

WAIMAUKU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our School Value for Term 2 **RESPONSIBILITY**

Roll 646 students Attendance 93%

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back, we trust that everyone had a relaxing Easter break and that the children are ready for school. Our ANZAC display in front of the school has been very well received along with the pupils learning and understanding of the significance of the day. Many thanks to Kaspar George, Tomas Hollister and Indiya Purchase who did so well by representing our school at the RSA commemorations. A special thank you to Yvonne Stewart, our gardener, for sourcing materials and assembling the lovely wreath that was laid at the RSA.







CONCRETING IN THE JUNIOR AREA

The major part of the concrete work has been completed in front of the junior block. My apologies if it has caused any inconvenience but it is a big improvement from a health and safety point of view.

WELCOME

We will be starting another new entrant class in Room 23 midway through May and we welcome Mrs Dragicevich who will be teaching in that room.

THE 2015 MURIWAI ARTS TRAIL event will run from 2nd to 10th May. This is a major art event incorporating the work of over 50 local artists and is being held at the Muriwai Surf Club. This year, Waimauku School have been invited to create 15 totem poles based around the theme, Turangawaewae.

Last Friday we delivered our totems to the surf club where they will be installed as part of the exhibition. We hope that many of you will visit the exhibition over the next two weeks with friends and family. More information about the exhibition and open studios is available at www.muriwaiarts.co.nz

TRAVELWISE

We are in the middle of Travelwise week in conjunction with Auckland Transport. This is to promote safe and healthy transport options throughout our community. We are trying to encourage parents and students to "park and walk" either from Denehurst Drive or from the RSA carpark instead of clogging up the road in front of school or having to cross State Highway 16.

Room 19 has been hosting "Wheels Days" for different age groups this week. These have proven very popular with all ages and all types of wheels. It's great to see so many students keen to get on their bikes and scooters and have fun. Thank you for the support from parents for bringing so many "wheels".
Mr James



DATE CHANGE FOR END OF YEAR

Due to the extra Teacher Only Day held last term, the finish day for the end of the year will now be Friday 18th December. This means the Senior Graduation date has changed to Thursday 17th December.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th May, starting at 7pm. You are most welcome to attend this meeting. If you would like anything on the agenda please contact the school seven days before the meeting.

PARKING COMPLAINT FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT

Can we please ask that parents do not park at all on the berm in Amber Place. Not only is it illegal to park on grass berms, but during wet weather the grass area is cutting up badly.

POOL KEY RETURN



The last day to collect your pool key refund will be this coming Friday, 1st May. \$10.00 will be refunded providing the key is returned on or before this date. No refund will be given after that time.

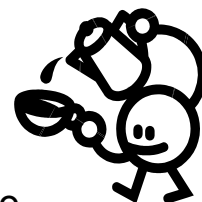
CHANGES TO AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

We understand that changes to home arrangements do occur and we thank you all for ringing the office to advise us. These changes are passed on to the student/s concerned and then noted in our bus book. Can you please make your children

aware that if you are going to be late by to 10-15 minutes, children are expected to wait on top court for you, which is supervised each afternoon. We have had to search extensively for students on many occasions when they are in other unsupervised areas of the school, resulting in upset children and very concerned staff. Unless you have been delayed considerably, it is not necessary to advise the office. We thank you for your assistance with this.

COFFEE FORUM

As a school servicing the needs of the community, I would like to invite interested parents to join us every second Friday afternoon in the staffroom for a coffee and to chat about any concerns or queries they might have relating to the school. This is a great time to share ideas and find out what is happening at school. Individual concerns relating to your child's academic progress will still need to follow the channels and need to be addressed with your child's teacher. The next Coffee Forum will be held on Friday 8th May at 2.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.



A special thank you to:

- **Luke Glamuzina Contractors Ltd**
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- **RJ & DJ Kidd**
- **McEwan Kidd Partnership Ltd.**

These local businesses have contributed towards sponsorship funds for a sports equipment package or a technology package for our wonderful school. If other businesses purchase bulk fuel through Northfuels and would like to support us as well, just mention us when you buy. For every 100 litres of fuel purchased, 50c is donated to our school, which can go towards sponsorship funds, as mentioned above. For more information, please visit www.northfuels.co.nz Many thanks for supporting Waimauku School!

