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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

March 2019	April 2019
22 - Ladies movie night - Northpine Hall - 6.30pm	1-3 - R10 & R11 camp
29 - Carnival mufti day (refer below for item to bring)	1 - PTA meeting
29 - Triathlon	5 - Gumboot Friday
	9 - BOT meeting
	9 - Deano from Yipadee show
	10 - Clan mufti day
	10 - Avondale College music tour - 11.15a
	12 - Last day of Term 1
	29 - First day of Term 2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A message from the Northland Public Health Unit

With 28 cases of measles in Canterbury, and two new cases in Auckland, now is the perfect time to make sure your child is up to date with their immunisations against measles.

Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for maximum protection. If you are not sure if your child is fully immunised, check in your Well Child book, or talk to the Practice Nurse at your usual General Practice.

If your child is unimmunised, or has received only one dose of MMR, they are at higher risk of contracting measles.

Unimmunised children who are even only exposed to measles could face up to two weeks off school while they wait to see if measles develops, causing enormous disruption in families.

Those who actually contract measles fare worse, as measles is a very unpleasant illness.

Make sure your child has had two MMRs. We suspect cases in Northland soon, so please don't delay.

You can find more information on our website – www.northlanddhb.org.nz

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

Carnival Mufti Day - Friday, 29th March

This is a carnival ingredient mufti day. The 4 Square have been notified of what ingredients will be required and they will be getting extra stock in.

Please refer to the following list for the ingredient each class is to bring should your child wear mufti:

Room	Ingredients	Room	Ingredients
1	Highlander condensed milk	8	Highlander condensed milk
2	Brown Sugar	9	Girls - Golden syrup
3	Highlander condensed milk	9	Boys - Natural, plain, skins removed peanuts
4	Girls - White Chocolate Buttons	10	Girls - White sugar
4	Boys - Highlander condensed milk	10	Boys - Desiccated coconut
6	Marshmallows	11	Girls - White chocolate buttons
7	Icing sugar	11	Boys - Dark chocolate buttons

Thanks a lot,
From the sweet stall ladies.

School Triathlon - Volunteers needed

Our whole School Triathlon Day will take place on Friday, 29th March. The day is 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 desperately need volunteers to help on the day, to support children to follow the course. Please complete the return slip at the bottom of the notice sent home last week and send back to your child's teacher if you are able to help.

8.45am - Event start

All classes will assemble in the school hall where the event will be introduced. Classes will have their usual class programme running when they are not taking part, and/or supporting other classes.

9am - 10.30am - (Rooms 1,2,3,4 & 11)

Room 1 girls, boys

Room 2 girls, boys

Room 3 girls, boys

Room 4 girls, boys

Room 11 girls, boys

10.30am - 11.10am - Play & Morning Tea

11.10am (approx) - (Rooms 10,9,8,7,& 6)

Room 10 girls, boys

Room 9 girls, boys

Room 8 girls, boys

Room 7 girls, boys

Room 6 girls, boys

12.15pm (approx.) -Triathlon finished

Swimming Pool Closes Friday 29th March

Swimming will finish on Friday 29th March, and the pool will be closed for swimming from the end of the day. Please return your pool keys to the Office before the last day of term 2, Friday 12th April, to qualify for a \$10 refund. This year reimbursements will be made via internet banking, so please bring your bank details along with you.

Gumboot Friday - 5th April

On Friday 5th April we will be having Gumboot Friday. Gumboots are usually reserved for wet and muddy grounds, but we will be wearing them to raise money to help provide free counselling to any kid in need and to raise awareness of depression. For many, having depression is like walking through mud every day so people around the country are being called on to wear gumboots to work or school and donate money through I Am Hope - the youth arm of comedian and mental health campaigner Mike King's Key to Life Trust.

Walk in their shoes for a day: put on your gumboots, give a gold coin and help towards the cause.

