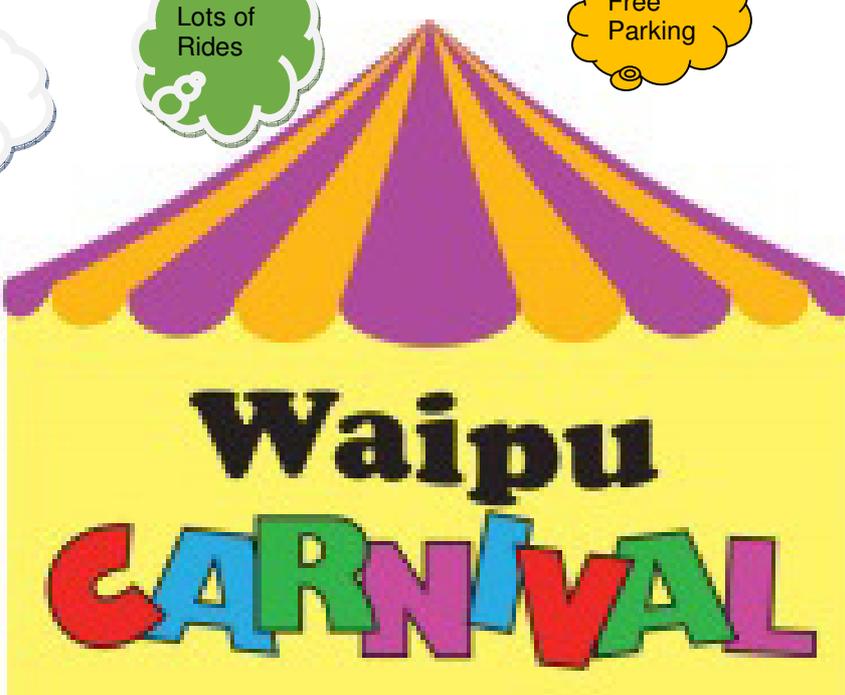


Waipu Primary School Newsletter

March 29

Number 5



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Waipu CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 31 MARCH 9am to 2.30pm

The Carnival is Waipu's biggest event of the year – make sure you take part. Come along and support the PTA and have some fun. If you can help please let someone know now –helpers are always needed Set up tomorrow.

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Dear Parents,
This weekend is our big fundraiser for Waipu Primary School. The money raised on this day will benefit your child directly. The Carnival is the only time that the PTA ask for your help. They do a lot of minor events themselves.

Many thanks to those who have stepped up to help out. Well over a 100 people so far. More are needed so if you can spare an hour or two please let the organisers know tonight so they can give you a job.

Remember the word fun is part of fundraising and you get a chance to meet different people and perhaps make a new friend or two.

If you are already taking part, ask a friend to come and help. I asked a couple of family members to come and help and all of them said yes. Two had been part of the Carnival before and had really enjoyed themselves and were only too happy to volunteer. The third hadn't but had heard some of the stories we had told him and decided it would be a good thing to do.

The more hands available the easier the work.

OSCAR

Our after school care programme provides care for around 40 students every day. As well as helping with children's homework they provide supervision and food for the group.

Recently there have been a number of changes that medium and low risk food businesses need to follow. Even though we don't think they should apply to us they do. It means a number of things to us:

- The Council has to police this and will be charging us to do this. Their charges are not cheap (around \$500) and it may mean that we have to alter our prices to cover this.
- The food currently supplied for afternoon tea can no longer be supplied so we are currently looking to see what we can legally supply.

Watch the newsletter for any future changes.

There are also changes to fundraising events where food is involved but at the moment we are fitting within these guidelines.

NORTHPINE CHAMPS

At a meeting late in 2017 the Principals from Ruakaka, OTP and Waipu met to review the gifted and talented programme that has been running for about eleven years.

It was decided that instead of running a one day a week programme that the focus would be on developing some areas in more depth – an extension of our talent development groups that have worked very well.

In Term 2 there will be a week long music week for those gifted and talented in this area. In Term 3 the focus will be on Science and Technology. In Term 4 the focus will be a Wananga for those with talents in the Maori field.

