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We hope you have a great Christmas, enjoyable New Year and a fantastic holiday. See you back at school on 3rd February 2021.



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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

December 2020	February 2021
11 - Y6 Leavers Party - 9.45am	2 - Teacher only day
11 - Farewell Assembly - 1.15pm	3 - First day of school - 8.30am start
14 - Prizegiving - 6.30pm Northpine Hall	8 - Waitangi day - Mondayised
15 - Last Day of School - 2.30pm finish	9 - Powhiri for new families 10am
	24-26 - R1 camp
January 2020	March 2021
29 - Teacher only day	3-5 - Rm 10 & 11 Camp
	8-10 - R2 camp
	10-12 - R5 camp
	15-17 - R4 camp
	17-19 - R3 camp
	25-26 - R6, 7, 8 & 9 overnight camp

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,

Here we are at our final newsletter for the year. We're gradually ticking off the many events that were planned, as we wend our way to the end of the term.

Of course, two events are still upcoming – the farewell to our departing teachers and our annual Prizegiving.

The farewell assembly for Beth McKay, Nancy Butler and Anne Green is on Friday at 1.15 p.m. in Northpine Hall and we'd love you to join with us as we celebrate the valued contribution that they have made to the school and to set them off on their new path.

I can also announce the names of the new teachers who have been employed to fill the very large gap that they will leave.

Emma Gutmann will be in Room 9 with a Year 2/3 class.

Tara Uiese -will be in Room 10 with a Year 2/3 class.

Kirstyn Hoddle and Maree Smith will be job sharing in Room 3 with a Year 4/5 class.

The Board of Trustees has also agreed to fund an extra teacher next year to take the pressure off the class sizes and this position will be filled by Kellie Stevenson-Border who will be in Room 4 with 4/5 class.

And of course, Linda Kramer will be full time this year in Room 7 with the new entrants. You will be able to find out which class your child is in for 2021, when we hand out the reports tomorrow.

Staff have done an amazing job thinking about the most appropriate class for your child/ren in 2021. We consider many factors when making the decision and we have managed to accommodate most of your requests for those who made them, but this is not always possible so please be understanding of this.

I would like to wish everybody a very happy Christmas and a joyful new year. I hope you manage to either get out and about around our lovely country or stay home and enjoy our glorious beaches.

Take care

Nga mihi nui

Julie

CONGRATULATIONS!

Principals Awards

Congratulations to the following junior students who received Principal Awards in week 8.

Mason Bell, Clara Chaves, Tyler Lunjevich, Lucy Hoddle, Luke McInnes, Kensi Hansen

PB4L Values Certificates

Congratulations to the following students for an excellent effort in demonstrating our PB4L value **Respect** in weeks **5, 6 & 7**.

Violette Clare, Alice Sparkles, Konrad Gillard, Max McLennan, Mackenzie Wheeler, Evie McDonald, Ella Fetelika, Billie Sharpe, Isabella Knights, Olive Townshend, Dylan Cook, Charlie Comery, Kahu Kingi Kite, Marlie Abraham, Evelyn Boult, Jet Griffiths, Eva Cullen, Eliza McGlone, Abby Whyte, Sean Brookes, Amelia Wrage, Heath Camson, Ashley Ward, Caleb Spring, Braxton Ewers.

We look forward to continuing to look for children who are displaying our values this term and you never know what special treat may be on offer at our last assembly.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2020 Term Dates

The 2020 Term dates are as follows:

Term 1: 3 February - 9 April

Term 2: 28 April - 3 July

Term 3: 20 July - 25 September

Term 4: 12 October - 15 December

2021 Term Dates

The 2021 Term dates are as follows:

Term 1: 3 February - 16 April

Term 2: 3 May - 9 July

Term 3: 26 July - 1 October

Term 4: 18 October - TBC

Prizegiving - Monday 14th December

Prizegiving is at school on Monday 14th December starting at 6.30pm sharp in the Northpine Hall. Children are to wear uniforms please.

OSCAR - Last Day Monday 14th December

The last day of OSCAR (After School Care) is Monday 14th December. Could you please make alternative arrangements if your child is usually in OSCAR on a Tuesday and inform the office of their change.

Last Day Of School - Tuesday 15th December

Our last day of school is Tuesday 15th December and school will finish at the normal time of 2.30pm. Buses will run as normal.

School Photos

If you have any questions regarding school photo orders please phone Photolife on 0800 501 040 or (09) 262 1040

Are You Our Next Book Fairy?

