April 14  Number 6

Maria tries out a bunny hop

This week's featured advertisers

Beach front camping & cabins
NEW trampolines, 2 well equipped children’s playgrounds, great fishing and diving on your doorstep, access to boat ramp (4WD required), BBQ’s, beach front location.

www.campwaipucove.com
Tel: 09 4320410
info@campwaipucove.com

WAIPU MEDICAL CENTRE
8:30am – 4:30pm Monday - Friday
Ph: (09) 432 1190

- FREE GP visits for registered patients under 13yrs.
- Priority visits for children.
- All welcome.

A BIKE TRACK FOR WAIPU PRIMARY

Our bike track is ready to use after a week’s work by contractors and volunteers. The pictures above show progress over the week.

Left: Bruce Mann starts the excavation work. This involved digging out a 2m wide by 100mm trench the full length of the track. The earth was piled on the mounds and will make them a bit higher once grass covers them.

Middle left: Part of the excavation and earth piled on mounds.

Middle right: One of our volunteer workers Grant Lewis using a vibrating roller to compound the lime rock that makes up the track.

Right: Former student Aaron MacAulay and his bobcat helped level the track out. Aaron donated all of his time and machinery. Thanks you very much Aaron. His father Greg keeps an eye on his work and helps rake out the lime. In the background you can see Ali McKay heading for another load of lime on his tractor.

Many thanks to those who have given up their time or donated materials/machinery to help out with this project. Read more in the newsletter.

LAWSON CARTAGE
SITE-EARTHWORKS-TOPSOIL-SHAVINGS AND CHIP
Ph/Fax 094328418 or 021 768 940
Tip Trucks & trailer, Hiab, 12 & 20 ton Diggers, Grader, Skiddy 3.5 ton Roller

Weekly after school coaching
learn2surf.co.nz
021 443 224 info@learn2surf.co.nz
The first term has disappeared rather quickly with a flurry of activities that included swimming, swimming sports, Rippa Rugby, school camps, soccer skills, swimming demonstrations, the Carnival and the Pukapuka Party. It is now time for a two week break to build up the reserves of teachers, students and parents ready to tackle the next term.

Try to spend a bit of time with your children doing some fun, free things. Go to the beach, go fishing, visit the town library, play games outside, come down and try out the new bike track, go for a walk. I am sure you can think of more.

The bike track is taking shape and is pretty much ready to use. We won’t be able to use it as part of our school programme for some time yet. Firstly a method of storing the bikes has to be sorted. Bike Northland have 50 bikes and helmets for all students but we have nowhere to put them. This will take a bit of time depending on the storage option chosen. If it is a permanent building it will have to have a permit and Ministry of Education approval. All this takes time.

Secondly staff have to be trained by Bike Northland. This can’t happen until near the end of Term 2 as Bike Northland staff are busy with other schools. We need the bikes too!

In the meantime we will allow students who bike to school the opportunity to use it during break times provided they do so in a sensible way. Of course people are welcome to use the track in the weekends and after 5.30pm on school days. Remember it is for practicing cycling skills and is not a race track. You should cycle anticlockwise at all times.

PTA MEETING
One of the best attended PTA meetings for a long time was held last week. New chair Victoria Wigram outlined her vision for the PTA and improving the PTA image. The bike track progress was reported and a building plan will be put forward at the next meeting. A positive discussion going. Minutes will be emailed to all parents who are able to contact Victoria at any time.

Reports were given on the Carnival, plaques for some playground items and the bike track. People are asked to give feedback on the carnival to waipucarnival@gmail.com. It was interesting to learn that 17 teachers, 62 parents and 27 children helped out as well as 61 volunteers from outside the school and 56 College volunteers. The Carnival Crew would love to see more of our parents involved.

SEESAW
In the last newsletter there was an article on this iPad app. While students do their work on iPads their work can be accessed by parents using any internet capable device eg phones, laptops, PC’s and tablets. Give it a go it is pretty easy. If you need any help or have any questions about this app ask your child’s teacher.

CIRCOOL CIRCUS
Circool Circus is back at Coronation Hall 8th of April from 3.15-4.15pm primary students @$9 +special workshop poi 4.30-5.30pm. It is never too late to start.

ANZAC DAY
Waipu Primary recognize ANZAC Day by making children aware of the day and what the war meant to our country. Often we invite people with more knowledge to help out. Two of our school leaders also carry a wreath in the local parade. This year ANZAC Day falls in the holidays. Zane Cullen and Ella McKay will carry our wreath.

BOT ELECTIONS
Just a reminder that BOT elections are in June. If you are thinking of becoming a BOT member it would be a good idea to take in the May meeting (May 18 at 7pm in the staffroom) so you have an idea of what BOT members do. There is also a booklet available at the office to further your understanding of this important role. Have a chat to a current BOT member as well.

One of the BOT/school community tasks soon after elections will be to review the school’s charter. It is a few years since this happened so have a read of it on our website and see if you think it needs the odd alteration or two.

PLAY SQUASH IN 2016
Junior squash is starting on the 6th of May and will run every Friday at the Waipu Rugby Squash club during term 2 and 3. Juniors (primary school age 7+) will play from 3pm-4.30pm and 11yrs+ (intermediate up) will be at 4.30pm-6pm. Parent help needed for the primary school aged children so please contact Natasja Martin-Rozema if you can help and for more information on 0273202101. Great fun for the kids so come along and give it a go!

PUKAPUKA PARTY
Following on from the very successful Pukapuka Party will be a number of community activities. Below is the first one for these holidays. A good chance to trade in one of your books for another one.