If your child is invited to attend one of these weeks, make sure they go as they should find the week of high interest.

PUKA PUKA PARTY

Over 700 children registered for the Puka Puka Party and a large number of them were from Waipu. Well done to all the organisers and in particular to our teachers and support staff who gave up some of their weekend to man the stalls and provide an interesting educational activity.

Apparently a large number of children did not collect their prize pack. If your child has a completed passport at home send it to school and we will try to get a prize to them.

POWHIRI FOR NEW PRINCIPAL

The BOT and Staff will be welcoming Jo Brown at the Takahiwai Marae on April 10. Jo will be welcomed to the school on Friday May 4 at 1pm. This will be your opportunity to be part of a formal welcome.

COMING EVENTS

April

1 – Daylight Saving ends
2-3 - Easter Break
4 - BOT meeting 1.10pm
6 - Target Student data due
6 - Vas the Magician 9.30am
9 – R1-3 to Waipu Museum
10 – R4/5 to Waipu Museum
11 - Commonwealth Games Day
13 - Term 1 finishes
30 – Term 2 starts

May

4 – Powhiri for Principal 1pm
7 – PTA meeting 7pm
14-18 – Gifted and Talented Music Week
25 – Rescue Helicopter Mufti Day
30 – BOT meet 1.10pm

UNIFORM SALES

Second hand uniforms are available from Kylie Jacoby. Phone Kylie on 02102693876 to see what she has available. If you have a uniform, you do not need consider giving it to Kylie as money from second hand clothing comes back to the school. The uniforms are held at school but you need to arrange a time with Kylie to view on Wednesday between 8am and 9.30am.

POOL KEYS

The pool closed on Friday 23 March. If you have a key please return it by 13 April to qualify for a \$10 bond refund. This also saves the office staff from phoning you.

CONTACTING SCHOOL STAFF

School staff work a variety of hours and many do extra work at home. They are contactable through their school emails or by phoning school between 8am and 3pm. You can email them at any time but don't expect a response if it is out of work hours. Please do not message school staff about school matters via their phones or Facebook. Although we are in a public profession and you may know some staff personally they are entitled to "time away from their work" as they do have lives outside of teaching to lead as well.

BUS ISSUES

Please call the office the next day for any issues arising on the buses outside office hours. A complaint form is filed and Jordan McDonald, our bus controller, will deal with your complaint and get back to you within 24 hours. For emergencies or when you can't get through to the office listen to the office answerphone for a cell phone number to call.

EASTER

Just a reminder that school is not open on the Tuesday after Easter. Tuesday (April 3) is an extra holiday that schools take around Easter.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight saving ends when clocks go back by 1 hour at 3am on 1 April 2018. Enjoy an extra hour over Easter!

GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

Good to see a large number of parents (89%) making the effort to be involved in their child's education. Hopefully you can all work with the school and your child to make them better students and reach their goals.

We have a goal for our parents:

To make sure you know what is happening in your child's life and be ready for any changes in the school schedule.

The Office Staff spent all morning of interviews, fielding calls to reorganize children and their way home (most for After School Care). Letting us know at the last minute means we can't get staff to look after children who need minding. They also had upset children not knowing what they were doing. Please spend a minute or two with your child each morning and read the newsletters /emails sent home so this doesn't happen. We give you plenty of notice for this reason.

ANZAC DAY

Waipu Primary recognize ANZAC Day by making children aware of the day and what the war meant to our country. Often we invite people with more knowledge to help out. Two of our school leaders also carry a wreath in the local parade. This year ANZAC Day falls in the holidays.

RESCUE CHOPPER MUFTI DAY – 25 May

Our school leaders would like everyone to dress as a famous person to support this day. We never know when we may need the helicopter in our rural areas and getting a hurt person to hospital quickly may save a life. Bring a gold coin or even something worth more to join in.

WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL COOKBOOK

It is a year since Abby McLean put together a fantastic cookbook for our school. Funds raised from the sale of this will go towards our school library. We still have plenty of these for sale at the school office and they are something that should be in all your homes as well as those of your relatives. One copy is \$30 but there is a standing special of two for \$50. They will make great birthday or Christmas presents.

EPR08 CHALLENGE

This is a Science and Technology Challenge that two teams took part in recently. Our boys team of Alex Kite, Lucas Ulrich, Connor Macartney and Ethan Carroll did well to win their section. Well done boys.

Apart from winning a trophy they qualified for the Northland final that was held on Wednesday 21 March.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

If your child has been in the newspaper, we would love to know about this and share it. Bring any newspaper clippings to Miss Smeehuyzen, who will display this in the school foyer.

We also celebrate weekend successes at Monday morning assembly. If your child has done well at sport, cultural or other events make sure they are prepared to tell us.

DRAMA CLASSES

The Isabel Fish Academy Term 2 Drama & Communication classes at Mangawhai Heads on Sunday and Monday afternoons. 7+ yrs to adults. Timetable at www.isabelfish.co.nz Call [021 0811 3606](tel:02108113606) or email i.fish@xtra.co.nz

INTERNET SAFETY

We have had parents expressing concern about cyberbullying outside school hours. Most internet communication platforms have a 14 year plus age on them. The simple answer to prevent this is not let your child use these platforms. If they are using them make sure you know what they are doing and who they are talking to. The internet is a big place and there are all sorts of people using it-some for nefarious means. Parents need to be open about this and have access to their children's devices if you want them to be safe. Children should not be on these platforms away from the parental eye as they will stray into the unknown.

J9's DANCE FITNESS

ALL LADIES - ALL AGES WELCOMED (9yrs experience)
Have fun burning calories to The Edge Music (& some Latino)
Saturday 8.30-9.30am Waipu Coronation Hall, The Centre (including Easter Saturday)
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\$10 casual class (3rd class free) Cash or Direct Credit
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PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

Week 7: Jaime Grace, Joseph Patterson-Devine, Rohan Gooseman, Ashley Campbell, Kacie Cookson, Carter Hughes, Leila Fetelika, Noah Mazlin, Isaac Chapple, Mikayla Mazlin, Coby Britton.

Week 8: Karley Stanaway, Quinn McClelland, Harper Scrymgeour, Lily Clare, Dionne Kelly, Bryley Westlake, James Vesey, Blake Ford, Ollie Buckle, Ely Cotterill, Jasper Sutherland-Pullen, Ruby-Jae Bower-Pene.

HONEY FOR SALE

Our Beekeeping group have been working hard this term and our 4 beehives have provided the school with 40L of clover honey! We will be selling 500g pots of pure clover honey for \$8 a jar in the office in the last week of school. A great gift for friends, family and to have at home.

SNOOPY the Musical SHOW - 6 Apr - 21 Apr

Starring our very own Waipu Primary school kids! Book your tickets and come along to support Kaiser Jacoby and Haydon Fraser as they Sing and Act along in A Charming little comedy for the entire family. The show features beloved Peanuts characters including Charlie Brown (Kaiser) Linus (Haydon) Sally, Peppermint Patty, Lucy, Woodstock, and of course Snoopy!

Tickets available online through Whangarei Theatre Company. [//www.whangareitheatrecompany.org.nz](http://www.whangareitheatrecompany.org.nz)
ph 09 4383523 or at Storytime on Reyburn House Lane. (near the town basin play park). Kids \$15 Adults \$30

AFTERSCHOOL ART CLASSES

Monday and Wednesday during school term at Haven Art, 99 The Centre, Waipu. 7-10 year olds 3-4pm, 10-13 year olds 4.15-5.15pm. \$12.50 includes materials.
Phone Claire [0212722294](tel:0212722294) or email claire@sculpturenz.com

MAKING A SCENE DRAMA CLASSES FOR YEARS 6-8

Due to demand, we're offering new classes in term 2. Improvised Antics & Drama is for budding actors and performers. Classes in Whangarei and Bream Bay. We have something for everyone, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz

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