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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

November 2018	December 2018
12-16 - Y5 & 6 camp week	3 - School triathlon
12-16 - Y4 activity week	3 - PTA meeting
19 - School pool opens	6 - Portfolios home
21 - Bus monitors to Aquatic Centre	7 - Y6 shared lunch

22 - Zone athletics	10 - BOT meeting 1.10pm
27 - Y5 & 6 BBC taster day	12 - Beach day
28 - Cultural Festival (more info to follow)	13 - Prizegiving 5.30pm
30 - Carnival mufti	14 - Last day of school 12pm finish

A huge 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. **Thank you Oxford Sports Trust, we very much appreciate your support of our school and children.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Thank you...

- for your patience this week with the disruption to school due to the teachers strike. We sincerely hope this is the last time we need to do this. None of us take this lightly. We appreciate your support.
- for supporting the Surf Lifesaving red and yellow mufti day. You managed to raise \$252.00 for this great cause.
- to the Waipu Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their fabulous new facilities during our teacher recruitment last week. We held two of our interviews there and it was such a great space to use.

Scholastic Book Orders

Ashton Scholastic gift orders can be held at the school office for collection. Please do not ask gifts to be sent home via other student families.

There will be one last order this year, please make sure they are correct and on time as Stacey will be unable to process late orders.

Ideas for Carnival proceeds

Staff are currently thinking about resources and equipment that would best benefit our students' learning and school environment and which might be purchased from next year's carnival proceeds. If you have any ideas, please let Jo know jo@wps.school.nz

Swimming

Classes will start swimming next week provided the swimming pool is warm enough. Students will need to

bring their swimwear every day as swimming is part of the school programme just like reading, writing and maths. Please supply a note if your child is unable to swim, explaining why and for how long. Please remember it is compulsory for students to wear swim caps. These are available at the office for \$3 each.

Pool Keys

Pool keys will be on sale from the 26th November at a cost of \$80 with a \$10 refund when returned before the end of Term 1, 2019. Please call in to the school office to sign the pool rule agreement and to collect your key.

Bream Bay College Taster Day - 27th November

On 27th November our Y5 and Y6 students will be travelling through to Bream Bay College for their annual Taster Day from 9am-12pm. Year 6 students attending Bream Bay College next year will be told their classes and meet their teachers. Buses will depart Waipu Primary at 8.30am, and parents are welcome to meet their child/ren **at the college**. Buses will leave Bream Bay at 12pm to return students back to Waipu for the end of the school day.

Zone Athletics Day

Zone Athletics Day will be held at Waipu Primary School next Thursday 22 November. Our students who have been selected to participate will be competing against other local schools from our area. If your child is selected, you are very welcome to come along and support them. Children from 7 years and over will be competing. Look out for more information early next week advising of our qualifiers. We will be needing helpers and supporters for this event. If you are able to help please contact Mr McDonald at school.

School Triathlon

Our school Triathlon Day will take place on Monday 3 December. The day will be treated as a normal school day and your child will take part in a swim, bike and run. It is a fun event and not of a competitive nature. We will be asking for volunteers to help on the day and to support the children to follow the course. Please keep your eyes open for a separate notice that will be sent home about the event. At the bottom of the notice is a return slip for you to send into your child's teacher if you are able to help on the day.

8.45am - Event start

*All classes will assemble on the front field where the event will be introduced. Classes will have their usual class programme running when they are not taking part, and/or supporting their chosen classes.

9am - 10.15am - Senior Triathlon

Room 1 girls, boys

Room 2 girls, boys

Room 3 girls, boys

Room 4 girls, boys

Room 5 girls, boys

10.15am - 10.45am - Morning Tea

10.45am (approx) - Junior Triathlon

Room 10 girls, boys

Room 11 girls, boys

11.15am - 12.00pm - New entrants / Year 1 and 2 Triathlon

Room 9 girls, boys

Room 8 girls, boys

Room 7 girls, boys

Room 6 girls, boys

12pm (approx.) -Triathlon finished

Kia Ora whanau

This week I have had the privilege of attending the senior camps. It is still quite a weird experience attending camps as a visitor and not as an organiser/participant, but what it does do is give me an opportunity to interact with your children in a much freer way than as a teacher leader - which is frankly awesome!! I have noticed, amongst the fun being had, a range of leadership skills emerge.

One of the main qualities of being a leader is the ability to bring people together; the word Rangitira (which has been translated into English along the lines of 'chief') comes from raranga i nga tira, which means weaving together the collective of the people/someone who has the ability to weave people/groups together. For me, a leader is someone who is able to listen to all points of view in a respectful way, communicates ideas effectively, and skillfully brings all members of a group (weaves the collective of the people) to a point where they can work together, using their individual strengths to make a powerful team.

Part of this is having empathy for others. Watching some of our kids display incredible empathy for each other, sometimes under pressure, is an absolute pleasure and we have some students that show wisdom and compassion for others that is beyond their years. They are great role models who are able to lead the way for some that are developing these skills. I look forward to seeing the young adults they become in the future, and also those in Year 4 and 5, who we will be looking to as our school and clan leaders in 2019.