BREAM BAY
A COMMUNITY THAT LOVES TO LEARN
Hi to all
“PUKAPUKA PARTY PEOPLE”
COME TO OUR
Swap a book days
Tuesday 19th April 10am – 2pm
WAIPU LIBRARY LOBBY
Wednesday 27th April 10am – 2pm
TWO BIRDS CAFE,
RUAKAKA SHOPPING CENTRE
Bring a book to swap
Write a book review if you like writing about what you have read and get a small prize
Learning is fun
Waipu Primary School

Board of Trustees Election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 (five) parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice may be obtained from the school office during normal school hours, a copy can also be sent home with the eldest child if requested.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 20th May 2016 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate’s statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school office and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates’ names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on Friday 3rd June 2016.

Signed,
Stacey Rogers, Returning Officer

BOT MEETING

The BOT met last week. The meeting was a working meeting where we compact the formal part of the meeting and spend time looking at issues in more depth. In the formal part PAT (Progress and Achievement Test) results were presented to the BOT and two Principal Updates tabled. A summary of the PAT results are included in an insert to the newsletter.

Our focus for this meeting were:
- Curriculum policies – These were reviewed with minimal changes being made.
- Health and Safety. We spent some time looking at how this affects us at school. Generally we have sound procedures but we will modify them according to the new act throughout the next year.
- Recruiting new BOT members for the upcoming elections. A number of ideas to encourage participation were discussed.

Outside the BOT meeting an electronic motion to apply for Kapa Haka funding was approved.

FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Register NOW and book in a free week for your child/ren at the Northland Hip Hop Dance Holiday programme run from the Whangarei Intermediate School hall. A week full of sports, arts and crafts, hip hop dance, and trips to Whangarei Aquatic Centre. Everything is FREE.

Week 1: April 18 - 22
Week 2: April 26 - 29

For children aged between 8 and 14 years. To register call 4596909 and leave your details, contact number plus the week you would like. Or email info@hardcorednce.co.nz, they will confirm your registration. Proudly supported by the Ministry of Social Development. REGISTER NOW

BIRD BATH

If there is an old bird bath in the end of your garden you no longer need or want we would love to pop it under the trees in the fragrant garden. Please contact Anne Green, Room 11. Many thanks.

KAPA HAKA

Whaia Mina will be back to take Kapa Haka next term. Her time will be on Wednesday between 10.15 and 11.15am starting in the first week back. All students who have returned forms are expected to attend each week.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME

Congratulations to those who trialed for this programme that is sponsored by Northpine. To reach the trials you have done really well. Unfortunately not everyone can be selected.

A special congratulations to the 13 students who have made the 2 Great White Shark (Gifted and Talented) programmes for 2016.

There will be opportunity for other students to be selected for our talent programmes and our Te Reo Wananga later in the year.

MAKING A SCENE DRAMA CLASSES

Making a Scene Drama and Voice Academy has classes for year 7 -10 starting term two. Drama, Musical Theatre and Communication classes From Monday - Thursday. Tuition is open to beginners and experienced students visit the website to choose a class to suit your needs either in Whangarei or Ruakaka. www.makingascene.co.nz or ph 021 172 3968

NITS

We have had a few cases of headlice recently. Please take time in the holidays to check your child’s head and make sure they are free of nits. Keep up the regular checks as nits can easily spread in the winter when contact sports happen.

COMING EVENTS

MAY

2 – Term 2 starts 8.30am
6 – Mufti Day for Rescue Helicopter
13 – Youth Summit for Y6
18 – BOT meeting 7pm

JUNE

2 – Bot Elections
7 – Life Ed Caravan here
12 – Wig Day for child cancer
29 – BOT meeting 7pm

UNIFORM SALES

Second hand uniforms are available from Yvonne Boakes. Phone Yvonne on 027 3226467 to see what she has available. If you have a uniform you don’t need consider giving it to Yvonne as money from second hand clothing comes back to the school. The uniforms are now held at school but you need to arrange a time with Yvonne to view on Tuesday between 8am and 9.30am.

MUFTI DAY

We are holding a mufti day to support the Northland Rescue helicopter. It would be great if everyone could bring along a gold coin to support this cause. We never know when the helicopter may be needed to save a life.

MISSING PHONE

On Thursday 11 April at afternoon bus time, a mobile phone went missing off a triangle “I Spy” table. It is a Samsung phone with a purple soft gel cover. If you have seen it please let the office staff know.

WANT TO LEARN FRENCH?

French courses are available in Waipu for all levels. Contact Marielle on 0220353216 for more info.
Local company, 53 The Centre, Waipu
Licensed Real Estate Agent
09 432 0081 a/h
mjonese2@hotmail.com

7 The Centre, Waipu
Ph 094324000
www.waipurealestate.co.nz

The Vet Centre
for all your animal needs
53 The Centre, Waipu
Ph 09 432 0693

NORWOOD
Farm Machinery Centre
Brent Hoaslip Ph: 09 438 4710
For all your lifestyle requirements

Pizza Barn
2 Cove Road
Phone 4321011

Kids 1st
Childcare and Learning Centre Ltd
44 The Braigh, Waipu
Ph: 09 432 1411
email: Kids1st@xtra.co.nz

Welucaes Chantelle Murray to the team
www.sumpters.co.nz
Craig Wells, Steve Ganley, Peter Hill
Directors: Whangarei, Kerikeri, Ruawai
17 The Centre, Waipu
Phone: 09 432 0046

Fresha Valley supports Waipu Primary School