

Welcome back – we hope you had a great break and enjoyed quality time with your children. Hard to believe that the last term is here and it's a short one of 9 weeks – we have major septic work happening around our school over the break and the contractors need to start before Xmas hence our earlier than usual finish date.

Our Year 7 and 8 students are having a fantastic time on Motutapu Island – challenging themselves to experience new adventures and camping. All reports from the island are that everyone is having a fantastic time – including the parent helpers. Many of you maybe following their adventures on facebook.

Over the holidays our staff spent time getting ready for this term which is a busy one – an end of the year celebration coming up on November 30th, home learning celebrations, and our end of the year graduation assemblies and evening.

On the last Friday of the holidays our staff enjoyed a professional learning day learning about colour mixing and painting techniques in the morning and mindfulness in the afternoon. Samples of our staffs' art work will be displayed in our library – a very talented bunch!

Communication

Please note that our teachers receive numerous emails daily and with their focus being on their classroom teaching they do not have time to check emails after 8.30am and before 4.00pm daily. If you have urgent requests or notices for our teachers, please email our office.

Possible Teacher Strike

You will have no doubt heard in the media about the positive strike action by primary school teachers starting on 12th November in Auckland. Teachers are currently voting on the proposed action - we will let you know the outcome. As a profession we need to attract and retain high quality teachers. In order to do this work conditions and salary need to be improved. Your support for our staff is greatly appreciated.

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

Organisation 2019

The process of putting students into classes will happen in the next few weeks. Our teachers collate data on their students' current progress and achievement, their social skills, behaviour and friendships. They then meet with the other teachers in the same year levels and work together to place students into classes for the following year. Teachers have a wealth of knowledge to place students in the best class for their learning and social development. If you feel there is additional information that you would like the teachers to consider about your child when making placements please email it to the Associate Principals before the end of next week.

dhaven@waitakereprimary.school.nz for students in Years 5 to 8 and

ajelas@waitakereprimary.school.nz for students in Years 1 to 4.

As in past years we do retain a core group of students in classes which do not cross into new teams e.g. a core group of Year 5 students will remain in a class and possibly with the same teacher for Year 6. Please do not request a teacher as there will be some staff changes next year as in previous years.

Boys' only classes

Next year we will be continuing with our boys' only class in Year 3/4. If you are interested in your son continuing or being in the boys' only class please contact Denise Haven on

Term 4 Music Scholarships

Congratulations to these students who were awarded a music scholarship in their chosen instrument.

Teddy - Guitar, Vinnie Skelley - Drums, Ben Lauchlan - Keyboard

Community Swimming Pool 2018 / 2019

From today 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.

KEY DATES

Term 4

15 - 19 Oct— Year 7/8 Motutapu Camp

24 Oct—Year 5/6 EPRO 8

26 Oct—Halloween Hooley

29 Oct—Year 5/6 Camp Parent Meeting 6-7pm

31 Oct—BOT Meeting 7:20pm

1 Nov—Enviroschool Presentation

1 Nov—POD & HUB Zoo Trip

6 Nov— Road Patrol Training

TBC Nov—Athletics Day Year 3-8

9 Nov—Kids 4 Kids Choir - Day Rehearsal

14 Nov—All day Camp Year 5/6

15 Nov—St Johns Training for Bus Monitors

15 Nov—Awards Assembly Full School 2pm

Term Dates for 2018

Term 4—15 October to 14 December
12.30pm finish

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

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Welcome to our new students



Ellena Muhina

Aria Carpe

Tristan Mankin

Arlo Lovegrove

Olyvar Lister

Imogen Essex-Stephenson

Ira Perry-Brennan

August Perry Brennan

RE: NEW ENTRANT MORNING

Waitakere Primary holds a New Entrant Information meeting each term for parents who have children starting school the following term. The last morning for 2018 is:

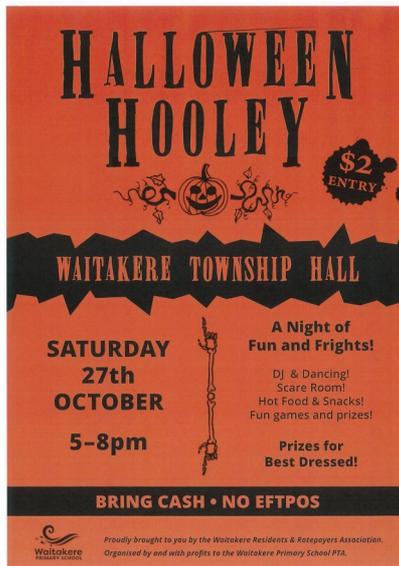
Tuesday 20 November, 9.30 am

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.

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.



The Halloween Hooley is next Saturday.

