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A HUGE Waipu welcome to our new students Bella Mackay, Nerissa Barton and Victoria Bailey-Jamieson and their families.

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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

September	October
14 - Disco	15 - First day of Term 4
19 - BOT meeting 1.10pm	16 - Floral day
26-27 - Senior production	17 - Ag day
28 - Grandparents day	19 - Carnival mufti day
28 - Last day of term 3	22 - Labour day
	24-26 Wananga
	31 - BOT meeting 1.10pm



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 Year 4's trip to the Adventure Forest during Activity week. Partial funding was also received for bus transport on the Year 5 Lonsdale camp and accommodation for the Year 6 camp. **Thank you Oxford Sports Trust, we very much appreciate your support of our school and children.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Portfolios

If you still have your child's portfolio, please complete the student reflection and parent comment sheet and return back to their classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents day is at school on Friday 28th September, the last day of Term 3. Invitations to grandparents will be sent out shortly. Could each student please bring either a stamped envelope addressed to their grandparents, or \$1.30 and the address of the grandparents they wish to attend. Surrogate grandparents are available, please register at the office.

If you are able to help on the day to set up, make cups of tea or coffee, or heat and serve food, please let Vic Wigram - waipuprimaryschoolpta@hotmail.com from the PTA know. Please look out for more communication about this event over the next couple of

weeks.

School Donations

Thank you to those who have paid their school donations. These donations are greatly appreciated and help cover expenses not covered by the operational grant the school receives.

Trips and Visits

Please return **named** permission slips to school promptly. We do not have the resources nor the time to call parents if slips aren't returned. Students are reminded by teachers frequently, but no return slip = no trip. If we do not get a slip back, your child will be required to join another class for the day/duration of the visit.

Floral Day - 16th October

The day before Agricultural Day is Floral Day. Children have most of the morning to create floral/craft displays. A schedule of items children can create will be sent home prior to the holidays so parents know what is expected. Parents are welcome to help children in the Junior Team on the day, and offer advice to those in the Senior Team. If you don't have many flowers at home, don't worry as there are always heaps that come in, and Waipu children are good at sharing. Baking is optional but could be a good holiday activity - pop the cookies in the freezer until the day.

Waipu Agricultural Day - 17th October

We hope you received your 'Pets at Ag day' entry form earlier this week. Please complete and return these forms by Friday 21st September to register your pet. Sometimes animals are exchanged, names are changed or sadly lost due to illness. Please let Donna know if circumstances have changed regarding your pet, lamb or goat. Please feel free to email a photo of competitors and their animals to your classroom teacher for displaying in the foyer.

Year 6 Father's Decorated Cakes for Ag Day

I have heard so much about the amazing cakes produced for the Year 6 Father's Decorated Cake Competition and am really looking forward to seeing this year's entries. The judges are already salivating so get planning now!
Happy baking
Jo

Police Vetting

Term four camps are coming up fast. Please get your police vetting forms in for processing as soon as possible if you are wanting to attend as parent help. Paperwork can be collected from Cindy at the office. As per our amended policy, the following individuals are exempt from undergoing a police vet:

1. Current serving police officers, on provision of their badge number
 2. Currently registered teachers, on provision of their registration number
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3. Currently registered nurses, on provision of their registration number
4. Current employees of Waipu Primary School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora whanau

Self-awareness involves deep personal honesty. It comes from asking and answering hard questions. – Stephen Covey

Self-awareness includes awareness of your mental realm, which encompasses your thoughts, feelings, energy, and emotions. – Deepak Chopra

Over the last fortnight I have been giving a lot of thought to supporting some of our students who have some issues with managing themselves in the classroom or in outside areas. When I think about managing *myself*, it leads me to think of the tools that I need in order to be able to do this, which led me to the realisation that managing self actually requires quite a high level of self awareness. Self awareness is being conscious of your own patterns and the reasons why you do things. As Stephen Covey says above, it requires focus and asking yourself (and responding honestly!) some hard questions. This is all very well (and actually quite difficult) for adults to do but what about our children? We have high expectations and expect our children to be self reflective and self aware but how do we support them to do this?

I had the pleasure of talking to my parents over the weekend and found myself discussing exactly this. I asked my mum how it was that my brothers and myself generally seem have the capacity for self reflection and for self awareness, and where did this come from? Her response was that we talked, we talked a lot – even when we did not want to talk particularly! My mum and dad put in time, energy and effort when, after long days at work, they possibly did not have vast amounts of energy available! But they did it, day in and day out. One way this was made easier were family meal times. These were non-negotiable (hard around the after school activities timetabling that was necessary with 4 kids), particularly on a Sunday. It was in this way that the art of conversation was developed and they were able to model some of the ways in which we could explore with each other and within ourselves some of the reasons as to why we behaved and thought as we did.

