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**UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

August	September
10 - School Cross Country - 12.45pm start	3 - PTA Meeting 7pm
13 - Science Road Show (Seniors)	3 - Red Riding Robin Hood Show
15 - Teacher Union Action - School closed	5 - School Photos
20 - Tauraroa Area School Open Day & Evening	6 - Junior School Auckland Trip

22 - Interschool Cross Country	14 - Disco
22 - BOT Meeting 1.10pm	19 - BOT Meeting 1.10pm
22 - Otamatea Enrolment Afternoon	26-27 - Senior production
24 - Portfolios home	28 - Grandparents Day
28 - Three Way Interviews - School closes 12.30pm	28 - Last Day of Term 3
31 - Daffodil Day and mufti day (Yellow theme)	



**THANK YOU TO:**

The Oxford Sports Trust for their ongoing sponsorship and support of our school. Without their support our children would not be able to experience such a wide range of wonderful events. We recently received full funding for Stardome entry fees (Auckland junior trip), the NZ Playhouse (Red Riding Robin Hood) play and the Senior Science Roadshow. Partial funding was also received for bus transport for the Auckland junior trip. **Thank you Oxford Sports Trust, we very much appreciate your support of our school and children.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Parking at Pick Up and Drop Off**

Please be mindful and respectful of the residents on Argyle St when picking up or dropping off your children. We have had several complaints this term of cars parking in and across resident's driveways. When ground conditions are wet, grass frontage is easily destroyed by cars too. Please be patient and exercise caution while waiting for car parks.

We have been given permission to park on the unused concrete area at Saorsa (on the left as you head up the driveway to Playcentre). This is a wonderful offer which will ease traffic congestion around school at these busy times.

**Please refrain from using the back gate exit to pick up and drop off your children - use the Saorsa carpark instead.**

**Lost property**

It is **YOUR CHILD's** responsibility to ensure ALL their (named please) belongings are looked after and come home with them at the end of each day. This is something that our very youngest students can be taught to do. This needs to be reinforced at school (which it is on a daily basis) and by you at home. Please help your child by actively checking that they have their belongings in their bags at the end of each day and remind them of their responsibility often. We have a vast amount of lost property, lots unnamed, left behind at the end of each week. We acknowledge that children are children and will leave items lying about (which we make every effort to recover) however it is rare that our kids take each other's belongings. If you suspect this has happened, please let us know as soon as possible and we will do our best to investigate. Please know, we will have little sympathy if belongings are unnamed. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that this is an open school that members of the

public (local and otherwise) walk through. Belongings left lying about overnight and over the weekend may go missing, there is little we can do about this.

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### **Kapa Haka**

There will be a Kapa Haka meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the school staff room. We will discuss recent updates on new uniforms, designs, accessories and fund raising progress. Everyone welcome.

If anyone can help to sew sashes, make headdresses, poi, belts etc, or can help Whaea Mina with the practices on Wednesdays from 10.15am, please call Michele Jorna 4321432 or 0211494456. Any questions also welcome.

On another note... many thanks to the PTA for their generous offer to help fund the new Kapa Haka uniforms.

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### **Waipu Agricultural Day**

We hope you received your Waipu Agricultural Day entry form last week. Please complete this form and return to the office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August if your child is competing this year. You are welcome to email a photo of your lamb or goat to school for display in the school foyer.

Are you wanting to bring a pet to Agricultural Day? The pet notice will be sent home early September for you to complete and return to school.

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### **Uniform**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform jumper. There are **STILL** mufti jumpers being worn. Please ensure your child has a warm layer of the correct school uniform. Black thermals are able to be worn underneath regulation uniform. Please send a note explaining why your child is in mufti if they are unable to wear a part of their uniform on a particular day. **If there is no note, any mufti items will be confiscated and held at school until they are collected by a parent or caregiver.**

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### **Police Vetting**

Police Vetting forms are taking around 5 weeks to be processed so please make sure you get your forms in asap if you are going on camps in Term 4 please. Paperwork can be collected from Cindy at the office.

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### **Three Way Interviews – Tuesday 28th August**

Our online booking system is open for the three way interviews. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) to book. Our school interview code is: **crhvh**

A hard copy booking form will be sent out Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August for families who do not have access to the internet.

**School finishes at 12.30pm and interviews will begin at 1pm.** Buses will run early. Oscar will be open for regulars and we can provide care for others until 2.30pm, provided you let us know in advance via the booking form.

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### **Netball**

The end of the netball season has crept up on us all. It has been another great season for our wonderful Waipu netballers.

Prize giving details for netball teams are as follows:

**Date** - Thursday 23 August, 2018

**Time** - 3pm (awards and trophy presentations, followed by afternoon tea. Each family please bring a plate to share).

**Where** - Room 10

Netball photos will be taken on Thursday 9 August during normal netball practise time. Please

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bring your uniform, washed and dried in a named plastic bag.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the successes of the season.