WORLD VISION FAMINE

Waimauku School has been involved with raising funds for the World Vision Famine for a number of years now and we hope children will once again participate this year. Consent forms are available from the office next week. It would be great if more students signed up, and we got in the top schools in the upper North Island again with our fundraising. Nikki Williams, Famine co-ordinator



Kind regards
Gary Pasfield
Principal

PTA NEWSFLASH

As a committee we have decided to be a bit more informative with the information generated from our meeting, so that you can see that when you support our ventures you also make a fantastic contribution toward our end goal, which this year predominantly will be about our new playground. Raising \$45,000 is no mean feat, yet already we have raised the following.

To those of you who supported our **hot dog day** – we made \$1000 and we also had great support from parents not on the PTA and that's very heartening, and so much appreciated.

Also, a big **THANK YOU** to local businesses and individuals who generated over \$500 from the sale of First Aid Kits.

COMING SOON

Junior/Senior Disco 15th May in the school hall. For those families new to our school, we run a Junior and a Senior Disco. It's a fun night and one which we all look forward to. A detailed newsletter will follow shortly. Tickets will be on sale from 4th - 8th of May outside the computer room (Room 1).

Whoever would have thought it?? An **ice skating rink** at school? well its happening and soon. Pop the dates in your diary 30th June – 2 July. It's going to be such fun!!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS will be sent home next week - great value for money at only \$65 and really doesn't need a lot of use to pay for itself. If you would like an extra copy or two for family or friends, please see the office. The extra fundraising will be most welcome for our school.

Don't miss Waimauku School's first ever **GOLF DAY** – the most exciting event on the 2015 calendar! Mark off Thursday December 10 on your festive diary now and join us at Muriwai Golf Course for a fantastic day of fun. This is a major fundraiser for the school this year so stay tuned as more details are released over the coming months. Not only will there be a great golf competition, but also amazing prizes, a charity auction and delicious food and beverages for those lucky enough to compete on the day. We are initially selling corporate tee offs at \$400 for one group of four people. Get in quick – three have already gone and there are just 18 in total to sell! If any are left, we will offer individual \$100 tee offs at a later date. But to make sure you – and your clients are there – email us now. For an extra \$50 you may bring corporate signage to advertise your company on the course on the day. Don't worry if you have not played in a while, this will be an Ambrose style tournament taken on current handicap so caters to all skill levels. Muriwai was ranked the 12th best golf course in New Zealand in 2014 and stands as one of the country's best link courses hence its inclusion on the National Pro/Am Championship Charles Tour. So dust off those clubs and start practising! Please email Teresa O'Connor at mikeandtoc@xtra.co.nz to book your \$400 tee block or phone 021 223 3874. Note - this event will be held rain or shine.

INDICATION OF INTEREST

One of our most enthusiastic parents has put forward a suggestion of having a **FOUR WHEEL DRIVE FUNDRAISER**, however we need around 4 farms involved to make this experience happen. If it goes ahead, it would potentially be held in the summer of 2016. Should you want to know more, we can put you in contact with a club member. The really wonderful thing about this fundraiser is that it would target money from outside our community, and would give us some good opportunities for fundraising on the day. Once again, please contact the office for more information.

Goodness, sorry for such a lot to read over, but it's wonderful that we have such exciting plans afoot.

NEXT MEETING IS 9.15AM ON MONDAY 11TH MAY, ALL VERY WELCOME.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PINECONES & BAGGED WOOD FOR SALE - Thanks to those of you who have supported these young entrepreneurs. Big, dry and open pinecones, only \$10 a bag, selling fast now that it's getting cooler. Also limited supply of bagged wood suitable for getting the fire started. Please contact Jen, Matheson or Jordy 4115376.

