

As another school year draws to a close I'd like to thank the community for their continued support for our school. We are proud of our students and truly value the way the community works in partnership with us to offer them the best education possible.

On Tuesday night we celebrated the achievements of our current Year 8 students - they have been leaders in our school and have achieved excellence in many fields. It is to their credit that 41 out of the 59 students have made gifted and talented classes, sports or arts academies or received grants or scholarships from their respective high schools. We wish them well in their future and will follow their progress with interest.

Special thanks to our wonderful staff (teachers, learning assistants, admin staff and caretaker) who make this place such a great place to work. We are truly blessed to have such a skilled and dedicated staff.

2018 YEAR 8 FORMAL



Farewells

This year we farewell Sue Lloyd who leaves us after 4 years at our school. Sue is a well-respected staff member who is much loved by the students in her care – we wish her well.

We also farewell Richard Kerr, Kate Kelly and Julie Carlson who have worked in a part time capacity in our school. We have enjoyed having you as part of the team and wish them well for the future.

A special farewell to Adam Fanning who has worked alongside our caretaker for the past 9 years. Adam has been a very willing worker always ready to have a chat and share a story.

2019 Start date

A final reminder that school starts on Thursday 31st January at 9am.

Please look after our school

You are welcome to use our grounds over the holiday break but please look after our school. If you see anyone causing damage to our grounds please contact the community police—we love the way our school is looking.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 8 AWARD WINNERS 2018

Dux (Ennis Cup) - Kenneth Li
 Sportsperson—Kaleb Cawson
 Performing Arts (The Chicks Trophy) - Eloise Luff-Hansen
 Kia Kaha Cup (Glass Flame Trophy) - Oliver MacClure
 Citizenship (Greens Cup) - Amy Larmer / Alice Steer
 All round excellence - Dallas Wilson-Croft
 All round excellence - Natasha Armstrong
 All round excellence - Jessica Barker
 All round excellence - Lizzie Jackson
 All round excellence - Ryan Ogilvy
 All round excellence - Jesse Harris
 Te Maunga Teitei - Eloise Luff-Hansen
 Tech Wiz Award - Ethan Carnie
 Newton's Mad Scientist Award - Jarvis Doyle
 Year 7/8 Speech Cup - Carly Davenport
 Year 5/6 Speech Shield - Daniel Lawrence

House Captains 2018

Amy Larmer
 Kaleb Cawson
 Tauray Mead
 Jarvis Doyle
 Eloise Luff-Hansen
 Lizzie Jackson
 Hayden Carnie
 Emma Johnston

House Captains 2019

Ben Lauchlan
 James Balston
 Kai Challis
 Luca McCrae
 Zoe Armitage
 Carly Davenport
 Greta Koti-Buchanan
 Saphyre Williams

**Peter Pirie Memorial
Friendship Cup –**

Jenifer Barker

KEY DATES

Term 1 2019

**Thursday 31 January
School starts 9am**



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.

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 KIDS CLUB 027 604 0907

Community Swimming Pool 2018 / 2019

Please remember the pool gate is to be locked upon entry and on leaving, and never left open.

Please have a safe and enjoyable pool season.

POOL SEASON

Friday 14 December 3.00pm till Friday 12 April 2019.



Great News! James Balston of Waitakere Primary School received a big award on the 23 November at the Realisticus Art Academy's Student Art Show & Competition 2018.

Out of over 300 students from West Auckland and North Shore competing for the Most Realistic and Most Creative artworks in our "Under the Sea" Art Show and Competition 2018, we're proud to share his achievement in his age group.

Winner:

James Balston, 12 - Innovatorix Art Award Winner (12+ yrs category) for the most Creative & Innovative Artwork in the category.

Awarded by Realisticus Art Academy (realisticusartacademy.co.nz)



Big Thank You to our School PTA

This year our PTA have been very busy. Our school community would like to say a **big thank you** for all the work you have done and all the wonderful things you have been able to give the school. You are welcome to join this wonderful team, meetings are advertised in the school newsletter and are held once a month in the school staffroom.

THANK YOU



To all our co-ordinators and volunteers who have helped in rain or shine.

You are an awesome team.



French and Spanish language classes at Waitakere Primary

Learn French or Spanish in our fun after school language classes. 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.

French is Tuesday from 3.15pm to 4pm and Spanish is Wednesday from 3.15pm to 4pm in the school library

Book now to secure your spot in term 1, 2019

Contact: info@abclanguage.co.nz or 0274904321

Thank you to all those parents who have supported our sporting endeavours this year.

ORGANISATION 2019

Senior Management

Heather Atkinson - Principal
 Alex Jelas - Associate Principal
 Denise Haven - Associate Principal

Senior Syndicate: **Syndicate Leader—Denise Haven**

Year 7-8	Lorna Brown	Room 18
Year 7-8	George Aitken	Room 19
Year 7-8	Kiran Ramji (T/L)) Hive	Room 21
Year 7-8	Judy Brown) Hive	Room 22
Year 5-6	Lexi Lauchlan (T/L) Pod	Room 1
Year 5-6	Sharon Booth) Pod	Room 2
Year 5-6	Rhys Hodge	Room 3
Year 5-6	Ashleigh Stewart	Room 4
Year 5-6	Diane Harry / Mary-Ann Lowrie	Room 5

Junior Syndicate: **Syndicate Leader—Alex Jelas**

Year 3-4 Boys only	Jennie Hendren (T/L)	Room 6
Year 3-4	Tamara Marsh	Room 7
Year 3-4	Eriko Taingahue	Room 8
Year 3-4	Kura Wyatt) The Hub	Room 12
Year 3-4	Julie Svenson) The Hub	Room 13
Year N/E		Room 10
Year 1-2	Yolanda Brooking & Jayne Kearney	Room 11
Year N/E-1	Jennifer Chisholm) The Nest	Room 14
Year N/E-1	Jaime Marinkovich) The Nest	Room 15
Year 2	Michaela Thompson	Room 16
Year 1-2	Jo Easto	Room 17
Performing Arts:	Holly Marston	Room 20
Maths Specialist:	Jackie Still	Room 9

Office Staff: Jo Williams, Jeanne Bailey, Wendy Tjaden

Support Staff: Roy Rich (Caretaker)

Teacher Aides: Camilla Ashley-Wilson, Serena Balston, Rachelle Barrett, Jo Battersby, Nina Doogan, Lisa McElhannan, Lorelle McEwan, Sharon Rich, Kristy Senne, Kate Wallace, Barbara Yates

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.

Please note Tasty Tuckshop who run lunches from the school on Thursdays and Fridays have advised us they will be open again on Thursday 7th February