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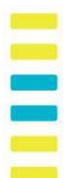
History was made when the first school disco was held in the Northpine Hall. Students came dressed from the 1950's era of rock'n'roll.



Lots of fun was had by the huge crowd that flocked to the Waipu Primary School Carnival over a beautifully fine Easter weekend. Above and below are a few pictures from the day. There are lots more pictures on the Carnival webpage. Money has been sent to the bank to be counted and once all expenses are to hand we will be able to tell you how much money was raised.



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Dear Parents,

One of the things we are focusing on at school at the moment, particularly in the Junior Team, is children doing what they are told the first time. It seems many children are not following instructions until the second or third time they are told. I wonder if you have this issue at home?

One of the reasons why this happens are screens. Phones, iPads, television and Play Stations are a major part of children's lives these days and are very addictive. Once children are hooked on an activity they are in another world and simply don't hear anyone else. How many times have you had to take a device off your child or turn it off to get their attention?

This even happens to me if I happen to be watching a good game of rugby on television. I am sure you can think of occasions when you have been engrossed in your favourite screen activity and someone has tried to get your attentions and failed the first time.

How do you stop this happening? Perhaps it is time to have screen-free days? Do you need to encourage your children into more creative play outside? Do you simply turn the device off or stand in front of it so you get your child's attention? Limiting screen time is vital – especially for teenagers.

All of these things work but there does have to be some consistency every day. Rewards and consequences will work but make sure the adults in the family are on the same wavelength and enforce screen issues in the same way or any plans to change children's habits won't work.

CARNIVAL

Well done to all of those who took part in the Easter Carnival. A special thanks to the group of people who have spent many hours organizing the event. It is never easy taking over something for the first time and from the school's point of view everything worked smoothly. Everyone I talked to was having a good time and there were lots of people there enjoying the atmosphere and the lovely weather.

POOL KEYS

The pool closed on Friday 23 March. If you have a key please return it by 13 April. If your key is not returned by then you will lose your deposit and have office staff phoning to get the key back.

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 the office listen to the office answerphone for a cell phone number to call.

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.

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. Tremarn and Olivia will carry our wreath.

BOT SNIPPETS

The BOT met for the second time this year on April 4. Jo Brown (our new Principal) attended. Finance and Principal reports were tabled. Mrs Andrews presented reports on Reading Recovery and 6 year observations. Mr McDonald showed the BOT where we are headed with Seesaw and our digital appraisal system.

A range of issues were discussed and some finalized:

- The policy for police checking of volunteers was signed off. This will soon be available on our website. If you are a Year 5 or 6 parent and want to go camping you need to be Police vetted in the first 5 weeks of Term 2. Our policy comes into effect in Term 4 for the Year 5/6 camps. If you are not vetted, then you won't be eligible to attend these events. The full policy will be available at school and put on the website soon.
- Applications to the Oxford Sports Charity are to be made for Kapa Haka, Maths Buddy and an educational experience.
- Issues around food for After School were discussed.
- A schedule for hiring Northpine Hall was tabled and needs further discussion before it is adopted.
- The school was due for a repaint and two quotes were tabled. The property group will make a recommendation to the BOT
- A decision on the Dental Clinic was made. It will be reinstated beside the sandpit.
- There was some discussion on how the BOT could best support the PTA group moving forward.
- The BOT are very supportive of the Carnival group and will formally thank them for their efforts.

POWHIRI FOR NEW PRINCIPAL

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.

NITS

We have had a few cases of head lice recently. Please take time in the holidays to check your child's head and make sure they are free of nits. Keep up the regular checks as nits can easily spread in the winter when contact sports happen. Head lice are a parent's responsibility and it takes all parents to take on this job and ensure their children are free of head lice.

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS

We 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.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you want to advertise any events/items in the newsletter, please email Jo Brown (jo@wps.school.nz). If you want to take up a paid spot let Cindy know (cindy@wps.school.nz).

GIFTED AND TALENTED MUSIC WEEK

Penny Goodall will be organising and delivering this week and it will be held in the Northpine Hall. Eight Waipu students will be selected by Penny to take part. They will join eight students from One Tree Point and another eight students from Ruakaka for the week.

After a week of all things musical they will present a mini concert for parents on the Friday afternoon. Keep Friday free if your child is selected or you just want some free entertainment.

WAIPU 150 SPEECHES

All classes in the Senior Team (Rooms 1-5) visited the Waipu Museum this week to help students decide on the topic for their Waipu 150 speech. All students need to write a speech and parents are welcome to help them at home. Later in Term 2 classes will hold their speeches. From class speeches semifinalists in each age group present their speeches to the whole team. Twelve finalists (4 each from Y4,5 and 6) are selected for the finals that will be held on July 3 at 7pm in the Celtic Barn foyer.

FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Register NOW for a free school holiday programme from Monday 23rd April - Friday 27th April from 9am to 1pm at Whangarei Intermediate School. This programme is designed for your child/ren aged between 8 - 14yrs with Northland Hip Hop Dance Holiday programme running from the Whangarei Intermediate School Hall. A week full of sports, arts and crafts, hip hop dance, and a trip to Whangarei Aquatic Centre all absolutely FREE.

Goto <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOW6djEXQGmTe6qTWDhp9Kov6oqTdiQdqhFly1kBcfGEfejQ/viewform> to register, or call 4596909 and leave your details, contact number or email northhiphopdance@gmail.com to register.

PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

Week 9: *Xaria Bird, Daniel Couper, Drew Groombridge, Phoebe Cookson, Chloe Warren, Charlie Oliver, Arielle Gibson, Manea Raniera, Olivia Papworth, Ruby-Rose Harrington, Caleb Spring.*

Week 10: *Jet Griffiths, Jax Richmond, Amy Fraser, Matthew Laurence-Goss, Tom Wigram, Kaiser Jacoby, Will Wigram, Quinn Duffy-Jenkins, Pippi Panui-Park, Riley McLean, Elise Doherty.*

**OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY 13
APRIL FROM 12.30pm.
PLEASE ENSURE CHANGES
ARE MADE BY 12.30pm.**

HONEY FOR SALE

Waipu Primary Honey is now for sale. 500g for \$8. Limited supplies. Contact Mr McDonald (jordan@wps.school.nz) for your honey or send \$8 in an envelope to Room 1. This honey is from the hive tended by our Year 6 group. Tahī Honey supervise this group.

GOODBYE

This will be my last newsletter as Principal. I hope you continue to support your child in a positive way and I know they will move forward in their learning. Waipu is a great school and positive parental support and great staff are a couple of reasons why. Go well - Paul

COMING EVENTS

April

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

June

4 – Queen's Birthday

6-15 – Life Education Van here

22 – Fund raising disco

27 – BOT meeting 1.10pm

29 – Des Hunt (author) visiting

July

2 – PTA meeting 7pm

3 – Waipu Speech Finals

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.

TradeMe Auctions

Our auction sponsors were so generous this year, that we simply couldn't fit everything in on Carnival day. This means you get one more opportunity to be in for a chance to grab some of these great products.

Check out our auctions that are live NOW on trademe.co.nz, just search 'waipuprimary'.

Northpine

6x Packs of Timber (decking/fence rails & more)

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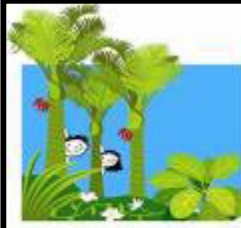
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