



## Principal's Corner

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Year 8 Wellington Trip meeting held last night. We are looking forward to this new opportunity for our students. Thank you for your positive response to this trip.

Thank you also to the parents who stayed behind to talk with our Board members. I'm sure you all got the low-down of what being a board member is like and the important role you play in making Waimahia the great school it is.

Trips, especially overnight trips, would not be possible without teachers who are dedicated enough to give up time with our own families to be with our students. This is part of the reason why teachers and principals have chosen to strike on 29 May. The school will be closed on that day because we cannot safely supervise your children. We will send a separate note home about this day next week.

Thank you for continuing to support us to make teaching and learning a priority for your children. We could not do our part without you doing yours.

## Student Voice ELECTIONS

Karate is kind of like a family tradition. Our Nan does karate, our dad does karate, our siblings do karate and heaps of our cousins do karate. Our Dad's a black belt, he's 2nd Dan which means he's almost a sensei.

Last month we competed in a competition against Australia, in Taupo. We didn't win any medals but we won heaps of rounds. We are purple belt which means we fight (kumite) against others. When you're on the mat you fight and go your hardest, but when you come off the mat you shake hands and make sure your opponent is alright but you don't say sorry. One time we had to fight each other and that was a bit sad, but there are no friends or family on the mat. If you cry when you are on the mat you lose a point, if you make full contact with the other person you lose a point. It's all up to the judges; they make the decisions.

We have learnt heaps at karate, we've learnt about respect, honesty, and a little bit of the Japanese language. Some of the rules at karate may seem a bit harsh but it's to make you stronger, better and faster at blocking. If you don't block fast enough or are lazy at training you get hit with the stick. We don't get hit much anymore because we have learnt and we always go hard at training

We train a lot, we train in the dark, we train at the beach and we have trained all over NZ. We are going to be black belt in 2021 and that's our goal because you can use full contact when you are black belt.

Karate is important to us and our family and we love it.

Cheyenne & Kingston

*Dream Big Aim High Work Hard*

# Support Staff Day



## Congratulations

**100% CLASS Attendance**

**Room 8**

**15/05/19**

**16/05/19**



**“Be Safe”**



**“Work Hard”**

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# Teaching and Learning @ Waimahia

Noa'ia e mauri, Kia ora, Talofa and Hello,

The Room nine whanau have been exploring who we are as people and where we came from as part of our inquiry topic this term. It has been really exciting to see students asking and answering questions when exploring how each other's families came to NZ, whether by waka or by Boeing 747. We have also explored the sacrifices and skills that were needed to get to where we live now.

During our maths lessons, we have been working in small groups learning about geometry. The children have learned about maps, directions, coordinates and providing specific instructions. Each lesson every group shares their learning with the rest of the class. The children are gaining confidence to ask and answer appropriate questions and are having engaging mathematical discussions.

In food technology, the tamariki have been learning how to make meals from scratch. They have also tried using different ingredients to improve their dish. The students have enjoyed baking cupcakes, as well as planning and preparing a dinner for their classmates. They all really loved eating their kai after each lesson!

This week we began our swimming lessons at the Manurewa Pool and Leisure Centre. There were a group of enthusiastic swimmers who took advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I hope every child in Room 9 will remember their swimming gear for the next three weeks as learning to swim is very important. The instructors have exciting swimming lessons planned for our tamariki.



## What's on @ Waimahia

13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Rotuman Language Week  
Anti Bullying Week

17<sup>th</sup> May

**Pink Shirt Day** (\$2 Donation)

25<sup>th</sup> May

Project WY Stem Day (Saturday)

27<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Samoan Language Week

28<sup>th</sup> May

Boys Rugby Counties Tournament

29<sup>th</sup> May

**Teachers Strike (School Closed)**

31<sup>st</sup> May

Apolima Sootaga with Bruce McLaren  
Intermediate

3<sup>rd</sup> June

Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)

6<sup>th</sup> June

Girls Rugby Counties Tournament



## General Reminders

### Updating Contacts:

Kia Orana whanau, if you have changed your address or contact numbers please give the school a call and update these with the school. Office hours 8am – 3.30pm Mon – Fri / (09) 266 7455 Ext 0

### Whanau T-Shirt (PE Shirt):

These can be purchased from the school office **ONLY** for \$25. Sizes are available.

### Road Safety:

Please use the pedestrian crossings when crossing the road. Be safe whanau and slow down around schools.

### Skool App:

Please download the Waimahia App for **FREE** in the App Store for **iPhones** or Play Store for **Android** Phones. This is a great way to communicate with the school on attendance, updating contacts, websites and many more other cool features to keep you up to date with your child's education.



Please check out our Facebook page: Waimahia Intermediate School for up to date information.