Thinking back, it was this that sparked in us the ability to be self-reflective (many 'why?' questions were asked!). My mum and dad did their best to model positive interactions with each other and to encourage us to talk things out rather than to use our fists. They also used these talents to talk to our friends – many of whom came to rely on them for the conversations and acquisition of life skills their parents were unable to provide. In turn, we have been able to use what was modelled for us in our later lives and, to differing degrees, have come to know ourselves very well. When I look at my brothers, I am proud of their ability to own and take responsibility for themselves, their ability to understand others, to walk a mile in someone else's shoes and to be empathetic and non-judgemental. It takes huge and ongoing effort to hold the space for your children, but the rewards that are

reaped through this effort are priceless and the impact on everyone (future spouses, children, colleagues, friendships and personal wellbeing) are endless.

So, to continue the theme from previous weeks, create spaces and times to talk to your children; make the family meal non-negotiable, set up opportunities to model positive interactions with others, demonstrate that you yourself reflect often, that you make mistakes (mis-takes), (which may then require making amends) and show your children that you treat others with empathy and respect. As my parents proved to me, much can be achieved through the art of conversation. As a positive spin-off, it was this early modelling that has enabled us (me and my brothers) to know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that we are loved and supported. We also know that if something awful were to happen to us, we possess the tools we need to help us to take stock of a situation and to move forward in a practical and positive manner. I watch with pride as I see my brothers passing this on to their children. These are the gifts of life - practice the art of conversation (especially accompanied by yummy, nutritious kai - thanks Mum!).

Have a wonderful week

Jo

WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Waipu Netball Trophy recipients from back left: Dionne May Kelly, Irie Garland, Ngatiira Mead, Emily Stuart, Marama Aperahama, Kyla Mansell.

Front left: Mila Widdup, Leila Fetelika, Kara Jacoby, Ella Fetelika, Ashley Campbell, Khalea Carson, Fiona Nash, Manea Raniera.

Netball Prizegiving 2018

Netball prizegiving was held a couple of weeks ago. It was a great afternoon of celebration with many certificates, prizes and trophies awarded.

A massive congratulations to our trophy winners for 2018:

Waipu Gold

Most Outstanding - Ashley Campbell

Most Improved - Irie Garland

Most Consistent - Ngatiira Mead

Sportsmanship - Dionne-Maye Kelly

Waipu Silver

Most Outstanding - Emily Stuart

Most Improved - Fiona Nash

Sportsmanship - Kyla Mansell

Waipu Bronze

Most Outstanding - Mila Widdup

Most Improved - Brooke Thompson

Waipu Butterflies

Most Outstanding - Kara Jacoby

Most Improved - Marama Aperahama

Waipu Ladybirds

Most Outstanding - Ella Fetelika

Most Improved - Leila Fetelika

Waipu Bumblebees

Most Outstanding - Khalea Carson

Most Improved - Manea Raniera

A huge thank you also to our wonderful coaches who did a fantastic job coaching all of our budding young netballers this season - Jo Heron, Megan Stuart, Fleur Clare, Kayla Stevens, Kylie Jacoby, Rachel Carroll, Johny Fetelika and Anna Green.

Interschool Zone Cross Country Results

Well done to our Zone Cross Country Team! The effort was outstanding and the smiles were visible everywhere! Waipu Primary achieved more placings than any other school in the competition. The team results were as follows:

8 year old girls team - 1st overall

9 year old girls team - 3rd overall

9 year old boys team - 1st overall

10-11 year old girls team - 1st overall

10-11 year old boys team - 2nd overall

Rugby League/Rippa Rugby Tournament

What an amazing day for Waipu Primary at the 2018 Rugby League/Rippa Rugby Tournament at OTP on Thursday 23rd August! The Rugby League section consisted of 8 schools from Whau Valley to Wellsford. Our Rugby League team just missed out on the final based on points difference but qualified **3rd** and have been invited to the **Best of the Best Tournament** in Kaikohe in September. Also, they finished as the top team in Bream Bay!

Our Rippa Rugby Team played their little hearts out, beating 4 other teams to **win** the whole competition! What fantastic results!

Northland Inter-Association Hockey Tournament

The following children were selected for the Northland Year 5 and 6 Inter-association Hockey Tournament held on Sunday 2nd September, at Kensington Park:

Tayla Ryland, Jamie Grace, Rosie Wigram, Ethan Carroll, Dan Limmer, George Trist, Ty Amsterdam and Alex Kite. This tournament hosts the best 40 girls and 40 boys in the greater Whangarei area.

The overall winning teams were:

Girls - Red team (including Tayla Ryland)

Boys - Dark Blue team (including George Trist, Ty Amsterdam and Alex Kite - this was the 2nd year in a row they have won this competition).

Daffodil Day

Many thanks to our school community for supporting this worthwhile appeal. You all managed to raise \$360.00 this year.

Disco Friday 14th September

Our next year 6 Disco is Friday 14th September, 5-7pm in the Northpine Hall. The theme is Famous People in History, \$2 entry.

PTA Movie Night

A huge thanks to all who came to support the PTA at the movie night last Friday. It was a wonderful evening and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you for the exceptional behaviour from everyone who attended.