Next year we will be opening a conversation about our school vision and the values that we uphold both as individuals and groups as well as the whole school. Looking at the sorts of men and women we want our children to become will aid us to develop graduate profiles, which will support us all (students, teachers, whanau and the wider school community) to move in the same direction. I look forward to progressing this conversation with you across the year and value your input tremendously. I particularly look forward to talking with our students about this subject and, working together, we will see more Rangitira leave our school in Year 6. Rangitira who are able to set the direction of our collective waka and support us to sail smoothly into the future.

Have a wonderful week and, those of you with senior children, enjoy the time you have to yourselves and/or with your other children.

Jo

WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Athletics Day

Waipu Primary School Athletics Day was a huge success! The sun was out and parents, family and friends of family were there in support. We witnessed champions and Olympians in the making. It was a tough challenge, with stiff competition, but well done Inverness for taking out the win! We will all cheer those who have qualified for the Zone Athletics Day, 22nd November at Waipu Primary School. Letters will be sent out to our qualifiers.



Pictured above are some of our Athletics Day super speedster finalists, from our flying five year olds to our expeditious eleven year olds.

Left: Sophia King Chalk and Ella Green (5 yr old girls)

Second from left: Noah Paringatai, Tyler Lunjevich and Mason Bell (5 yr old boys)

Second from right: Jade Fox, Jaime Grace, Jhazail Stephens and Rosie Wigram (11 yr old girls)

Right: Ty Amsterdam, Alex Kite, Rhyder Harrington and Brooklyn Raniera (11 yr old boys)

Pictured below left: Riley McKay, Riley Heron, Chase McFarland and Cohen Hunia striding out in the 8 yr old 300m.

Pictured below right: Our Golden librarians from left Leah George, Lucy Troost, Quinn Duffy Jenkins and Tom Wigram with NZ author Kate di Goldi.



Our Golden Librarians

Four hard working librarians and Mrs Anne Green attended a special event at Whangarei Library last Wednesday. Lucy, Leah, Tom and Quinn were awarded a Golden Librarians certificate, a special lunch, a chat with NZ author Kate di Goldi, and then made their own badges. Each year the Whangarei Library hosts the event so schools can award outstanding librarians, and they can meet librarians from other schools in the area. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day.

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Principal's Special Awards

Congratulations to the following students for an excellent effort in demonstrating our Key Competency in week 3 and week 4. Our Key Competency was **Relating to Others**.

Room 1 – Leah George, Rosie Wigram
Room 2 – Ashleigh Whyte, Irie Garland
Room 3 – Zara Gordon, Nate Amsterdam
Room 4 – Kacie Cookson, Ruby Rose Harrington
Room 5 – Lucy Troost, Charlotte Thompson
Room 6 – Carter Hughes, Marina Djoulai
Room 7 – Bella Mackay, Billy Gordon
Room 8 – Chase Patterson, Eva Cullen
Room 9 – Isaac Chapple, Bobbie Dawson
Room 10 – Isabella Knights, Aiden Van Veen
Room 11 – Chelsea Stewart, Riley Heron
Mrs Goodall - Lara Nops, Aiden Van Veen
Ms Brown - Kirstyn Huddle, Rory Doherty

Sport and Cultural Successes

Huge congratulations to the following students who have achieved well in their sporting and cultural activities:

Karate kid of the week - Arlo Mitchell, Chase McFarland
Surfer of the week - Arlo Mitchell
Touch POD - Mila Widdup

Clan Of The Week

Congratulations to our winning clans, **Sutherland** in week 3 and **Inverness** in week 4

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 **Tayla Ryland** for weeks 3/4. Congratulations, you are a wonderful role model and thank you for your superb attitude towards others.

Waipu Four Square Classroom Award

The winning class for this month's Waipu Four Square morning tea goes to **Room 6** for awesome behaviour and role modelling for others. Well done! **Room 6** was presented with their basket of fruit last Thursday.

UPDATES

Enviro News

Our scooter track is going really well and the students are loving it. We have some cool new scooters that are able to be borrowed by the students and these are in the process of being put together. The juniors have had huge fun on the track this week whilst the seniors have been away. Next year, we will be looking to do some landscape design in the scooter/bike track area. Any parents who would like to participate in this, please contact the school office so that we can talk to you at the start of next year.

Bus Leaders Brief

There are no updates this week.

School and Clan Leaders Update

All our leaders are currently practicing their leadership skills on camp, so we have no updates this week.

Property

The school pool is in the process of being cleaned and the water treated ready for opening next week.

Library Corner

The Library will be closing on Monday 19th November for the bi-annual stocktake, there will be no more issues from date of closure.

Notices will be sent home via email and students if your child has any missing books. Please encourage students to return books to the blue box in the library.

Communities of Learning

We have now sent our achievement challenges to the Ministry of Education. These challenges are around student wellbeing and deeper learning. We are excited about some of the work we will be doing in these areas in 2019 and beyond. Once our challenges have been accepted, we will be sending you more detail and an explanation of these COL achievement challenges.

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.

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.

Worm Tea - Liquid Plant Fertiliser

For Sale at school office, great for plants.

\$5 - 2 litre, \$3 - 1 litre.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Buses

Any bus issues should be reported to Jo Brown either directly (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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