In Whangarei, locals are also invited to go a step further and walk the Hatea Loop wearing gumboots. The walk will start at Canopy Bridge at 6pm. For more information on Gumboot Friday, including how to make a donation visit www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday

Thank You From Room 6, 7, 8 and 9

Many thanks to all the parents/caregivers who assisted with our Junior School trip around the waterways of Waipu and our overnight camp at school. Many people helped in a wide variety of ways – preparing art materials prior to camp, transporting and supervising children, buying groceries and organising the food, lending horses, assisting with horse riding, picking up and returning the “ash” makers, donating and delivering firewood, digging ash pits, making ash for damper and sausage cooking, making damper, water safety at the pool, lending life jackets, lending a dinghy, setting out and assisting with the torch walk, taking singing while the torch walks happened, preparing food, doing dishes, disposing of rubbish, packing up and returning tables and barbeques, assisting with art activities etc. Your assistance is very much appreciated – without you such valuable learning experiences for your children would not be possible. It was also wonderful to see so many families and relatives at our camp BBQ dinner interacting with each other. We have one blue and white cookie tin which came with home cooking in it and a small green plastic bowl - please see Debra in Room 8 if they are yours.

Thank you for making our Junior Camp so successful

Debra Van Den Bergen, Nancy Butler, Linda Kramer, Julie Levell and Beth McKay.

Student User Agreement

Has your child returned their signed Student User Agreement for using devices at Waipu Primary School? These were due back last Friday 15th March. Students will NOT be able to use any school device (iPad, Chrome book or laptop) until they do so.

Picking Students Up and Friday Assemblies

Far too many students are being picked up from school during the afternoon. School finishes at 2.30 pm and wherever possible appointments and after school activities such as music and swimming etc. should be scheduled for after school hours. It is very disruptive for the class teacher to have students leaving part way through their lessons and it is not easy on your child to have to leave an activity unfinished.

Only under exceptional circumstances will your child be released early from class. In this instance, parents/caregivers must report to the office and sign their child out. The office staff will then phone the classroom and your children will meet you at the office. This is the least disruptive process and ensures we are meeting our health and safety obligations.

On Friday our assembly was like Paddington Station. Students were coming and going. Parents who came back from camp sent siblings in to get their other children. All of these interruptions disrupted our assembly and unsettled our students. As assembly is only held once a week, NO students can leave during assembly. If you do have to take your child early on a Friday please arrange to pick them up at lunchtime or wait until the end of assembly. Thank you for your understanding.

Police Vet Forms

It is too late now to process Police Vet Forms for Term 1 camps but they will still be accepted for future trips and Y6 end of year camp. As you will be aware, all parent and caregiver volunteers are required to be police vetted. This applies to all attending and supporting on camps, overnight visits, day trips, sports trips and regular in school support (for example, Reading Angels, in-class support, gardening groups etc). Please ask if you are unsure. The rule of thumb (currently) is that anyone who supports our students and may not be in the direct vicinity of a teacher, should be police vetted.

Police vet forms are available online <http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/businesses-and-organisations/vetting/forms-and-guides> or from the school office. Please refer to the website above for the appropriate forms of ID to bring with your completed form.

Ice Block Friday

Every Friday, at lunchtime, children can bring \$2 to buy an ice-block at lunchtime. We will be running this offer over the summer months in terms 1 and terms 4 this year. These will be sent to the classrooms when the students are released to play at 12.30pm.

Discounted Tickets for Carnival

Get in early, beat the crowds and save money on our discounted Carnival tickets, 11 tickets for \$10 or 22 tickets for \$20. On sale from the school office from Friday, 29th March (school triathlon day), eftpos available. Normal price tickets will also be available from the Waipu Boutique Market on Sunday, 14th April.

Carnival Crew's request for help

Many thanks to those people who have responded to the Carnival Crew's request for help. It is not too late to offer to help on, before or after the Carnival. Please click on the button below.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Beeswax Wraps

Our school beeswax wraps project has begun! Children have been busy bees in the workshop over the past few weeks getting the packs ready to sell at the upcoming school carnival. The special Waipu fabric was designed using artwork by the children and the aim is to reduce single-use plastics in school lunchboxes and in our wider community. A massive thank you to all the parent helpers who have volunteered their time. It is so appreciated. And of course the children for being so enthusiastic about making a real difference! Watch this space for more information closer to the carnival.