Remember to buy your raffle tickets for our fabulous John Deere Tractor toy! 1=\$2 3=\$5
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Life Choices

Over the next 3 weeks, the children will be learning the story of Daniel.

The students are learning that making right choices is sometimes difficult, but is the best thing to do. They are learning to resist temptation, to be strong in body and spirit, and to stand up for what's right, even when it may be hard. We will discuss doing what is right even if our peers are trying to make fun of us and tell us we should be doing otherwise.

Learn 2 Surf Waipu Cove - After School Coaching Term 4

Our after school program runs every Wednesday and Friday in Term 4. It will run from **Wed 17th Oct and Fri 19th Oct (wk 1) until Wed 12th Dec and Fri 14th Dec (wk 9).**

We cater for all levels, and have small class sizes to ensure the highest safety and fun in the water. Students will learn about water safety, board safety, understanding and identifying potential hazards and of course learning how to stand up and ride the waves! Already surf? Great!! We will help you progress in your surfing and develop your skills and technique to get the most out of each surf session. We offer a wide range of boards to cater for all abilities and you can change boards as you progress. Using your own board is an option too.

We're all about having fun and being safe in the waves and look forward to you joining us beachside.

For more info and to book call 021 719 773 or email info@learn2surf.co.nz

Thank you....

A massive thank you to **Atlas Quarries** for kindly donating metal and **Hansen Drainage and Earthworks** for kindly delivering the metal for recent work needed within our school. Please support these local businesses who kindly support us.

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Wanted.....

- Artists or those experienced in using planning software, architects or builders - (anyone who can draw up plans!) who is able to produce professional looking, large scale plans/maps. We need to produce a very large plan of the school to use as a base for our vision map (and, if possible, an online version). This needs to be laminated (durable) and able to take stickers and white board pens being used on it. We would be really grateful for any support or ideas. Thank you from the school and clan leaders
 - A boat for our playground....does anyone have a small boat/dinghy they no longer want??
 - Lemons and ice cream containers with lids! 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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CONGRATULATIONS!

Principal's Special Awards

Congratulations to the following students for an excellent effort in demonstrating our Key Competency in week 4. (There was no assembly Week 3.) Our Key Competency was **Thinking**.

- Room 1** – Rosie Wigram, Kayden Hall
- Room 2** – Jade Robinson, Victoria Bailey-Jamieson
- Room 3** – Hunter Stevens, Ben Wigram
- Room 4** – Zainab Mazhar-Iqbal, Riley McKay
- Room 5** – Samara Hall, Nerissa Barton
- Room 6** – Lachlan Stuart, Liam Hansen
- Room 7** – Daniel Couper, Noah Britton
- Room 8** – Olive Jones, Khalea Carson
- Room 9** – Phoenix Lemon, Chloe Robertson
- Room 10** – Billie Sharpe, Eden Rodrigue
- Room 11** – Anabel Gammage, Kingson Mills
- Mrs Goodall** - Gohar Mazhar-Iqbal, Kate Brownlee
- Ms Brown** - Gabriella Uphof, Harlyn Abraham

Sport and Cultural Successes

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

Rugby (POD) - Luke Campbell (Most Improved Player)

Hockey (POD) - Jasper Sutherland Pullen, Nate Amsterdam, Harlyn Abraham, Drew Groombridge

Soccer (POD) - Elise Doherty, Ely Cotterill

Karate kid of the week - Carter Hughes, Lucia Mitchell

Swimming - Ethan Carroll 2 x Bronzes (Kawakawa Swim Carnival)

Clan Of The Week

Congratulations to our winning clan **Sutherland** in week 5 and **Ross** in week 6.

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 **Ben Wigram** in Week 5 and to **Ollie Buckle** in Week 6. Congratulations, you are both wonderful role models and thank you for your superb attitude towards others.

UPDATES

Enviro News

This Friday, our Banksia tree is being pruned. This is quite a big project and the area will be out of bounds, however the arborist is happy to talk to an interested group of students during one of the break times. Our Great White Sharks programme in Term 4 will have a focus on conservation, so we are currently looking out for active and keen conservationists and a group of students who think outside the box. We will also be looking to start a conservation group next term who will have a focus on community projects in our local area. We are excited by some of the projects in the pipeline and more information will follow.

Bus Leaders Brief

All students (and a parent/caregiver) that use the bus are required to sign a copy of the bus rules. This is to show that both have read and understood the rules. Please make sure your child returns the form to the school office by Friday 14th September.

Communities of Learning

As we continue to work on our achievement challenges, I would like to say how much I am enjoying working with such a wonderful group of early childhood education (ECE) providers and our sibling primary schools and high school. We provide a quality education in this area and there are huge benefits for our students and staff from forging such close relationships.

Property

You will see that the painting continues. The parts that have been completed look great and the school is beginning to look refreshed. Please continue to be careful on our driveway. It is in a terrible state of disrepair. We are looking to address this over the next few years but, until we are able to receive our next round of property funding from the MoE, we are unable to completely remediate this area. We apologise for all inconvenience during this time and will do our best to keep it patched in the meantime.

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.

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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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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