

13th December 2018

Number 20

A HUGE Waipu welcome to our new student Layla Hansen and her family.

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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

| December 2018 | January 2019 |
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| 13 - Prizegiving 5.30pm | 31 - Teacher only day |
| 14 - Last day of term 4 - 12pm finish (buses running) | February 2019 |
| 14 - Class placements for 2019 released to students | 1 - Teacher only day |
| 24 – Waipu Primary School Christmas float in the Waipu Christmas parade | 4 - First day of term 1 |
| | 6 - Waitangi Day |

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

Prizegiving 5.30pm Thursday 13th December
See you all at prizegiving later this afternoon at 5.30pm.
Kapa Haka children to meet at school at 4.45pm please.

Thank you and farewell

A massive thank you to three wonderful staff members who are leaving us at the end of this year;

Mrs Kylie Farr; Kylie has won a position at Mangawhai Beach School in 2019. Her family calls and she is moving closer to home. We would like to thank Kylie for her superb work this year and are very sorry to see her go. Mangawhai's gain is our loss. We wish you all the best Kylie, they are lucky to have you and you are welcome back here anytime.

Mrs Grace Binks; Grace stepped in at the start of Term 3 when Room 4's previous teacher left to go and teach overseas. Grace has been a superstar and the students and staff have loved having her back full time. We hope she will continue to relieve for us in 2019 but we understand she is keen for a very well earned break right now. Thank you Grace.

Mrs Kelly-Anne Udjur; Kelly-Anne is pregnant with her third child, who is expected at the start of next year. Kelly-Anne will be on maternity leave for the first three terms of 2019 and we hope to see her back with us in Term 4. All the best Kelly-Anne, we wish for a smooth delivery and a very happy time with your family and the new arrival.

Lost Property

The lost property will be spread out under the shelter all Thursday (before school through to the end of the prizegiving assembly) and also Friday morning.

Alex Murrie visiting

Mr Alex Murrie, our new teacher will be visiting tomorrow, Friday 14th December, for our "meet your new teacher" morning.

Last day of term - school finishes 12pm

The last day of term 4 is tomorrow Friday 14th December. School finishes at 12pm and buses will run at this earlier time. Your child will bring a note home with their class placement and stationery requirements for 2019. OSCAR will **not** be operating after school tomorrow.

Christmas Float

We will be putting a float in to the 2018 Waipu Xmas Parade again this year, based on the senior production of 'Hoodwinked'. Any child can be on this float, Senior or Junior. There are 'Hoodwinked' costumes in the workshop that you are most welcome to borrow. They must come back to school in the first week of school in 2019. We will assemble for the parade at Northpine at 6:30pm at the latest. The parade will start at 7:00pm. If you are available to be in the float please contact the office or Mrs Goodall.

Back to School Stationery

Your child will be bringing home the Office Max 'Back to School' stationery flyer this week. Office Max will

have our stationery lists available online at myschool.co.nz from 14th December, with an “early bird promotion”. Order online in December and:

- choose when you pay and when to receive your order
- receive a free magnetic family organiser

Please make it a priority to get your stationery early. If you cannot order online, please go into OfficeMax as they will have suitable packs available for each class. (Don't forget your own bag as Office Max are gearing towards being plastic free.) Our teachers like all children to have the same, correct stationery. Please try not to leave it to the last minute as you may struggle to get the correct stationery in store.

All children, (apart from **some** children in Room 6 and 7), will be bringing home their 2018 school books. Please look through this year's stationery as there will be items they can reuse next year, eg. scissors, sketching pencils etc. If a book is less than half used, teachers are happy for them to be used again next year.

Some items on your child's list will need to be purchased at school. These will be available from the school office.

Please make sure your child is well prepared for the first day of school next year with the correct stationery.

Thank you...

- to Samara Hall for organising the collection and drop off of our pet food donations to the SPCA.
- to Tony Ward for kindly donating a free-standing basketball hoop with backboard to our school. We are sure this will get loads of use.
- to the Bream Bay Bus Network for providing our staff morning tea this week. It was lovely to celebrate a year of hard work and we very much appreciated it.

Ideas for Carnival proceeds

We would very much like to thank the PTA for all of the amazing equipment and resources they have funded this year for our students, from netball goals to Kapa Haka uniforms, playhouses to the scooter track, we are very lucky to have a group of people co-ordinating such wonderful support from our community. We have put forward some ideas for support in 2019 and we would like to use the money fundraised through the Carnival to resource the STEAM programme (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) that we are developing, along with our CoL schools, in 2019.

Swimming Pool

A variety of people will be camping in the school grounds during the holiday period and using the school pool. Please share the space and be the awesome 'Waipu Way' students that we know you are!

OSCAR payments

All outstanding OSCAR fees should have been paid up by now. If you have not paid your fees, please contact Cindy as soon as possible to settle this bill. Thank you.

2019 Term dates

The 2019 Term dates are as follows:

Term 1: 4 February - 12 April
Term 2: 29 April - 5 July
Term 3: 22 July - 27 September
Term 4: 14 October - 19 December

School Triathlon

Thank you Julie, Beth and Kylie for organising the school triathlon this year. It was a great success and will be back again next year.

ICAS (international competitions and assessments for schools) testing

It has been decided we will be offering ICAS tests to our older students in September 2019. More information will follow next year.