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora whanau

Over the holidays I had the pleasure of attending some wonderfully inspiring leadership and learning workshops and a conference. It reminded me of why I chose to teach in New Zealand and how, in many respects, we are cutting edge in education globally. I have also been reminded of the ability of our children, from a very young age, to manage and move forward their own learning given the right environment and teachers. The potential for learning opportunities and developing skills that will encourage active and life long learning are vast, and student agency/student autonomy are vital if we are to move in this direction. We want to grow students that actively and positively participate in and contribute to society both independently and as part of a working and effective team.

This made me ask myself the questions, 'What is it that some people have within them that support them to continually explore themselves and their environment, what is it that enables them to be empathetic to others and to be of service where they can?' One of the answers that came to me is to be curious. As children we are naturally curious, we ask questions and actively explore the world around us, testing models of reality and our relationships and boundaries with others, and also understanding why other people think as they do. As we grow and experience the expectations of others in our school, our community, our particular cultures etc and watch how those we are close to interact with others, we can lose or have diminished this sense of curiosity, this sense of awe and wonder about the world. We cease to ask questions about why things are like they are and why people think as they do and we begin to accept that it just is.

We want our kids to be constantly and consistently asking questions (why, what, who, how, when); 'Why do we do it like that? What happens if we do it like that? Why do you feel as you do? Why do you see it like this? What could we do differently? What is the evidence for this? How does what I have learnt here apply here in this different context? How could we do this better?' Young children do this naturally - and drive us slightly crazy whilst they are doing it! - let's encourage them to keep going, to question everything - and don't stop at that, don't stop at being a kid. When was the last time you, as an adult, stopped and asked yourself why? When was the last time you met someone not like you and asked them why they felt like they do, act as they do, what motivates them to do what they do? Be curious and don't ever stop being curious.

Finally, ask your kids "Why? Why? Why?" this is one way to get them back for those years when that was all they ever asked you. If you model it well (the curiosity, the awe and wonder and excitement of the world in all its beautiful messiness), they WILL get it!!

Have a good fortnight

Jo

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## WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



### Waipu Four Square Assembly Award

The Waipu Four Square assembly award (for students who demonstrate community spirit and support of others, both in and out of school) went to **Adara Lunjevich** in Week 1 and to **Lucas Urlich** in Week 2. Congratulations, you are both wonderful role models and thank you for your superb attitude towards others.

The winning class for the Waipu Four Square morning tea was won by the legendary **Room 4**. Your warmth, sharing spirit, wicked sense of humour and welcoming attitudes won you this award. Pictured above left is Mrs Binks receiving the scrumptious fruit basket from Aaron of Waipu Four Square, and Room 4, pictured right, waiting eagerly.

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### GATE Science Programme

Well done to the following students who will be attending the GATE science programme this term:

Room 1 - Joshua McKay, Alex Kite, Allistair Martin, Olivia Papworth

Room 2 - Lucas Urlich, Ethan Carroll, Connor Macartney, Ashleigh Whyte

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## BITS 'N' BOBS

### Thank you.....

A massive thanks to Nick Wigram and Ken Couper for organising and delivering a huge truckload of bark for our Adventure Playground. A special mention to Mike Jury our wonderful caretaker who barrowed it all into place at huge speed so the playground could be re-opened for our students to play on again.

Many thanks also to Lester and Brenda Earby for donating garden tools and a wheelbarrow for use in our vege patch area. Good luck to you both in your new home.

Our special thanks to Chloe, Jaime and Tree Robertson for making marmalade from the leftover fruit off our trees here at school. Marmalade sales have reached \$51.00 with all proceeds going to the Good Fairy Fund.

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### 'The Phantom of the Talent Factor'

Rising Starz Production presents "The Phantom of the Talent Factor, by Robin Bailes at the Riverbank Theatre, Whangarei. Shows are Friday 10th Aug 6.30pm, Sat 11th Aug 6.30pm and Sunday 12th Aug 1.30pm. Tickets \$6 ea or \$20 per group of 4. Call Camilla 02108855328 or check out the website [risingstarnz.wix.com/mysite](http://risingstarnz.wix.com/mysite)

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### Huanui College Open Evening

Thursday, 30th August, 6pm start (Guided tours from 5pm)

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### Incredible Years Programme

Do you know of any Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents who have children in the 3-8yr age bracket and are struggling with their children's challenging behaviour?

- Looking for new ideas/strategies to handling misbehaviour
- At their wits end
- Seeking support from other parents/Not feeling they are the only ones
- Gain skills to feel more confident about their parenting
- Wanting more compliant children
- Looking for routines but not sure where to start
- Wanting to have a better relationship with their child
- Tried everything, nothing works

Angie Moselen and Eileen Turner will be running an Incredible Years Parent Programme at the MOE starting 14 August 2018. Every Tuesday morning (9.30am-12.30pm) through to the end of November excluding school holidays. There is no cost to families and they can help out with transport costs if needed. They don't have childcare facilities on site but may be able to help towards costs of childcare.

The Incredible Years programme is a parenting programme aimed at helping parents gain skills to feel more confident about their parenting in a very supportive environment with a group of other parents who are facing similar challenges.

This programme has been trialled and tested and been proven to work with most children in many different countries and cultures including New Zealand. This is a 14 week programme and there is an expectation that parents would attend all the sessions where possible.

