

From The Deputy Principals

The sun is shining now, but it was a wet start to the Year 5 camp earlier this week. Our Year 6s are out at Waipara now and having a great time too.

Camps are a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, friendships and interests. Most activities at camp involve team work, which is great to strengthen established friendships and also to develop new friendships by connecting with children they don't regularly talk with at school. Camps provide lots of opportunities for students, and expose them to a range of activities that they may not have tried before. They are always lot of fun and a highlight for many.



Learning Conversations

Bookings for Learning Conversations are now open for all students in **Year 4-8**. Year 1-3 students have received a separate email with a different code if you need to make a booking. Children in Years 1- 3 will have their learning conversations on the anniversary of their time being at school for 20, 40, 60, 80, 100 or 120 weeks at school. If you haven't received an invitation for a learning conversation this term don't worry you will receive one next term. Children and teachers will be able to talk with you about their learning and their next learning steps. If you have other concerns or need more time with an individual teacher we ask you to make another appointment directly with the teacher.

Visit ... www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and log in using the code: p4pf4

Select the time that you want for a learning conversation with your child. There will be other families in the classroom at the same time and teachers will be available to support the conversations as required. The focus of these conversations is learning and achievement.

Carparking

Thank you for respecting the staff carpark and using the street for drop off and pick up. This has been much better in the last few weeks. It is really important that we are vigilant around carparking, drop off and pick up time so that we can keep all the children safe. If you have a valid disability card you may park in one of the two disabled parks right at the front of the staff carpark.

Teacher Only Day – Thursday 13th April

Just a reminder that school will be closed for instruction due to Staff Professional Development on Thursday 13th April.

Last Week – Leadership team Future Schools conference

Big thank you to Diana Feary and all the staff who made it possible for the leadership team to be away for four days last week. There was much for us to learn as we continue to develop an extraordinary school. We heard many inspirational speakers and came away encouraged that we are doing many things right, challenged by the things that we can develop and excited by the possibilities that we can see.

Mindful Movers

Johanna and Erika from Mindful Movers ran two informative sessions for parents this week highlighting the importance of being mindful, looking after oneself and running through some of the activities they have been using with staff and the children in Tangaroa and Haumiatiketike. Our students have been enjoying their mindfulness sessions and we are getting lots of feedback that they are sharing the strategies they are learning with parents and family at home. You can find out more information at www.mindfulmover.co.nz

Kia ora koutou

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Paul Wilkinson & Helen Parata

What's coming up

- 31st March Junior Assembly 9.00-10.00 am
- 4th April: Year 6 Cycle Safety
- 5th April: PTA Meeting 7.30pm
- 6th April: Tangaroa Learning Conferences 3.30pm – 7.30pm
- 6th April: BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- 7th April: Whole School Assembly 9.15am – 10.00am
- 10th April: Learning Conferences 3.00pm-6.00pm
- 12th April: PTA Family Night 6.00pm – 8.50pm
- 13th April: School Closed Teacher Only Day. End of Term.



School Notices

Court Theatre Family Fun Night

The PTA have organized an evening of laughter for families, Wednesday 12th April, 6:30pm. The Court Theatre Scared Scriptless cast of quick-thinking improvisers work with no scripts or safety nets, turning audience suggestions into a fast-paced, furiously funny interactive comedy extravaganza.

Tickets will be available from the PTA or the school office from next week. Earlybird tickets are available until the end of March for \$5 per person. After then tickets will be \$10 per person. The PTA will be selling food and running carnival like games from 4:30pm on the day, with the show starting at 6:30pm.

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Community Notices

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)

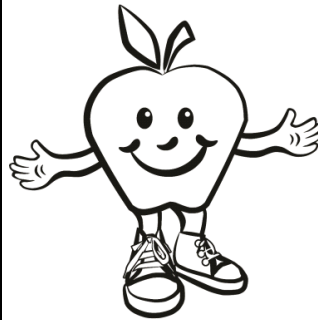
Waimairi Beach Golf Clubhouse

Open to everyone, no need to be a member!
All Day Menu, Hot & Cold Cabinet Food and Fully Licensed Bar
Large dining room or sit outside and admire the views over the golf course.
All meals bought on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday until 9th October will go in to a draw to win 2 tickets to a Crusaders Home Game
460 Bower Ave

Join the fun...

Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity to more girls to join our Waitakiri Saturday Pippin Unit at Waitakiri School Hall every second Saturday.

Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school!



Our programmes are provided in a fun, safe environment and girls get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff like discovering nature, visiting interesting places, making crafts, playing games and more.



GirlGuidingNZ

If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact

Jenny Brawley ph. 0220542093 or visit

www.girlguidingnz.org.nz