Pictured below from left to right: Ava Cullen, Aiden Van Veen, Harper Scrymgeour and Saskia Martin spoon hot beeswax over their fantastic designs.





Library Corner

Our librarians are doing a fabulous job at looking after the shelves and some are learning about 'weeding' the older less popular books. They are going to be given shelves to look after so keep an eye out for new displays coming soon.

Please remember you can access the library from the link on the school webpage, ask the class teacher for the password and username your child has. Also if your child has an overdue book please get it back to school so someone else can read it.

Don't forget the library is open from 8.30am til 2.30pm during school times and there is someone to help most days.

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora whanau

One of the things I have noticed since I took on the role of Acting Principal at Waipu Primary School is the huge number of volunteers that help at our school. Many people do a wide range of voluntary jobs, some of which go unnoticed. On Sunday when I came to school there were a group of parents at school sorting the PTA container and the PTA shed. Some of the things I have seen parents/caregivers/community volunteers doing are: hearing students read, putting reading books away, helping with our school bees, helping make honey wraps, helping in the classrooms, taking Life Choices, helping at swimming sports, transporting students to Interschool Swimming, cooking sausages at Meet the Teacher Evening, transporting students and helping at school camps, attending PTA meetings, coordinating the second hand uniform sales, planning and organising the Waipu Carnival, attending BoT meetings and carrying out their BoT roles. We are very grateful to all parents/caregivers/community volunteers who help our school - our school could not survive or it would not be the wonderful school that it is without your voluntary work.

There is plenty of research to say the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family and your community. Volunteering and helping others can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in even simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness. The benefits of volunteering are:

- volunteering connects you to others
- volunteering is good for your mind and body
- volunteering can advance your career
- volunteering brings fun and fulfilment to your life

A lot of volunteers (approximately 300) are needed to run the Waipu Carnival - Waipu Primary School's main fundraiser. Please consider how you can help - help is needed before the carnival, on the carnival day and after the carnival. There are a lot of different ways you can help – PLEASE contact the Carnival Crew and offer to help. This year the carnival profits are being spent on resources for your children for STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. The more help the Carnival Crew get, the more money they will make and the more STEAM resources will be able to be bought for your children to use.

Nga mihi
Glenice Andrews

CONGRATULATIONS!

Principal's Special Awards

Congratulations to the following students for an excellent effort in demonstrating our Key Competency in week 5 and week 6. Our Key Competency was **Participating and Contributing**.

Room 1 – *Hannah Lines, Nate Amsterdam*

Room 2 – *Aidan Westlake, Quinn McClelland*

Room 3 – *Lauren Papworth, Max Kelly*

Room 4 – *Kingston Mills, -----*

Room 6 – *----- Pippa Hilton-Jones*

Room 7 – *----- Rosealie Mackay*

Room 8 – *----- Liam Hansen*

Room 9 – *----- Eliza McGlone*

Room 10 – *Khalea Carson, Ash Macdonald*

Room 11 – *Chelsea Stuart, Chloe Robertson*

Mrs Goodall - *----- Kate Brownlee*

Clan Of The Week

Congratulations to our winning clans **Inverness** in week 5 and **Sutherland** in week 6.

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.**

WAIPU PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Room 1 Camp

This year the seniors travelled to the Pakiri Beach Holiday Park for their summer camps. There were all sorts of wonderful activities available including snorkelling at Goat Island, a visit to the reptile park, a scavenger hunt and a bio diversity treasure hunt, along with some great learning around Ocean Life.



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328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie - Phone: 09-459-1930

Piano/Keyboard Lessons 2019

For those of you keen to start, or continue lessons this year, I will be coming in to school again on Tuesdays. All enquiries welcome. My contact numbers are 4320680, or 021 0343557. All the best, Janeen Soderling.

J9 ZUMBA FITNESS

Mum's give ZUMBA a try, summer is here, feel healthier, fitter and energised!!

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If you want to advertise any events/items in the newsletter, please email Glenice Andrews - glenice@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/multi 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 the school office, great for plants.

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

USEFUL CONTACTS

Buses

Any bus issues should be reported to Jordan McDonald either directly (jordan@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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