monday 15th May at 9am in the school hall. As part of the review the ERO team would like to talk with parents about how your child's learning and how the school is catering for your child's education in general. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please let me know.

Student WELLBEING Survey

Last term we asked your children about how they feel about school. In general, most of our students feel safe at school, get on with each other and believe that teachers treat them fairly.

Some areas of strength that came out of the survey results:

- 90% of our students feel they belong at school and that teachers and students care about each other
- 90% of our students know that at Waimahia we expect students from different cultures or backgrounds to get on with each other
- 96% of our students believe that teachers at Waimahia value and get on with students from different cultures

Some areas we need to work on that came out of the survey results:

- Although 94% of our students know that hitting and bullying are not OK at school only 77% of them know what to do if they see or hear about bullying
- 24% of our students didn't think that everyone knew the rules about behaviour at our school
- Only 69% of our students think that our buildings and play areas are looked after at school

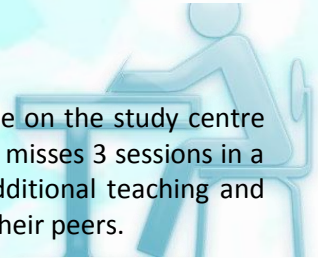
We will continue to work with the survey results and do some work around the areas we can improve on. If you would like to know more about this survey, please let me know at school. We are working hard to make sure that Waimahia Intermediate is the best learning environment for your tamariki.

Bubblegum Dance Crew fundraiser

The bubblegum dance crew will be performing at our school on Friday 19th May to help fundraise for their travels to the World Championships in Arizona, USA in August 2017.

Your child will need to bring \$2.00 to attend this event. This money will go towards the bubblegum dance groups fundraising. Manaakitanga in Action!





Study Centre

The study centre will be up and running this week! Please remember your child must be on the study centre register to be able to attend. There is a waiting list of students which means if your child misses 3 sessions in a row, their place will be offered to another waiting child. The study centre provides additional teaching and learning support in literacy and numeracy and is a great way to work collaboratively with their peers.

NZ Sign Language Week

This week is NZ Sign Language. Get involved with your child at home and participate in some of the fun activities and resources located on the NZ Sign Language website <http://deaf.org.nz/nzslw/>

Travelwise

Let's get our kids active!

Nearly a third of New Zealand children get very little or no exercise every week. Childhood obesity levels are rising, and with them health problems, such as high blood pressure and joint problems.

Walking is a moderate exercise, which means anyone can do it. It is good for the heart, blood pressure and lungs, and burns calories. It is also a weight-bearing exercise, which means it builds stronger bones.

Health Promoting School

Waimahia Intermediate promotes healthy eating and healthy lifestyles!

We do not allow junk food for children's lunches.

Please help your children to be healthy and energised for learning.

Travelwise
School



Fruit in schools is provided by the Ministry of Education with the aim of providing healthy food choices for our students. The students receive fruit every day, with different varieties each time. If your child has an allergy to any fruit, please contact their teacher immediately.

Term 2 Dates to Remember:

- Thursday 18th May
- Monday 15th-19th May
- Tuesday 23rd May
- Week 5
- Monday 5th June
- Friday 8th June
- Tuesday 20th June
- Week 8
- Week 10

- Boys Soccer Tournament - Bruce Pulman Park (Papakura)
- ERO Visit
- Girls Soccer Tournament
- Samoan Language Week
- Queens Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Boys Rugby Tournament
- Girls Rugby Tournament
- Matariki
- CULTURAL CONCERT
- Class Photos (full school uniform)



Kia monuina!
Melini Fasavalu
Tumuaki / Principal