We are hoping to have cakes, sweets and biscuit treats to sell with a Halloween theme.

If you can help by baking some treats please drop them to the hall kitchen at school on Friday or bring them directly to the hall on Saturday between 12 and 2.30pm.

Last year we were amazed with peoples generosity and creative abilities!

Thank you in advance from Waitakere Primary PTA.



Huge thank you to Linda Small for her generous donation of several new games for wet lunchtimes and our mentoring groups.

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



Term 4 and Term 1 Children and Staff wear a wide brimmed sunhat when outside of the classroom. Please ensure that your children have hats at school and are named.



Our art department is desperately short of newspaper. Please deliver to room 2.

Family Math Challenge



Walk Through Paper

Can you walk through a hole in an A4 sheet of paper? Can you figure out how to cut a hole large enough to fit through. Hint: You can even fit through an index card!

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

Avoid the congestion!

Avoid the stress and congestion at the school gate. Park 400m+ away from the school and stroll with your child.



Spanish language class at Waitakere school

Learn Spanish in our fun after school language class.

Students learn the target language through songs, games and play, classes are open to all students.

Language tutors are native speakers and classes have small numbers which makes this a great learning environment.

Spanish is on Wednesday after school

Book now for Term 4 - 2018

Contact: info@abclanguage.co.nz or 0274904321

Turning your Child's Pictures into unique products!

- Calendars
- Cards
- Diaries

Treasured keepsakes
Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family
Order as many items as you wish from the same picture

\$ 15.00 Per Calendar
\$ 12.00 Per Pack of 8 Cards
\$ 10.00 Per Diary

Our School Council is organising the 2019 Fundraising Calendars, Diaries and Cards made using your child's own artwork.

Children are starting their masterpieces now that will be used to make calendars, diaries and / or cards.

Order forms will come home on October 23rd—your child's teacher will let you know how they will share their art with you. This will vary class to class.

Examples of the calendars, diaries and cards can be viewed at the office.

Final orders will be due by Friday 9 November .

This year the profits that we make from the calendar art orders will go towards the senior



Kids go crazy over YouTube. It's where they head for news, entertainment, humour, and even knowledge on topics ranging from multiplication to Minecraft. But for all the fun stuff on YouTube, the inappropriate content - from ads to negative comments to swear words and hate speech - concerns many parents. Check out the following video for a quick guide to learn more about the video service, including ways to make it safer, what to do if your kid wants their own YouTube channel and how to find quality content.

Video link:

<https://www.common sense media.org/youtube>

ICAS Results

The following students were presented with ICAS Achievement Awards last term. Congratulations on your great results.

Science		
Year	Name	Award
4	Phia Hearley	High Distinction
5	Harrison Norman	Credit
6	Hannah Lowe	Distinction
	Olivia Blacman	Credit
	Lukah Hoff	Credit
	Kayden Mankin	Credit
7	James Balston	Credit
8	Thomas Dykes	Credit
	Quinn Hoare	Credit
	Ryley Jones	Credit

Spelling		
Year	Name	Award
4	James Blackledge	Credit
	Paige Kopittke	Merit
6	Jenna Ridley	Merit
7	Greta Koti-Buchanan	Credit

Digital Technologies		
Year	Name	Award
4	James Blackledge	Credit
	Paige Kopittke	Merit
6	Jenna Ridley	Merit
7	Greta Koti-Buchanan	Credit

English		
Year	Name	Award
4	Zoe Coward	Distinction
	Phia Hearley	Distinction
	Benjamin Dykes	Credit
5	Sienna McCully	Distinction
	Harrison Norman	Credit
	Mazie Strickett	Credit
6	Olivia Blackman	Credit
	Phillipa Johns	Credit
	Kayden Mankin	Credit
	Jenna Ridley	Credit
	Abdullah Moton	Merit
	Hannah Lowe	Merit
7	Greta Koti-Buchanan	Distinction
	James Balston	Distinction

Writing		
Year	Name	Award
4	Zoe Coward	Merit
	Phia Hearley	Distinction
5	Sienna McCully	Credit
6	Jordyn Crawford	Credit
	Katerina Duncan	Credit
	Olive Meder-Crowe	Credit
7	Greta Koti-Buchanan	Distinction
	James Balston	Merit



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.

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.

GARDEN CLUB SUST IT GROUP ENVIRO SCHOOLS GROUP



ORDER FORM

Please pay by cash or online banking into Waitakere Primary School account
123085 0314327 00 50
Code word: Liquid Gold
Thank you!

Student (full name): _____

Class room number: _____

How many boxes ordered @ \$40 each: _____

Note: 10 x sachets per box - no single sachets sold

Cash: \$ _____ Online payment: \$ _____

