

The end of year is fast approaching with many fun events ahead – the home learning celebrations, athletics days, trips for monitors to the pools the year 8 formal dinner, our graduation assembly and of course our summer celebration. There's great excitement around our school as we prepare for this event on Friday night. We hope to see you all here as our students have been preparing items to share with you - you will hear from our wonderful kiwilele group, recorder group, the Kids for Kid's Choir and many more of the groups which our wonderful Holly Marston has worked with over the year – there's always great sounds coming out of room 20! Classes will also be performing as well as our kapa haka groups. There will be plenty of great food to purchase as well.

### Community Survey

You will have received an email from our school with a link to our well-being survey - student wellbeing is strongly linked to learning. A student's level of well-being at school is indicated by their satisfaction with life at school, their engagement with learning, and their social - emotional behaviour. Our school Board of Trustees in partnership with families, whanau, and our community is keen to use the findings from this survey to enhance our school practices.

Please complete the survey by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – any questions please contact the school. Here is the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/697PY7V>

### Reports

I have had the privilege of reading several sets of end of year reports for our students. Our teachers spend an enormous amount of time writing these to give you a clear picture of how much progress your child has made over the year in all areas. These reports will come home to you on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Basketball Finals

We have five of our teams in the finals for basketball, times are yet to be advised. Good luck to all teams.

- U9 Kiwis
- U9 Raptors
- U11 Wizards
- U11 Westbrooks
- U15 Diamond Backs

### 2019 Enrolments

If you live in zone and have a new entrant starting next year please email me with your child's name and date of birth so I can make sure you are on my list. [jwilliams@waitakereprimary.school.nz](mailto:jwilliams@waitakereprimary.school.nz)

### Community Swimming Pool 2018 / 2019

You may pre-order a key with a deposit, or pay in full and collect your key before the pool season date if you wish.

Keys will cost \$150.00, a \$10.00 refund is given when the key is returned before the end of term one 12 April 2019.

Date of pool opening for keyholders will be 3pm on 14 December 2018.

**Welcome  
back**

Victor Rodd-King



### Term Dates for 2019

Term 1— 31 January to 12 April

Term 2— 29 April to 5 July

Term 3—22 July to 27 September

Term 4—14 October—18 December  
12.30pm finish, the school bus will run at this time.

### KEY DATES

- 29 Nov—Year 5-8 Shrek Trip
- 30 Nov—End of the Year Summer Celebration night 5—8pm
- 4 Dec—Year 0/4 Home Learning celebration
- 5 Dec—Year 5/6 Home Learning celebration
- 7 Dec—Year 7/8 Nutcracker Trip
- 11 Dec—Year 0/2 Athletics 9.30am
- 11 Dec—Year 8 Formal
- 12 Dec—Basketball Prizegiving 3.15pm
- 14 Dec—Year 8 Graduation Assembly

**14 Dec—Friday Term 4 Ends at 12.30pm, the school bus will run at this time.**

### Library Closing dates for 2018:

- Monday 19 November - 23 November  
- Library open, no issuing, returns only
- Monday 26 - 31 November  
- Library closed (book returns to door only)
- Friday 31 November Stocktake in progress  
—LIBRARY CLOSED

### Helpful Numbers

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Facsimile 810 9657

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Email: [office@waitakereprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@waitakereprimary.school.nz)

Web: [www.waitakereprimary.school.nz](http://www.waitakereprimary.school.nz)

### CONTACTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson Wade Hansen 027 286 3237

Chris Siebert 021 627 530

Adrienne Hansen 810 9962

John Buchanan 027 474 7079

Scott Hindman 810 9910

### CONTACTING PTA

Chairperson John Buchanan 027 474 7079

Cathie Siebert 021 993 382

Jackie Wilson-Barker 021 879 412

### CONTACTING TE RUNANGA

Scott Hindman 810 9910

### CONTACTING the SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

email [office@waitakereprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@waitakereprimary.school.nz)

### WESTGATE CHILDRENS COMMUNITY

DENTAL CLINIC 832 2116

KIDS CLUB 027 604 0907

## END OF YEAR SUMMER CELEBRATION

On Friday 30th November 5-8pm, we will be hosting an End of Year Summer Celebration, showcasing some of the amazing talent found at WPS! There will be performances from the kapa haka groups, rock bands, kidsforkids choir, kiwileles group, recorder group, as well as items from some of the Junior classes. Keyboard and guitar students will be busking for your listening pleasure.

There will be fun Christmas sports on the field and the wonderful PTA will be selling food. If you're feeling arty, you could try your hand at some Christmas art activities, have your photo taken in the photo booths and there will be stalls selling all sorts of goodies.

Here is the entertainment programme for the evening. If your child is performing in one of Ms Marston's music groups, they have been asked to meet in the hall, 15mins before their item with their instruments and music. Kapa haka students have been asked to meet Mrs Haven at 4:30. Class items will be organised by class teachers.

5:00 Kapa Haka Yr 3-4

5:15 Kapa Haka Yr 5-8

5:30 Rm 10/11/14 item and Rm 15/16/17 item

5:45 Recorder group

6:00 Rm 6/7 item

6:15 VSD Dance Group

6:30 Kiwileles Group

6:45 Kidsforkids Choir

7:00 Dance/Song Performances-TBC

7:15 Rock Band-The Elastic Band

Bring the whole family! We would love to see you there!

## RE: NEW ENTRANT MORNINGS 2019

Waitakere Primary holds a New Entrant Information meeting each term for parents who have children starting school the following term. The dates for 2019 are as follows:

**Tuesday 19 March, 9.30am**

**Tuesday 21 May, 9.30am**

**Tuesday 20 August, 9.30am**

**Tuesday 19 November, 9.30am**

This is great opportunity to meet other new parents, some of the staff, including our Principal Heather Atkinson and learn about Waitakere Primary School.

