



# WAIMAHIA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #17

*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**

**Thursday 27th July 2017**

## **Malo le soifua maua ma le lagi e mama!**

Welcome back to the start of Term 3! A special greeting to the children and their families who have started at our school this week! We also welcome Whaea Iriarangi Maki who is the new teacher in Te Manukura Maia. We have a fantastic term of learning ahead of us. We are starting the term with a Health focus before we complete the Whenua Projects classes started researching last term. Teachers have been writing reports for your tamariki and we are looking forward to sharing these reports with you in our Home-School Conferences coming up in week 4!



## **High School Enrolment**

Term 3 is also about looking ahead. We are working with our local high schools to start the enrolment process for our year 8 students. The aim is to make enrolment and transition into high school as smooth as possible so our students go to high school prepared for the next stage of learning. In the next couple of weeks your child will be coming home with Enrolment Packs from the local high school. If you have any questions at all about enrolment please contact me or Lisa at school.



## **Health Curriculum**

This term students will participate in health lessons provided by outside facilitators. The Life Education van will be delivering health lessons on harmful substances, the wellbeing of ourselves and others.

Sexuality education is one of seven key areas of learning in the health and physical education learning area of *The New Zealand Curriculum*. It must be included in teaching programmes at both primary and secondary school levels, using the strands and achievement objectives outlined in the curriculum. During weeks 4-9, Te Kaha O Te Rangatahi will deliver sexual health talks to our students. Classes will attend two 1.5 hour lessons.



## **Matariki**

This Friday evening 28th July, our school will celebrate Matariki! It will be a relaxed and enjoyable whanau event for our community. Traditionally, Matariki signifies the beginning of the kumara planting season and the Maori New Year. Our celebration supports some of the classroom learning about Matariki. Details: Time: 5.00pm – 8.30pm. Performances by our Kapahaka, Cook Island and Samoan groups will take place from 5.30pm. There will be a special appearance by Maisey Rika as well as Korowai, Rongoa and health stalls and Hangi for sale.



### **Te Epetoma o te Reo Kuki Airani**

It is Cook Islands language week next week. As part of this learning, students will participate in language activities throughout the week and share their knowledge during assembly (Friday 4th August at 2pm). Our Cook Island group will have the opportunity to perform next Friday 4th August at Roscommon and Weymouth primary schools assembly. On Friday 4th August, students may wear Cook Island dress to celebrate the culmination of a week's great learning.



### **ASPIRE CAMP!**

The Aspire students are busy preparing for their adventure experience this term. Thank you to those students and families who have filled in and returned their permission slips. There are still a few outstanding, can these please be handed in no later than Monday 31st July. For parents who would like more information about this camp, please contact Mrs Diaz at school.



### **Study support centre (3.10pm-4.30pm)**

Our study support centre will start up again next week. This term we have:

Monday - Rangatira with Mr Wearing  
Tuesday - Writing with Miss Loye  
Thursday - Maths with Mr Emosi & Music with Mr Rapana



Please note that there is no study support programme on Wednesday as teachers are involved in team meetings after school. Please make sure your child has permission to attend our after school learning programmes.

### **Travelwise - Set a good example... walk to school!**

Why not walk to and from school with your child? It's the perfect opportunity to demonstrate safe behaviour and it's good for your fitness and the environment. One less car at the gate means it's safer for other children too.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Monday 31 July	Start of Cook Island Language Week
Tuesday 1 August	Counties Zone Netball Tournament
Tuesday 8 August	Aspire Campers leave
Friday 11 August	Aspire Campers return
Tuesday 15 August	3 Way Conferences - school finishes at 12.30pm
Wednesday 16 August	3 Way Conferences



Ia manuia tele lenei kuata fou!  
Melini Fasavalu  
**Tumuaki / Principal**