Please email the office if you would like a brochure or referral form emailed out.

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### Wanted.....

- A boat for our playground....does anyone have a small boat/dinghy they no longer want??
  - Lemons. Please bring any spare lemons to the school office for pickup on a Thursday morning. This is to make lemon syrup for the next school Easter Carnival.
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**Karate** - Chase McFarland

**Golf** - Kaiser Jacoby 1st (US Kids Auckland Winter Series - Overall winner 10yr olds)

**Dance** - Kacie Cookson - Highly Commended (Tauranga Comp), Nia Owen - 1st, Kacie Cookson 2x 2nds & 1x 3rd and Ava Mewett - 1st (all Jazz Dance Comp, Whangarei)

**Surfing** - Ben Porter - 1st (under 10 Polar Bear Classic Surf Comp. Sandy Bay)

**A special mention to:**

**Ava Mewett and Nia Owen** for being selected to compete in the PACANZ Dance National Competition.

**Josh McKay, Jamie Greateorex and Tremarn Jones** for being selected for the U11's Whangarei South Zone Rugby Rep team.

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**Clan Of The Week**

**Congratulations to our winning clans - Ross week 1 and Argyll week 2.**

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**UPDATES**

**Library Corner**

Hi from the Library Corner,

The library is the place to be during play and lunch times as it is nice and cosy with the heaters on!

Our new books this fortnight are Philip Reeve's Goblins vs Dwarves and Jessica Townsend's Nevermoor - The Trials of Morrigan Crow for senior students. Or for the juniors, Free as a Bird - The Story of Malala by Lina Maslo and Inky the Octopus based on a real-life aquatic escape here in New Zealand.

Come in for a browse and don't forget to have a look on the library link below.

Till next time - keep up the fabulous reading!!

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**Student Leadership Group Update**

We have drawn up a draft plan of the school that we are going to use to form the base to our vision map. Our next step is to walk the school to check the accuracy of the map and to collect information to inform future discussions as to where to next.

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**Communities of Learning**

On Monday 30th July, the staff of WPS met with the staff of Ruakaka and One Tree Point schools, Bream Bay College, iwi partners and early childhood centres to talk about some of the commonalities between the schools and some directions we could take (possible achievement challenges) within our Kahui Ako (CoL). It was a good atmosphere and the sharing between schools was positive and upbeat, many exciting possibilities emerged. We will keep you posted.

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**Enviro News**

The senior school joined Camp Waipu for a planting day yesterday. The weather was great and we managed to plant several hundred plants. We were joined by Brooke and Laura from the Northland Regional Council and Anton, Lucy and Natasha from Camp Waipu. Many thanks to Camp Waipu for providing bus transport, sausage sizzle and refreshments to us all. It was awesome to be able to support our community and to give something back to the environment.

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### **Clan Leaders Lowdown**

Will meet later this week - watch for an update as we are going to start gathering information about what happens in our playground and how we can support our peers to have the best experience possible out there!

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### **Bus Leaders Brief**

We have agreed our bus rules and Ms Brown met with everyone that uses the bus on Monday morning to share what they are and to talk about them. We will give the bus drivers and the people at Ritchies a copy of our rules so that they know how we work and they can let us know if we need to alter anything. Our next step is to agree on a code of conduct so that everyone who uses the bus knows what they can expect from us. Everyone will get a copy of the rules and the code of conduct when we have finished. We would like to give a friendly reminder to everyone that rides the bus to please TAKE YOUR BAGS OFF AND PUT THEM ON THE FLOOR before you sit down. If the bus has to stop or go round a corner suddenly, it is safer to be sitting fully in your seat.

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### **Property**

You might have noticed that our school is getting a wee bit of a facelift. We would like to thank the painters who are doing a careful and wonderful job of recolouring our school. We hope it will be a lovely backdrop to some of the murals the students will be involved in creating in the future.

We would also like to thank very much the PTA for funding the re-mulching of our playground. It had become very thin in places which was hazardous. Thanks also to Mike for finding replacement rope for the swing bridge. This means our playground can continue to be enjoyed by all.

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## **REGULAR UPDATES**

### **Newsletter Content**

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.

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### **Office Payments**

Only small cash payments for lunches/mufti days are taken through classrooms. Any large cash payments are to be made directly to the office by parents please. We now have EFTPOS available for your convenience (credit card payment fees apply). All other usual methods of payment other than cash or EFTPOS will be accepted.

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### **Worm Tea - Liquid Plant Fertiliser**

For Sale at school office, great for plants.  
\$5 - 2 litre, \$3 - 1 litre.

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### **Newsletter News!**

We have moved from a paper newsletter to an electronic copy only. If you would like an email address added to the distribution list please let the office know. A paper copy will be available at the school office for you to collect if required.

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## USEFUL CONTACTS

### Buses

Any bus issues should be reported to Jo Brown either directly ([jo@wps.school.nz](mailto:jo@wps.school.nz)) or via the school office.

### 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, please consider giving this to Kylie as the 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 Wednesdays between 8:00am and 9:30am.



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