



## From the Principals Desk

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have had a very busy few weeks here at Waihao Downs School and I would like to share the exciting events and achievements that have taken place recently.

### Safari Production: A Roaring Success

Our Safari-themed school production was an absolute success! Staff and students worked tirelessly to prepare for this event, and their dedication truly paid off. The performance was not only entertaining but also educational, as it helped our students learn more about the world of wildlife and conservation.

I would like to acknowledge the following people and organizations

- The Waimate Regency Theatre.
- The Waimate Wardrobe- especially Jan Dugdale
- Catherine Jackson for sourcing and providing the plants. And Maita Nurseries for providing some as well.
- To the Parents who have helped provide some of our costumes
- Robert Todd for assistance with lighting
- Jackson Mahu for assistance with sound
- Waimate Main School for some of the props we have used tonight.
- Henderson Building for helping with some of our props
- Louise Stringer for originally teaching us the songs last year and this year recording some music for us to use in the show.
- Our teacher aides who have gone above and beyond. We really appreciate all that you do for our students and our school.
- Zoe Howden our secretary for front of house and all the extra time that you have spent on the show over and above your own work.

I would like to give a huge shout out to my teaching staff, the many hours that has been spent creating costumes, props, stage set. We have worked collaboratively to produce this show, Safari, thank you for your dedication.



### School Roll

It's that time of year where we are required by the Ministry of Education to submit a 2024 School Roll.

If your child is leaving Waihao Downs School at the end of the year, can you please contact the school office. Some children have indicated that they are leaving but the school needs this information from parents/caregivers.

### A&P Show

Our students art work was on show at the A& P show on the week end

#### Photo

Greta Waldie 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ellie Bell-Higinbottom 5<sup>th</sup>, Kendall Jamieson 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Card

Evie Nash 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kasey Van Leeuwen 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Mixed Media

Louella Harborne 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Stitching

Wyatt Boyd 1<sup>st</sup>, Aashis Gautam 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grace Van Leeuwen 3<sup>rd</sup>, Maverick McKenzie 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Ink

Otis McKerchar 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pyper Zwies 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Landscape

Dudley Robertson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Greta Waldie 3<sup>rd</sup>, Charlie Dodds 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Colour

Maisie McKerchar 1<sup>st</sup>, Mariana Bravo 1<sup>st</sup>, Chelsy Vergara 3<sup>rd</sup>, Claudia Studholme 5<sup>th</sup>

## Week 3 Awards

### Principals Award

Olivia Henshaw

### Playground Award

Fergus Robertson

### Class Certificates

**Kākano** – Lockie King, Harriet Studholme, Lexi Loomes, Emma Pankhurst, Grave Van Leeuwen, Aashis Gautam, Fionn Murray

**Pihinga** – Molly Bailey, Niamh Murray, Zara Nash

**Mahuri** – Pascal Johnston, Kasey Van Leeuwen, Elena Loomes

**Rākau** – Liam Cromie, Scarlett Harborne, Max Hill, Mitchell Bryant



## Rural School Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Waimate Schools Athletics to be held on Tuesday 14th November at the Waimate High School Sports Field. Information will be sent home on today.

### **Girls**

#### **8 years**

Ellie Higinbottom  
Georgie Johnston

#### **9 years**

Claudia Studholme  
Scarlett Harborne (Champion)

#### **10 years**

Maisie Mckerchar (Champion)  
Pascal Johnston  
Molly Bell-Higinbottom  
Pyper Zwies  
Zoe Goodwin

#### **11 years**

Chloe Nobleza (Champion)  
Chelsy Vergara  
Sahina Gautam

#### **12 years**

Mariana Bravo (Champion)  
Ruby Owen

### **Boys**

#### **8 years**

Dudley Robertson (Champion)

#### **9 years**

Alfie Mckerchar

#### **10 years**

Baxter Pattinson  
Max Hill

#### **11 years**

Rounak Tamang

#### **12 years**

Otis Mckerchar  
Fergus Robertson



## **Book Club**

Catalogues have gone home today. All orders need to be processed online or handed into the office by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Kids Art Work**

The kids have been working hard on the Calendar art work, Order forms for this will go home tomorrow. Orders will need to be back into the office by **Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November**.

## **School Values –**

### **5C's**

Communicator  
, Curious,  
Conscientious,  
Caring,  
Considerate

## **Teachers Only Day**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of November

## Term 3 Calendar

**Term 4 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> December**

### Week 5 Term 4 2023

Monday 6 November	Rural Athletics
Tuesday 7 November	
Wed 8 November	TOP Teams
Thursday 9 November	
Friday 10 November	

### Week 6 Term 4 2023

Monday 13 November	
Tuesday 14 November	Subway District Athletics
Wed 15 November	
Thursday 16 November	
Friday 17 November	Teachers Only Day

### Week 7 Term 4 2023

Monday 20 November	
Tuesday 21 November	



## BIRTHDAYS

The following students have recently celebrated a birthday or will be celebrating soon:

10<sup>th</sup> November Lincoln Goodwin  
11<sup>th</sup> November Lockie King  
14<sup>th</sup> November Ruby Dodds  
18<sup>th</sup> November Baxter Flett

## Sports Challenge

Congratulation to the PTA for a very successful Sports Challenge. We appreciate all the hard work that you have done to organize this event. It was great to have our first ever girls team win the entire event. Congratulations!!!



## Top Teams Challenge: An afternoon of Fun and Learning

We had a fantastic afternoon participating in the Top Teams Challenge with Makikihi and Waituna Schools! The Year 3 to 8 students displayed great teamwork, problem-solving skills, and resilience throughout the challenge. Students supported one another, and had a great time participating in 7 challenging but fun activities.

Thanks to Sports Canterbury for hosting the event.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the New Zealand Speech exams

Dudley Robertson - Honors

Maisie McKerchar - Merit plus

Harriet Studholme - Merit

