

WAIKARI SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we approach the end of the year, it's time to reflect on the fantastic journey we've had together. The past term has been filled with memorable highlights and achievements that we're thrilled to share.

Our school athletics event was a resounding success, especially in collaboration with Greta Valley School. Congratulations to Max and Shakaiyah who were selected to represent Hurunui at the Canterbury Athletics. Max had an outstanding performance, securing 9th place in the Long Jump and 10th in 60m Sprints.

The seniors had an incredible time during the school camp in Christchurch, engaging in various activities such as exploring sand dunes, learning about the Christchurch earthquake, and predators on Banks Peninsula, enjoying mountain biking, tramping adventures, and refreshing swims. Meanwhile, our juniors had a blast at Clip and Climb and the Margaret Mahy Playground.

Our school excursions took us to the wonderful world of the Hansel and Gretel Ballet in Christchurch and the relaxing Hanmer Springs Hot Pools. We also visited the Waikari Hospital, where our students spread joy through songs, and concluded our exploration of Aotearoa New Zealand's History and leadership, with a walk to the Māori Rock Drawings.

To wrap up the term on a high note, we celebrated with an end-of-year prizegiving, featuring a lively dance and music performance that showcased our students' incredible talents.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who visited and supported our school throughout the year. We are privileged to be part of such a caring and supportive community. As we approach the festive season, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. We look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Ngā mihi,
Phoebe Todd



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- First day of Term 1 - 29/1
- School Closed - 5/2
- Waitangi Day - 6/2
- Welcome back to school evening 4pm-6pm - 7/2
- Hurunui Swimming - 5/3
- Hurunui Swimming pp - 6/3
- Life Education - 7/3
- ToD - 15/3
- Hurunui Duathlon - 20/3
- Hurunui Duathlon pp 21/3
- Good Friday (school closed) - 29/3
- Easter Monday (school closed) - 1/4
- Easter Tuesday (school closed) - 2/4
- Teeball Tournament - 8/4
- End of Term 1 - 12/4
- Start of Term 2 - 29/4

ENROLMENTS

Do you have (or know of) a family that is looking to enrol your/their child into Waikari School? If yes, please email principal@waikari.school.nz to arrange a meeting. We would love to also love to hear from any families with pre-schoolers/potential enrolments in the area. While their start date may be a while away, this information helps with future planning and staffing of the school.



This term we have been working on Respect - we have been so impressed by how respectful our students are, looking after each other and their belongings. Showing that we are respectful of one another and our environment. We are really proud of the positive choices our tamariki are making.

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WHĀNAU NOTICES:



Make sure you download the Hero App, and sign in with the email address that is associated with school. You will then need to follow the steps to sign up as a new user. Please sign out if you have any trouble. This will be the main source of communication next year.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Check out Mrs Lydon on the flying fox on Kea Class Camp.

Weka class had a great trip to Christchurch whilst Kea was on camp.



Kea Class had an awesome time at camp. Here they are learning about Predators on Banks Peninsula.



Kea Class showed their perseverance when Mountain Biking on camp.



Practicing our cooking skills on camp.



Mayor Marie Black came and spoke to us about Leadership - She asked us If we were Mayor for the day what would we do?



Look at our Art work in Weka Class!



We have been learning Cricket Skills.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

We had a reward afternoon of swimming and a slip n slide for getting our Respect Jar full of tokens.



We went to the Ballet at the Isaac Royal Theatre.



Weka & Keas helping each other.



Bart & Lisa came and taught us about Diabetes to help us grow understanding.



Rock Drawings Picnic!



All dressed up for the Ballet!



We dodged the rain on our visit to the rock drawings.



Hanmer Springs was heaps of fun!

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

Congratulations to all of our students who performed beautifully last night at our end of year prizegiving. We were very impressed.

Well Done to the following students who received awards.

Citizenship - Peppa Carruthers

Junior Citizenship - Emily Andrews

Leadership - Peppa Carruthers & Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie

Values Kea - Ethan Brice

Values Weka - Peppa Carruthers

Most Improved 0-3 - Miharo Kupe

Most Improved 4-6 - Zara Kinch

Most Improved 7-8- Macy Oberholzer

Perseverance - 0-3 - Bridie Butters

Perseverance - 4-6 - Max Beach

Perseverance 7-8 - Will Butters

General Excellence 0-3 - Emily Reynolds

General Excellence 4-6 - Amelia Brice

General Excellence 7-8 - Lotti Beach

Junior Athletics Champion - Ethan Brice

Middle Athletics Campion - Max Beach

Senior Athletics Champion - Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie

Junior Swimming - Bridie Butters

Senior Swimming - Lotti Beach

Most Improved Swimmer - Shakaiyah Cashell - Gorrie

Sportsperson of the Year - Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie

Excellence in Arts (donated by) - Zara Kinch

Excellence in Music - Tom Glasson & James Reynolds