

Waipu Primary School Newsletter

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Above left & right: Last week Rms 6,7,8 & 9 went to the Whangarei Library after their show. They were lucky to have some librarians talk about the library, different types of books and share some stories with them. Here are some group photos from their trip.

Bottom left: Last Thursday Room 10 and 11 visited NIWA where they saw a huge fish tank breeding Hapuka for research.

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June

6-15 – Life Education Van here
22 – Fund raising disco
25 – Speech comp semi finals
27 – BOT meeting 1pm
29 – Des Hunt (author) visiting

July

2 – PTA meeting 7pm
3 – Waipu Speech Finals (in Northpine Hall, 7pm)
6 – Last day of Term 2
23 – First day of Term 3

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora whanau

Well we are already half way through the term. It has passed so quickly and has been heaps of fun! To all the classes I have already spent time with, you are awesome. The senior classes have been looking at sustainability and making connections and the juniors have been looking at waste, what it is, how it is created compared to waste in nature and where it goes when we throw it away. I have loved every minute of it and I look forward to spending more time with you all ☺

Along the waste lines, we are going to trial a new fund-raiser later in the year. This is the designing, making and selling of honey wraps. Students will enter a competition for material design and will then use locally sourced beeswax (if we do this again it will be our very own beeswax). These are superb sandwich wraps and covers for food and will be very good value to buy. Watch this space for further information.

We are very sorry to lose one of our wonderful staff at the end of this term. Miss Jenna Smeehuyzen is leaving us to go and teach in the United Arab Emirates. She will be a big loss to us, and a huge gain for all the lives she touches overseas. Jenna will be replaced by Mrs Grace Binks. Grace, has spent a huge amount of time relieving at WPS. Grace has taught part of the class last year and so they know her well. More will follow but we would like to take this opportunity to wish Jenna safe and happy travels.

Our KEY COMPETENCY FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

is Participating and Contributing. This is about taking part in activities and doing the best that we can. This may be in the classroom or playground, out on the sports field or out in the local environment. Students are encouraged to give everything a go and learn the most when they take risks and extend themselves beyond their comfort zone.

Take care and have a great fortnight,
Jo

WANTED:

Any parents or caregivers with green fingers who might be interested in working with us to develop our school gardens and green areas. We struggle to find staff to support us for these activities which will take place during the school day and would love some adult support, especially if you have skills in this area you are able to pass on. Please contact Jo if you are interested (jo@wps.school.nz)

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).

HONEY FOR SALE

Waipu Primary Honey is still for sale 500ml for \$8. Limited supplies. Contact Mr McDonald (jordan@wps.school.nz).

CONGRATULATIONS

Clan Argyll for being Clan of the Week for two weeks in a row (Week 3 and Week 4!). Well done ☺

WELCOME

There were no new families this week.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP UPDATE:

This week the student leadership group have been discussing how they could support their peers in the playground along with the Clan Leaders and have been finding ways to solve issues around the school – for example, setting up a foot cleaning station around the sandpit so that students have a place to wash their feet after break times. They are also collecting votes from the rest of the student body about the theme for our upcoming disco. Next week we are starting our project of mapping the school to see what works and what we need to fix, change or replace in terms of the school environment. This will help us to work out how and where we develop some of our enviro projects. This is a superb and talented group of students and I am proud to be working with them.

OFFICE PAYMENTS

REMINDER: There will be no cash payments taken through the classrooms. Any cash payments are to be made directly to the office by Parents please. Payments can also be made using our new EFTPOS machine. Any credit card payments will incur a small fee. All other usual methods of payment other than cash will continue to be accepted. Smaller payments for lunches are fine.

UNION MEETING:

On **Thursday 21st June** there is a paid union meeting for all teaching staff at 1.00pm at Forum North. There will be limited supervision available for the afternoon and buses will run at **12:00pm**. Please let the office know if you require your child to be supervised until **2:30pm**. There will be no buses running at 2:30pm so you will be required to collect your child from school. **After school care will continue as usual.**

J9 DANCE FITNESS:

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WESTPAC HELICOPTER MUFTI DAY:

There were less dress ups than we thought there might be but you all donated a grand total of \$265 (which is more than \$1 per student) to the Westpac Helicopter. They provide an incredible service and every little bit helps them to continue to be able to do what they do. Thank you ☺

NEW ASSEMBLY AWARD:

We are proud to announce that the Waipu 4 Square, in assembly last Friday, started the presentation of what will be a new weekly award. This award is given to students that demonstrate community spirit and support of others both in and out of school. Staff are able to nominate students for this award but we would also like to hear from you. If you know of any WPS student who displays these qualities or who has participated beyond expectation in a community event, please contact jo@wps.school.nz by the Wednesday prior to the upcoming Friday assembly.

COMMUNITIES OF LEARNING

We are currently working on setting our achievement targets across our CoL schools. One of the challenges we are looking at setting is to increase our capacity in terms of cultural responsiveness, potentially through linking with EnviroSchools. We are also looking at developing boys engagement in learning. Both of these challenges give a huge scope to develop the way we work together and what happens in our individual schools. Personally, I am very excited by the possibilities that arise from these two goals as they are two things that I am very passionate about and have worked hard to implement in many schools. Student efficacy, ownership of their environment, deep and meaningful learning, problem solving and the development of personal attributes and values are all things that arise from setting SMART goals in these areas. More information will follow as we further develop our achievement challenges.

PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for an excellent effort in demonstrating our Key Competency for the last 2 weeks. Our Key Competency was Managing Self

Room 1 – Nolan Gublin and Pippi Panui-Park

Room 2 – Isobel Weir

Room 3 – Zara Gordon

Room 4 – Brooke Thompson and Jordan Boniface

Room 5 – Xaria Bird and Jazmine Mazlin

Room 6 – Ethan McAulay and Tommy McClelland

Room 7 – Jet Griffiths and Olive Jones

Room 8 – Willa Bridger and Sasha Campbell

Room 9 – Dylan Mansell

Room 10 – Karley Stanaway

Room 11 – Rico Tonga, Chase McFarland and Keira Stevens

PLAYER OF THE DAY

Huge congratulations to the following students for being Player of the Day last weekend:

Irie Garland – Netball

Eva Cullen – Netball

Lily Gray – Hockey

Dylan Mansell – Rugby

Evie Boulton – Karate Kid of the Week

Manea Raniera – Netball

Ciara-Lee Steel – Netball

Khalea Carson – Netball

Kingston Mills - Rugby

Chloe Warren - Netball

Ely Cotterill - Soccer

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