We will start our morning with a guided tour of the school led by our Year 8 student leaders. We will return to the staffroom where you will be given a brief overview of school life and some ways that will help you prepare your child for school will be shared.

Enrolment packs will be handed out to all those who have not received one yet.

While parents are attending the information morning, the children who will be starting are invited to spend time between 9.30-11:00am in a N.E. room. Your child will need to bring a bottle of water and a snack (cut up fruit or veggies in a small container) to have at brain food time.

**Please let the office know if you would like to attend.**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Thank you for all your scholastic book orders through the year.

All Scholastic book orders for Issue 7 have finished.

I have one order to give out, but unfortunately there is no name on the order form. If this could be yours please come and tell me what it is—I'd love to reunite your order with you.

The Year 5/6 Athletics Day will be held on Wednesday 28 November at school.

The Year 7/8 Athletics Day will be held on Thursday 29 November at school.

The Year 3/4 Athletics Day will be held on Wednesday 5 December at school.

The Year 0 to 2 Athletics Day will be held on Tuesday 11 December at school.

If it is raining, please check the School Facebook page for updates.

## BASKETBALL PRIZE-GIVING

Please come and join us of our end of year basketball prize-giving.

Where - School hall

When - Wednesday 12th December

Time - 3:15pm

Who - Everyone is very welcome

Please bring a plate to share for after the formalities. Note Waitakere

Primary has a low waste target for all events held at school, please

consider the waste generated by your contribution to the food table at

basketball prize giving. There will be recycling bins, a worm farm bin and a

chook bucket. A member of our school's Sustainability Group will be ready to help with waste sorting.



**A big thank you** to all the kind parents who gave woollies and money for the babies/children in Nepal! Every time Sherab and her co-midwives help to bring a baby into the world, they

receive a gift from Waitakere parents. The woollies are taken with them when they are out walking and given to families they meet. The donated money has so far helped several homeless mothers and their children whom they come across in their travels. Money has also been donated to the 'warm socks fund' and bought badminton racquets for the young monks at Everest School at Kopan Monastery.



## The Busy Parent's Five Minute Cyber Security Checklist:

- 1. Switch on lock screens for every device.** This keeps your family's information and identities out of the hands of thieves, opportunists and nosey classmates. You can do this in seconds on most devices.
- 2. Ensure laptops and computers are password protected.** Laptops especially, in case of theft or loss – and home computers in case of burglary or unreliable visitors.
- 3. Check your WiFi & Router are password-protected.** And check that you've changed them from the original admin passwords. This might take ten minutes, so pop it in your diary.
- 4. Install – and use – anti-virus protection.** Do this on every device that needs it. It only takes a minute, but it could save you a whole lot of time down the track.
- 5. Make a plan to back it up.** If anything does go wrong, you'll at least have a copy of your precious data. Shop around for an affordable



**HELP OUR KIDS GET GROWING!**

**WITH LIQUID GOLD**



Help us raise money to build and maintain new raised gardens at Waitakere Primary by helping your own garden grow with LIQUID GOLD fertilizer.

If you would like to help fundraise by selling LIQUID GOLD to your friends and family, please fill in the order form below and drop into box located at the school office.

Each sachet makes 10 litres and should be sold for \$4 with \$2 going to our school garden project. Sachets come in a box of 10 and cost \$40.

GARDEN CLUB    SUSTIT GROUP    ENVIRO SCHOOLS GROUP

**WHAT IS LIQUID GOLD?**

Developed in NZ by Hills Nurseries, LIQUID GOLD contains all the essential nutrients required by plants in a soluble and immediately available form.

**DOES IT WORK?**

LIQUID GOLD has been used very successfully to grow millions of plants for commercial and private growers across NZ for over 20 years.

**IS IT ORGANIC?**

LIQUID GOLD is made from naturally occurring raw materials. While not organic, it contains all the same nutrients that are present in most organic fertilisers.



Order forms available from the school office

Family Math Challenge

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Ugly Christmas Sweaters**

Use the clues to help match each person to their sweater color and design! Place an X in the boxes that can be eliminated and a Q in any boxes that are a match!

|             | BLACK | RED | GREEN | BLUE | ORANGE | BROWN | ELF | SNOWMAN | SANTA | GIFTS | REINDEER | GINGERBREAD |
|-------------|-------|-----|-------|------|--------|-------|-----|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|
| BRAD        |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| MARCOS      |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| ETHAN       |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| MILLIE      |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| JASMINE     |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| ELLA        |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| ELF         |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| SNOWMAN     |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| SANTA       |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| GIFTS       |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| REINDEER    |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |
| GINGERBREAD |       |     |       |      |        |       |     |         |       |       |          |             |



*Try a few for yourself and pop your answer in the math Challenge box in the entry to the library to go*

**Art Classes after school and in the holidays**

Looking for a quality, creative outlet for your child? Creative Matters art workshops are fun, creative and educational and explore art ideas/techniques/mediums through the development of a rich creative process.

Classes will be continuing at Waitakere Primary School in 2019 on Wednesdays from 3pm - 5pm right here at school in room 16 starting in week 2 of term 1.

For more info and to book:

<http://www.creativematters.co.nz/art-workshops-after-school.html>

Our quality art workshops in December and January holidays will also be running again at Kumeu Arts Centre, Hobsonville Point and Herne Bay.

<http://www.creativematters.co.nz/holiday-workshops-for-children.html>

