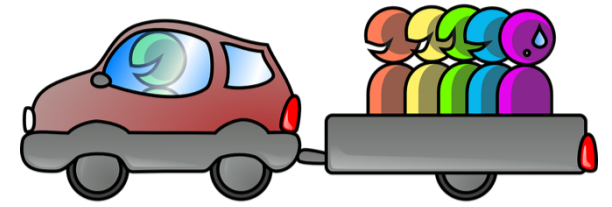


From the Principals Desk

Kia ora Koutou

From the Principals Desk



Car Pool

If you live in Waimate and are interested in joining a car pool to transport your children to school please contact the school office and leave your details.

Life Education

Last week our students participated in the Life Education programme with each class focusing on different topics suitable for their age group. Life Education offers sessions for parents/caregivers and when a booking is made for our 2025 programme, we will survey the school community and if there's enough interest, we can book a session for parents to attend. I do believe that Harold will make an appearance!

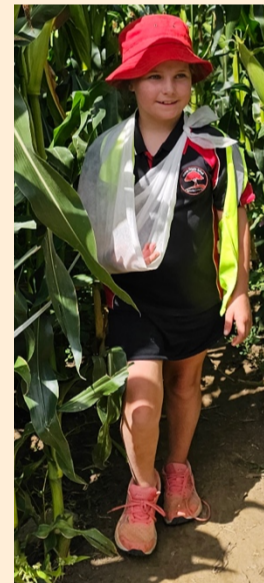
A few friendly reminders for the start of the school year.

Water - We are a "water" only school. Please don't send children to school with fizzy or cordial type drinks.

School opens at 8.30am. Teachers are preparing for class and are not available for supervision before then.

Mazie Maze

Our tamariki enjoyed a trek across a paddock to visit the Maize Maze on the Henshaw's farm. Thank you to the parents who came along to help.



Working Bee

Keep this date free: Friday 1st March from 3.30pm. Bring your garden tools, weed eaters, leaf blowers, etc. We would appreciate help from our parent community to give our school grounds a general tidy up before the opening of the new Administration Building. The MOE don't provide funding for a caretaker for small schools so we rely on the generosity of our school community. A Sausage sizzle will be provided by our wonderful PTA.



Board Meetings for 2024

- Term 1:** February- 21st, March 27th
- Term 2:** May 15th, June 19th
- Term 3:** August 14th, September 18th
- Term 4:** November 6th , December 4th

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

(Parent Interviews)

Goal Setting Conferences will be held on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March 2024. **(Please note change of date)**
The purpose of this conference is to set goals with your child and their teacher for the current school year. These are ten-minute meetings where the time goes quite quickly, so it is important to have thought before the conference about what you would like your child to focus on this year. Your child's teacher will add goals to HERO and they will be a part of our reporting throughout the year.

Interviews can be booked through our HERO App. This will go live on Thursday 22nd February.
A message will be posted up on HERO.

Subway

Lunches will be \$6.00 for a 6 inch/wrap and \$9.00 for a Footlong. For an extra \$1.00 we now have a gluten free wrap available

Lunch packs include a choice of Ham, Salami, Roast Beef, Tuna, Chicken strips or Veggie Delite with cheese and the choice of Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Onions topped off with either Honey Mustard, Mayo or BBQ sauce.

Also included is a cookie and an apple.



We also have wraps available as an option. Optional extra is the Primo 98% fat free Chocolate milk, pump water, \$2.00. Unfortunately, fruit squirts have been taken off the order form.

Invitation

We extend a warm welcome to all past and present, staff, pupils, and community to attend the opening of our new administration block. Please RSVP using the information on the invite below.



Grand Opening

of the new
administration building



Friday, 8th March
2pm (seated by 1:55pm)

Waihaio Downs School
1139 Hakataramea Highway
Waimate

RSVP to:
(03) 689 2734
office@waihaio.school.nz

HERO APP

Our HERO App is the main source of what's happening at school. Information, school newsletters, school events, class learning are posted up regularly. If you get a notification on our phone (A red dot will appear on the app) please check out the post so you are kept up to date on school happenings. If you are having trouble accessing the app, please contact Zoe at the school office (03 689 2734).

Welcome New Students

A very warm welcome to Jahhoney Gascon, Hunter Flanagan and Tom Studholme who have started in Kākano. Armaan Dhatt who has joined the Rākau room. We hope you all have a fantastic time at Waihaio Downs School.



Book Club

All orders need to be processed online or handed into the office by **8th of March**.

PTA Maize Maze

A big thank you to everyone involved with the PTA fundraiser, The Maize Maze. It was bigger and better than last year and there was a large number of people visiting the maze. The total amount raised \$1332.

Term 1 Calendar

Term 1 Wednesday 31st January to Friday 12th April

Week 4 Term 1

Wed 21 February	Hot Lunch BOT Meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 22 February	
Friday 23 February	Hot Lunch

Week 5 Term 1

Monday 26 February	Hot Lunch
Tuesday 27 February	Subway District Swimming Sports
Wed 28 February	Hot Lunch Ppt District
Thursday 29 February	

Friday 1 March	Hot Lunch Kākano Assembly WORKING BEE 3.30pm
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Week 6 Term 1

Monday 4 March	Hot Lunch
Tuesday 5 March	
Wed 6 March	Hot Lunch Newsletter
Thursday 7 March	
Friday 8 March	Hot Lunch Grand Opening 2pm



22nd February – Rory Finch
23rd February – Rounak Tamang
25th February – Justine Vergara
2nd March – Sadie Jamieson

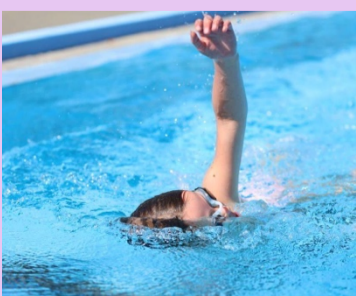
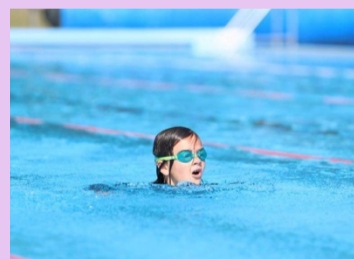
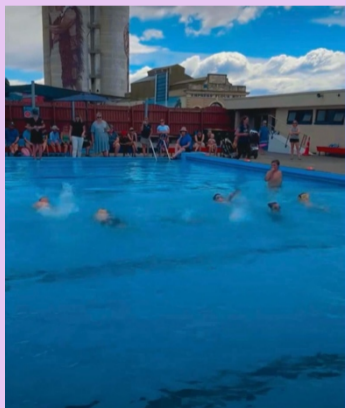


Swimming Sports

We had a lovely day for swimming sports on Monday. The children enjoyed challenging themselves at different events and represented the school well. Below are the students who are eligible for Districts Swimming next Tuesday (27th February from 1pm to 3pm). Info will be sent home tomorrow.

Charlie Dodds
George Studholme
Dudley Robertson
Baxter Flett
Alfie McKerchar
Baxter Pattinson

Kate Schumacher
Olivia Henshaw
Ellie Higinbottom
Greta Waldie
Ruby Dodds
Claudia Studholme



School Policy Review – Term 1

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Board Responsibility
- Parents Involvement
- Communicating with Parents
- Community Conduct Expectations
- School Character* / Special Character*
- Documentation and Self-Review Policy
- School Planning and Reporting
- Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement

To review or read a policy at any time ... Google School Docs (For all Policies and Procedures)

Username: waihaio
Password: oaktree