We have had a wonderful book fairy in our midst this past year, Justine Botha, a parent of our school community. She kindly calls into school on a day that suits her schedule and magically puts our school readers back onto the shelf they belong. Unfortunately for us, Justine has secured another role which means she will not be in a position to continue the book fairy work from February 2021. She has thoroughly enjoyed this voluntary work and would love to give training to the next person. Would you like to be the next book fairy? If so, please contact Donna or Mel in the office.

Scholastic Book Orders

The last order for scholastic lucky books will be distributed at the end of this week. Any gifts will be held at the office for parents/caregivers to collect.

School Library Now Closed

The library at school is now closed for the year. Please ask your child to return books to the blue box which is in the library foyer. If you have a lost book, please pay \$15 per book to the office. If you think you have returned a book and it is still saying lost, please feel free to come and have a look on the library shelves.

I know this year has been difficult and most can't get away for a break but remember there are lots of holidays within the pages of a book!

Compulsory School Uniform Hat - Term 1 2021

It is **compulsory** for all children to wear a hat at morning tea and lunch times, during the warmer months of Term 1 and Term 4. Full brimmed school hats are now available as part of our school uniform online [click here](#) or at The Warehouse (Whangarei) for \$20 each. Term 4 will be an introductory for these and in **Term 1 2021 they will become compulsory for Years 1-5**. Year 6 students will still need a full brimmed hat but the Schooltex hat will not be compulsory for them.

If students do not have a hat they will be required to play under the shade shelter.

Please also put sunscreen on your child before they come to school. Sunscreen is available in classrooms if needed throughout the day.

Police Vetting Forms for Next Year's Camps

Do you want to go on camp with your child early next year? Term one is camp term, and we need all parents to have passed a police vet before attending. Forms are available from the office, two sets of photo ID must be provided, sighted and copied by Cindy in the office and a payment of \$9.77 made. Police Vets take from 4-6 weeks to be approved so please be prepared, file your police vet with us as soon as possible!

Pool Keys

Last day for pool key sales is tomorrow Friday 11th December. Due to the high number of keys not being returned, the initial cost of keys this year has increased to \$90 each but the refund when keys are returned has also increased to \$20 (if returned before the end of Term 1, 2021). Please call into the school office to sign the pool rule agreement and to collect your key.

Board of Trustee Elections

The successful applicants will be announced at prizegiving on Monday evening.

Easter Carnival 2021 - It's officially on!

In light of the awesome response we had to our request for parents to fill key roles for next year's Carnival, we are now in a position where we can confidently go ahead with this important fundraising event. Lock Saturday, April 3rd into your diaries!

We'll be making a few changes next year, but it will still be the same fun and successful event for the school, the wider community and all our wonderful volunteers who help out on the day.

We have two requests:

1. Please start thinking about how you would like to be involved on the day. The Carnival relies on help from parents and the community.
2. If you are planning a clear out at home over the holidays, please consider donating any saleable items that are in good condition to the Carnival White Elephant stall. We'll be organising a drop off day in the New Year (details to come).

The PTA wishes you a safe and happy Christmas and holiday period with your family and loved ones.

Stationery - Back to School Orders

We've teamed up with OfficeMax again to make getting school ready faster! Your child's class list will be available from tomorrow 11th December on the OfficeMax MySchool website – [click here](#).

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go for the start of Term 1. Don't wait until mid-January when the 'team of 5 million' get home from holiday - order early and avoid the back to school rush.

This year OfficeMax have introduced Laybuy*, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free instalments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card.

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Senior Production - The Fortune Teller's Tale

Many thanks to our school community for coming along to support our senior school's performance 'The Fortune Teller's Tale'. We appreciate your support. It was wonderful to see our student's personalities coming through on stage. Our most sincere thanks to Neil Troost for organising the stage, parents for help with props and Penny for all her hard work and extra hours put in this past week. You are a true legend Penny. Please see below for a few shots of the show.



Pre-Christmas/January School Holiday Programme

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Bagpipe and Drum Lessons

are available with members of the Waipu Pipeband.

Please contact Margo Finlayson to sign up or find out more about it.

Phone 0274343603

Piano/Keyboard Lessons 2020

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.

Circool Circus

Friday classes, Coronation Hall, Waipu Primary students 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Secondary students 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Enquiries Achmed 02102777294

REGULAR UPDATES

Newsletter Content

If you want to advertise any events/items in the newsletter, please email Julie Turner at principal@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). Please refer to the accounts below for Internet banking, bearing in mind there are different accounts for different payments.

Waipu Primary School BOT: 12-3099-0833144-00 (Fees, donations, camps, trips, chocolate fundraiser, scholastic books, **NO OSCAR payments please**)

Waipu Primary School OSCAR: 12-3099-0833144-01 (**OSCAR payments ONLY please**)

Waipu Primary School PTA: 12-3115-0143849-00 (Second hand uniforms and calendar money)

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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