



# 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 #15

**Tuesday 20th June 2017**

Winter is always hard on everyone and it can be hard to keep colds and flu away. If your child is sick please remember to ring, email or text in so we know that your child is away sick. Not only do your children get sick but also our teachers. Currently we are struggling to find day to day relievers to cover classes, especially with the teacher shortage in Auckland. If we are unable to find a reliever the only option, we have then is to split a class across the school. This is not ideal but we expect that students will be able to continue with their class work in other classes.

### Whenua Projects

Classes are working on working on the final stages of their proposals for their Whenua Projects. I have read proposals for a "Tribute Garden", a "Memorial Garden", a "Recycling Project", and a "Painted seating area" project. Your children have been researching and planning the project design, the plants and materials needed and the cost of getting their garden project completed. Our writing has been to put all the information into a proposal for approval. Talk with your child about their Whenua project!

### Culture Concert!

Teachers, tutors and students have been working hard on their cultural performance this term. This Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd June our annual Cultural Concert will take place. Doors will open at 5.30pm and we will be selling food from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Tickets are on sale at the school office. \$3 Child (5yrs – 13yrs), \$5 Adult (14yrs +) \$15 Family Pass (2 Children & 2 Adults) 4years and under FREE. We are looking forward to sharing our performance with you! ALL non-performing students will need to be accompanied by an adult. Performers will need to be picked up from their dressing room at 8pm by an adult, they will not be released before the concert ends.

### Study Centre and MATES programme

There will be **NO** after school study centre or MATES programme on Wednesday 21st and/or Thursday 22nd this week due to our school culture concert.

### ASPIRE CAMP!

The Aspire students have been participating in weekly sessions this term, working through topics such as respect, teamwork, trust, honesty and belonging. They are now preparing for their Camp Adventure experience next term (Term3). Students along with mentors will travel to National Park (next to Mt Ruapehu) on Tuesday 8th August at 3pm and return Friday 11th August at 3pm. A meeting will be held next week for parents to attend. If your child is one of the Aspire students, they will bring a letter home with further details. It is very important for you to attend; we look forward to seeing you there.



### Visit to Kowhai Intermediate.

On Thursday 15 June, Apolima travelled to Kowhai Intermediate to participate in a sootaga with them. They proved to be exemplary hosts and the topic of the day was clear: faasamoa and faaaloalo. We started off with an ava ceremony where Eli Ropati, a Year 7 student in Apolima represented us with esteem proving that a student is more than capable of learning the aspects of a faatau and the lauga tali. A huge thank you to Eli and his family for helping him prepare for that moment. Kowhai also hosted us by organising games (lape and voli) and their parent committee also organised a umu and we left feeling very well-fed.



We are looking forward to Apolima and the extended whanau of Waimahia Intermediate hosting our sootaga with Kowhai Intermediate in 2018.

Mrs Tu'usolo.

### Counties Sport - Soccer Tournament

Mr Luamanu has shared some feedback from our recent inter-school soccer tournament...

Both the girls' and boys' soccer teams played well, displaying our three core values of Mana, Manaakitanga and Matauranga throughout the competition! Papakura Normal were great hosts! The boys played in the rain but managed to keep warm. Unfortunately, they had no wins but showed perseverance, never giving up until the final whistle. The Girls had much better weather and were able to win one game and draw another. Overall the students had a great time representing the school. Well done to all those students who participated.



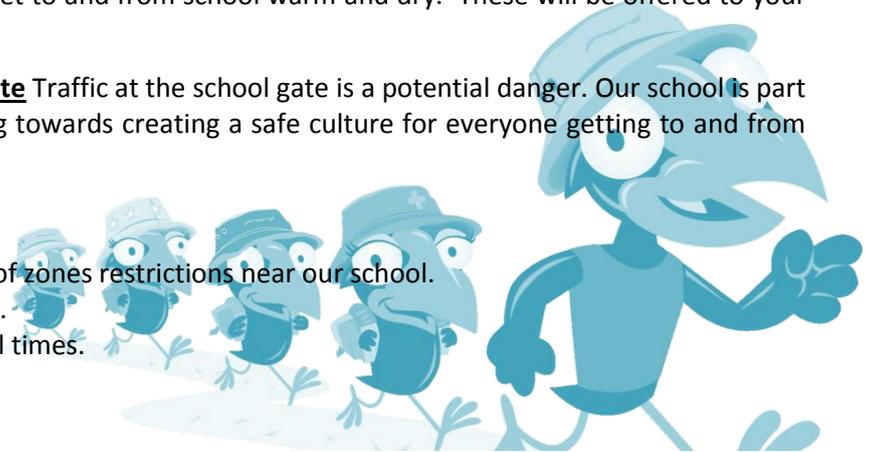
### KidsCan

We are very lucky to be supported by KidsCan with clothing items for students. We have Warriors jackets and are giving these to students to ensure they can get to and from school warm and dry. These will be offered to your child.

Travelwise - Stopping traffic at the school gate Traffic at the school gate is a potential danger. Our school is part of the TravelWise programme and is working towards creating a safe culture for everyone getting to and from school.

For the safety of your child and their friends:

- Always observe all parking and drop of zones restrictions near our school.
- Always use the school patrol crossing.
- Choose safety over convenience at all times.



### Nga Kupu o te wiki - Matariki

Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in mid-winter - late May or early June. For many Maori, it heralds the start of a new year. Matariki means the 'eyes of god' (mata ariki) or 'little eyes' (mata riki). According to the myth, when Ranginui, the sky father, and Papatuanuku, the earth mother, were separated by their children, the god of the winds, Tawhirimatea became so angry that he tore out his eyes and threw them into the heavens.

### Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 20th June	Girls Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 21st June	WIGS on Wednesday!
Week starting Monday 19th June	Matariki
Wednesday 21st June	Cultural Concert 5.30pm - 8pm
Thursday 22nd June	Cultural Concert 5.30pm - 8pm
Friday 30th June	Vodafone Events Centre - Whole School Trip
Friday 7th July	Last day of Term 2!
Monday 24th July	Term 3 starts!

***la manuia tele fuafuaga o lenei vaiaso!***

Melini Fasavalu

***Tumuaki / Principal***

### The Matariki Cluster

