

# Waipu Primary School Newsletter

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Kia ora whanau

Many thanks for making sure I have felt welcome at Waipu Primary School over the last two weeks. I have very much enjoyed getting to know the staff, students and some of you a wee bit better, and am loving visiting and teaching all of our classes. If I have not yet been in to the class of your son or daughter, this will happen at some point over the next few weeks. I am already impressed by the way the students are making connections between prior knowledge and new ideas.

In our last staff meeting we discussed Waipu Primary School and what made it the great place it is today. We talked about what we loved about the place and some (exciting) possible new ways of thinking about learning. The Student Leader group participated in a discussion using the same questions. More information about these discussions will follow as I would like to know what you, the wider school community, think too.

This week we have our gifted and talented music week run by the amazing Penny Goodall. The week will consist of an exploration of vocal and instrumental sound, culminating in a performance on Friday. We welcome students from Ruakaka and One Tree Point Primary Schools who are also participating in this programme. I am very much looking forward to seeing the results of this collaboration and to celebrating the hard work they have put in to their musical journey.

Over the next two weeks we will be looking at the Key Competency of **“Relating to Others”**. I believe that learning how to relate to other people, to be able to put yourself into the shoes of others and to be curious about why they think as they do, is the key to being able to live the fullest life possible.

Curiosity is something we have begun to explore in assembly and is something we will return to regularly. Being curious, asking questions and approaching the world with a sense of awe and wonder inspires connection. From this, deep and rich learning will follow.

I hope you all have a really good week. Find something that piques your curiosity, view it as if for the first time and see what you can discover! Let your child know what you find ☺

Jo Brown

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<b>May</b>	27 – BOT meeting 1pm
14-18 – Gifted and Talented	29 – Des Hunt (author) visiting
Music Week	
25 – Rescue Helicopter Mufti Day	<b>July</b>
30 – BOT meet 1.10pm	2 – PTA meeting 7pm
	3 – Waipu Speech Finals (in Northpine Hall, 7pm)
<b>June</b>	6 – Last day of Term 2
6-15 – Life Education Van here	
22 – Fund raising disco	
25 – Speech comp semi 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.*

#### 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 Jo Brown, our bus controller, will deal with your complaint and get back to you as soon as possible. For emergencies or when you can't get the office listen to the office answerphone for a cell phone number to call.

Thank you to Jordan McDonald for the work that he has put in to looking after bus issues over the last term. We are currently reviewing our bus policy and procedures and will inform you of any change to those documents once they are complete.

#### COMPLAINTS/ISSUES

If you have a query or a complaint about something that has happened at school for your child (an issue in class or the playground, queries about homework or concerns about behaviour or learning), your first port of call is the class teacher. If you are not satisfied or would like further information, please contact your child's team leader. For junior children this is Glenice Andrews, for senior children this is Jordan McDonald. In the case that the issue is still not resolved or is of a more serious nature, please contact Jo Brown ([jo@wps.school.nz](mailto:jo@wps.school.nz) or via the school office).

#### NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you want to advertise any events/items in the newsletter, please email Jo Brown. ([jo@wps.school.nz](mailto:jo@wps.school.nz)). If you want to take up a paid spot let Cindy know ([cindy@wps.school.nz](mailto:cindy@wps.school.nz))  
**We are currently looking at our newsletter content and layout. If you have any ideas of anything you would like to see, please contact us and let us know. Thank you**

#### HONEY FOR SALE

Waipu Primary Honey is now for sale. 500ml for \$8. Limited supplies. Contact Mr McDonald ([jordan@wps.school.nz](mailto: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. Tahi Honey supervise this group.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Sutherland for being the winning clan for Week Two. (There was no competition in Week One).

#### WELCOME

A huge welcome to the following new students and their families:

Lila Knight and Lachlan Stuart

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to all those of you who came to the powhiri to welcome me to Waipu Primary School. The event was surprisingly emotional for me and I was very proud of the wonderful Kapa Haka group that travelled from Kamo Intermediate School to support me. Many thanks to the staff who also travelled with them to attend. The group have offered to come back to perform to us later in the year. This will be a great opportunity to see an awesome ropu in action! Watch this space for further details. My thanks also to Parore and Heidi from Takahiwai Marae, to David Moon for his amazing piping skills, to Catherine Munro (chair of our Board of Trustees) and to all the staff and students at Waipu Primary School for their words and waiata.