Secondhand uniforms

If your child is moving on to another school in 2019, we would love you to consider us for your old school uniform. We are always looking for good quality second hand uniforms to use at school for a change of clothes or for those who find it difficult to afford new clothing or are growing rapidly. If you would like to give your uniform away at the end of this year or the start of next year, please hand it in to the office.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora whanau

Well, I can't quite believe this is the last newsletter of the year, the year seems to have flown by and yet so much has happened in the three terms that I have been at Waipu Primary School!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for the way that you have all welcomed me into your community. It has been wonderful getting to know your children, to spend time (not quite enough for my liking!) in their classrooms and outside - in the playground and on camps and trips - and to find out what makes them tick, what they dream of and to experience a little of the way that they see the world. It is a genuine privilege to be in their world and I thank you for sharing them with me.

I would also like to thank the wonderful staff at this school. This includes everyone from the teachers, to learning support staff, the incredibly supportive Board of Trustees and PTA (and Carnival committee), our caretakers, our cleaner, the OSCAR staff and last, but most certainly not least, the frankly amazing office staff; the ladies that meet everyone with a smile. From everyone, the friendly smiles, the willingness to give me a go after such an experienced a principal as Paul Ramsay, and the straight, open, honest communication and teamwork is really appreciated. I very, very much look forward to working with you all in 2019.

Thanks also must go to the other schools in our Community of Learning, particularly our sister primary schools of Ruakaka and One Tree Point. Also to the local businesses and sponsors who have supported Waipu Primary School either through financial grants or by providing for and working directly with our

students.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the parents and caregivers of these wonderful kids. You have been fantastic. You have openly shared your worries with me, looked out for the best interests of your children, trusted me, shared ideas and helpful contacts with me, and have actively participated in school life, events and trips. Thank you for being so supportive, for trusting us with your children and for your valuable input. I know for some of you this is the end of an era as your youngest child leaves Waipu Primary. Thank you for all of your input and involvement. We have been very, very lucky to have you with us and wish you and your families all the best for the future. Know that you will be missed.

To our Year 6 leavers; what can I say? You are a completely awesome group of individuals. All unique and, as a body, one of those rare year groups who are kind, compassionate to each other, show empathy, understanding and maturity and are a pleasure to be around. I truly wish we could keep you all but I know we can't. I know I speak for us all here when I wish you all the best for next year and your futures. I know (particularly given the track record of past Waipu students) that we will see great things from you. *(Please come and see me before you leave so that you can give me your autograph so that I can become rich when you become famous ;-))*

To all of you; I hope you have a very happy festive season and a wonderful, restful and adventure packed summer. Whether it consists of major trips or hanging by our school pool and local beaches, have fun and stay safe and see (most) of you in 2019.

Jo

WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

2018 School Triathlon

Top: Room 11 celebrating after they survived the triathlon.

Bottom left: Arlo Mitchell, Chase McFarland, Lara Nops and Ethan Pether finish their bike ride and head into the run for the finish line.

Bottom right: Dredyn Abraham Marsh holds off Joseph Patterson Devine and Jamie Greatorex in the run.

BITS 'N' BOBS

J9 DANCE FITNESS

Mum's give ZUMBA a try, summer is here, feel healthier, fitter and energised!!
ONLY \$6.00 PER CLASS

MON - Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall, 8.30-9.30AM

TUES & THURS - Waipu Coronation Hall, 5.30-6.30PM

Come along meet new ladies, have fun dancing to party music!! Janine Jones 021 437 840

Dembones Fitness & Boxing

ARE YOU WANTING TO BE FIT?

Come and see us at the NORTHPINE HALL at WAIPU PRIMARY on:

Mondays (6pm - 7pm)

Wednesdays (6pm - 7pm)

Thursdays (6pm - 7pm)

Saturdays (7:00am – 8:00am)_

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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 7 (there was no assembly in week 8). Our Key Competency was **Participating and Contributing**

Room 1 – Alex Kite

Room 2 – Lucas Ulrich

Room 3 – Ashley Campbell

Room 4 – Amani Kaipo

Room 5 – Sophie Wheeler

Room 6 – Violette Clare

Room 7 – Leila Fetelika

Room 8 – Eliza McGlone

Room 9 – Chloe Robertson

Room 10 – Ella Fetelika

Room 11 – Amy Fraser

Mrs Goodall - Xaria Bird

Principal Awards for being awesome 2018 Classroom Helpers - Rosie Wigram, Tayla Ryland, Pippi Panui Park, Leila Fetelika, Jade Robinson, Dan Limmer, Kara Jacoby, Tennessee Brewer, Jaime Grace.

Sport and Cultural Successes

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

Pulse Dance Studio Prizegiving - Nia Owen- Most Promising Dancer 2018, Ava Mewett- Junior Performer of the Year

Clan Of The Week

Congratulations to our winning clan **Inverness** in week 7.

Waipu Four Square Classroom Award

The winning class for this month's Waipu Four Square morning tea goes to **Room 11** for awesome behaviour and role modelling for others. Well done!

UPDATES

Leaders Update

There are no leadership updates this week other than we regretfully say goodbye to our completely amazing Year 6 leaders. Your contributions of enthusiasm, support of our school and awesome ideas has been wonderful and you will be very much missed. We are looking forward to appointing a new group of school and clan leaders in 2019.

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. Please complete the paperwork provided by the office staff to record your issue/complaint.

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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