PIANO LESSONS during school hours at Waimauku School or at Muriwai Studio. All ages and levels; for fun, for skills and/or for exams. Qualified (DipMus, DipPerformArts, ExecCertMus, LTCL, AIRMTNZ), Experienced and Registered Teacher. Phone Megan Quatermass, 411 7657 or email quatermass@xtra.co.nz

FRENCH and SPANISH after school classes at WAIMAUKU SCHOOL - The after school LANGUAGE classes are open to all primary school ages. Kids learn the target language through games, songs and play. Enrol now for term 2, call Patsy on 411.89.80 or 0274.904321.

Marrzipan Drama - *Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills during morning tea and lunchtime on Fridays! We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Jen on 0275217352 or email jen@marrzipandrama.co.nz*

The Kumeu Children's Art Club is an after school activity for children aged 6 to teenagers who love art. Term 2 Topic is People Portraits and pets in My World and we will cover drawing, painting, clay models and printing. A Painted Self Portrait; A Painting to depict "My World"; A fired and glazed action figure and a dry point etching. Wed session at The Waimauku Hall or Thurs session at The Kumeu Art Centre. Both sessions 3.30 to 6.00pm. More info or bookings with Libby 09 411 8323 or libpatterson@hotmail.com New children most welcome.



HPV VACCINATION SURVEY – PARTICIPANTS WANTED.

Parents and caregivers of children and young people aged 9 – 23 years are invited to participate in a survey investigating knowledge and attitudes around HPV vaccination. The survey is anonymous and should take 5-10 minutes. Please access the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9K657Z7parentscaregivers> or request a hard copy by calling 04 979 3106. The researcher is a PhD candidate at the Centre of Public Health Research, Massey University. For further information please go to <http://publichealth.massey.ac.nz/home/research/recruiting-projects/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccination-study/> or contact k.page@massey.ac.nz.

Casual Vacancy: PGG Wrightson & Fruited Supplies, Kumeu - We have a casual customer-service role for our rural & horticultural supplies store, mainly to assist our Saturday morning team. Ideally we are seeking a team player with some retail experience and knowledge of rural supplies, who relates well to others. Some additional work may also be required, during the xmas and holiday periods. Please send your application in writing, including a current CV to: Peter Bailey, Store Manager, PGG Wrightson, PO Box 1, Kumeu or email pbailey@pggwrightson.co.nz Applications close Friday 8 May 2015.

CHESSPOWER - Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Put simply, chess makes kids smarter. Chess enables **all students** to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills. We are pleased to restart our Chess Coaching Programme at Waimauku School and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children. Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world class.



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Q: Where can I learn more?

A: Visit our website, www.chesspower.co.nz and click **Parents Centre**

Enrolment Form

If your child would like to be part of this for **Term 2** please complete details below and return your form with **\$80**. Place your payment in an envelope marked "**CHESS CLUB**" and hand in to the office.

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Sessions will be held on **Tuesdays** after school from **3:10pm – 4:10pm** starting **Tuesday 5 May**

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

Please return this form to the school office by **Friday 1 May**. Places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first-in first-served basis.

Yours in Chess, Paul Macdonald, Head Coach

SPORTS NOTICES

Hobsonville Runway Challenge - To all those would be runners and walkers out there, Waimauku School is entering a team in the Hobsonville Runway Challenge. We can then apply to the Lions for funding for some of the new outdoor equipment needed for our children. There are plenty of options, 10km/5km or a 3km for the youngsters which includes obstacles - grown-ups can do these too and a medal is given to all participants at the end. To sign up go to <http://www.runwaychallenge.co.nz/> and enter at the bottom choose *Waimauku School* as your team and the password is *Waimauku*. Any questions please contact Karen Boyd info@sparkn.co.nz

Kumeu Junior Rugby is looking for J1 & J6 Players - We are looking for players for our J1 and J6 Teams. If you have a child interested in playing rugby this year it is not too late to register. Please call Becks on 021-530-260 or come down to the Kumeu Rugby Club on Wednesday nights between 4.15 & 6.00pm to register.

J1 players

Grade	Year Born	Age at 1st Jan	Weight not to exceed (kg) as at 1st April
J1	2003	11	Open
J1	2002	12	Open

J6 players

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