#### THANK YOU ALSO TO

Stuart Knights for the generous donation of a bike and to Rory McLean from PGG Wrightsons Wellsford, for the Red Band jandals and Skellerup gumboots. We really appreciate your support.

#### COMMUNITIES OF LEARNING

You may well be aware that Waipu Primary School is part of a group of schools forming a Community of Learning (CoL) in this part of Whangarei. The other schools involved in this group are Ruakaka and One Tree Point Primary Schools and Bream Bay College. There are a number of early childhood centres (ECE) that also join the group. Over the last week, I have been lucky enough to have been included in a tour of all of the participating schools. It was wonderful to see and to hear of the learning journeys of our other local schools and to see some of the similarities and differences in our approach. This is a very exciting group to be a part of, and I know our relationship will only enhance the learning of the students at Waipu Primary School but also across the CoL as a whole. I will give updates on our work together as and when they happen but please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you would like to discuss this further or ask any questions.

#### STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP UPDATE

This group has had a flying start to the term with discussions about Waipu School; the things they love and some things that they would like to see happening. They are a positive, motivated and lively bunch and I know we will be hearing more from them on a regular basis via this newsletter.

#### OFFICE PAYMENTS

Please note from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May there will be no cash payments taken through the classrooms. Any cash payments are to be made by parents/caregivers and directly to the office please. Payments can also be made using our new EFTPOS machine being installed on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Any credit card payments will incur a small fee. All other usual methods of payment other than cash will continue to be accepted.

#### UNION MEETING

Many of the teacher at WPS are members of NZAEI, which is the union for teachers. The NZAEI are holding a union meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This means that WPS will close at 12pm on this day. More information will follow regarding buses and other logistics but please let the office staff know if your child(ren) need to stay at school on this day.

**PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL AWARDS**

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

*Rosie Wigram (Room 1)  
Isobel Weir (Room 2)  
Hannah Lines (Room 3)  
Jordan Boniface (room 4)  
Tommy McClelland (Room 6)  
Leila Fetelika (Room 7)  
Peyton Murray (Room 8)  
Phoenix Lemon (Room 9)  
Lucy Sharp (Room 10)  
Keira Stevens (Room 11)*

**CARNIVAL NEWS!**

**Another successful year for the School Carnival! You all helped raise a massive \$46,493.47 for the kids! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time from baking cakes and goodies to helping out on the stalls and rides. Your time and effort made it possible for the event to go ahead - Thank you all!**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR THE MOVIES!**

**The PTA are hosting two movie nights in June! Keep the 8<sup>th</sup> June free for a fun movie night, treats and goodies! And on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June the all important rugby match will be streaming live, so BYO and enjoy a sausage sizzle whilst watching the game! Watch this space for further details!**

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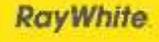
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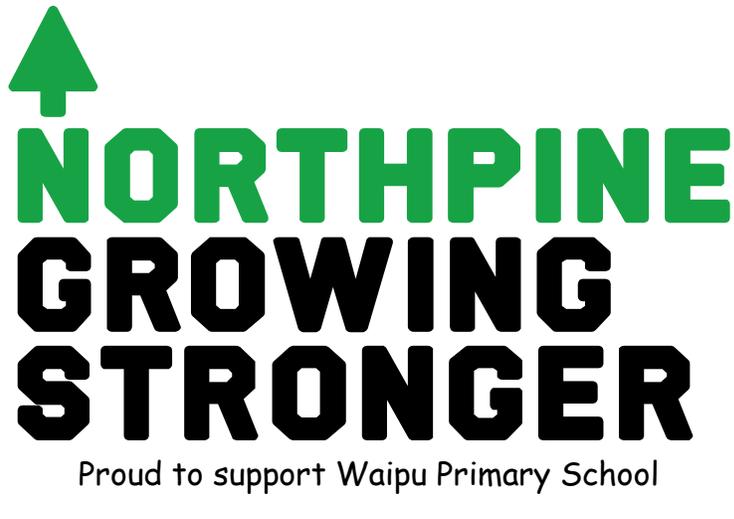
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