

Waikōwhai Intermediate School

...developing life-long learners...

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Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao, Malo ni Habari, Dobar dan, Bula Vinaka, Apa Khabar.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and played a part in Waifest yesterday. A special thank you to our generous sponsors (listed below). It is fantastic to have our children performing on stage, sell food from classrooms and be able to invite our community in to enjoy the evening. We value these relationships and it was a pleasure to have an event that is more informal to allow people some time to make connections. Strong relationships between families, school staff and children are the key to us having a thriving and successful school.

Kind regards,

David King Principal

SPONSORS FOR WAIFEST 2024

A massive thank you to all our sponsors for Waifest 2024. Your support is very much appreciated.

YANDALL FAMILY (LAVINIA ROOM 3) - ALL BLACKS SEVENS RUGBY JERSEY

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BBQ fundraiser from Waifest

To make the BBQ class viable as a fundraiser for the school, we need to sell five more tickets. Have a look below and please contact reception@wai-int.school.nz if you would like to purchase tickets. Tickets will need to be sold before the end of Term 1 for this fundraising event to take place.



See yourself as a Pitmaster, but interested in a few tricks?

Join leading Pitmaster and former SCA NZ title holder Derrick Paull aka #KiwiBBQPro for a 5 hour in-depth 'how-to' of American BBQ, done the Kiwi way.

Learn Fire control, trimming, rubs, sauces and so much more.

\$199 per person - Hosted by Waikōwhai Intermediate School (Fundraiser) from 10-3pm Sunday May 26th

Class includes a LOT of great BBQ plus snacks and beverages - you will not leave hungry!

We share how to consistently cook five BBQ specific cuts (Spatcock chicken, Premium NZ grass fed scotch fillet steak, Swift Pork Ribs, Wagyu smash-burgers and NZ premium beef brisket) on a number of different barbecue grills and pits - it's highly informative, very interactive and extremely tasty!

Waikōwhai Intermediate Landscaping Project

We have a comprehensive, staged plan to landscape our school grounds by Zones Landscaping Specialists. These were shared at Waifest in the foyer and there is a need for our wider community to support the project so that we can achieve great results in a timely way. An initial way that you can support the project is to go to our online Kindo shop and buy a small, medium or large native tree for \$30, \$60 or \$90 respectively. There will be other ways to engage with and support the project as it takes shape. As government funding comes into schools for the maintenance and development of buildings, and no new money comes into the school for the development of grounds, we will continue to need support with this project to make it happen. Please sign up for Kindo here to support the project.



Important dates

Please see our calendar on our website for all upcoming dates. Some of the key ones are:

Last day Term 1: Friday 12 April, **school closes at 2pm**. KiwiCoach will run at the earlier time, but Auckland Transport buses will not change their timetable and alternative arrangements need to be made.

First Day Term 2: Monday 29 April

Teacher Only Day: Friday 31 May, School Closed King's Birthday: Monday 3 June, School Closed

Matariki: Friday 28 June, School Closed

Mid-Year Reports come home: Thursday 27 June

Three Way Conferences: Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4, July.

Last Day Term 2: Friday 5 July, school closes 2pm.

Mother's Day Raffle

We were very kindly donated a Coby Collection Handbag from Coby Haimes (Kuba Rm 12) for our Waifest Fundraiser. We have decided to raffle the awesome handbag just in time for Mother's Day. Tickets will sell for \$2 each or \$5 for three. We will start selling these tickets in the last week of Term 1 and the first two weeks of Term 2.

It is a lovely navy blue Levinina Handbag, made of genuine cow leather, valued at \$240. All bags are hand designed by Coby Haimes. Check out the link: https://cobycollection.nz/



WSFL Water Safety Programme

We have managed to secure funding for our students to complete this programme. This is a huge win and a great opportunity for our school and students, as water safety is typically not funded for intermediate aged children.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, commencing April 30th, Waikowhai Intermediate students have the opportunity to participate in the Water Skills for Life (WSFL) Water Safety Programme, aligning with our Inquiry Unit for the term on Water. WSFL is a water skills-based programme incorporating 27 core skills for life-long water safety, and comprises of seven areas of water survival competencies. It will be run for 10 consecutive weeks in 30 minute sessions, in groups of 10 students per swimming instructor. More information on this programme can be found at www.waterskills.org Classes will walk to and from Cameron Pools (within Keith Hay Park) for their WSFL lessons which will run between 11- 2pm.

A permission slip will be coming home on Monday, week 11. Please have these signed and returned to your child's classroom teacher by the end of the school week. Alternatively, you can email them with written consent for this activity.

We will provide draw string bags for children's wet gear, however, we would greatly appreciate the donation of goggles to the school office.

WaiFridays

Following on from the information in the last Newsletter, this new programme will start from the second Friday of Term 2. It is designed to align the passions and interests of our students to the skills of our teachers. The first block of the day on Friday is still assembly, then block two has options with a more academic focus and block 3 and 4 are combined so activities and lessons can run for a little longer. For the activities that have a cost attached, a letter will be coming home with children shortly.

Orienteering

Our students did really well and gave their best out on the course today. They showed the Wai-Way in their care for each other and encouragement while their teammates finished.

Big congratulation to those who came in the top 3 of their individual course:

| Year 7 Boys | Year 8 Boys | |
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| Cole Samuel Duncan 1 st Bruno Cameron 3 rd | Reed Mcleen 2 nd Liam Buys 3 rd George Stoddart 3 rd Damien Pham 3 rd | |
| Year 7 Girls | Year 8 Girls | |
| Danielle Mills 2 nd | Maddy Drummond 1 st | |

As teams, they did a wonderful job as well

Y7 Boys Team came in 3rd

Y8 Boys Team came in 3rd

Y7 Girls Team came in 4th

Y8 Girls Team came in 9th



CZ Tag Tournament

Our students had an awesome run at the Central Zone Tag Tournament held at Grey Lynn Park. They showed the Wai-Way and put their best effort into every game. Our boys only lost one game on the day and unfortunately couldn't get through to the finals. But massive congratulations to them for giving it their all! The girls played great as well! Unfortunately, they didn't get through to the playoffs but came away with a few wins! It was awesome to see a lot of our Waikowhai community and families come and support.

Epsom Girls Grammar School - Open Day Tuesday 9th April

Epsom Girls Grammar School would like to invite prospective students and their parents/caregivers to an Open Day on Tuesday 9 April 2024. There will be a presentation and guided tours at 9.15am and 1.30pm. The tours are designed to show the school at work, so you will have the opportunity to observe what happens on an ordinary school day.

To register for one of the sessions, please follow this link or go to our website www.eggs.school.nz If you have any questions please contact the school reception phone 09 6305963 or email reception@eggs.school.nz

Public transport fares are changing for under 25's from Wednesday 01 May

Fares for travel on AT buses, trains and ferries are changing from Wednesday 01 May 2024.

Free travel for 5 to 12 year olds and half-price travel for 13 to 24 year olds will end on 30 April 2024, in line with the government's decision to withdraw funding for these concessions.



This means that from Wednesday 1 May:

5 to 12 year olds will no longer travel for free on weekdays and will instead pay a child concession (at least 40% off adult fares). They will continue to travel for free on weekends. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth.

13 to 15 year olds will stop receiving the half-price child fares discount and instead switch to paying full child fares (at least 40% off an adult fare during weekdays, and free travel on weekends) from 1 May. The child concession will apply to anyone aged 5 to 15, who has a registered AT HOP card with their correct date of birth. More information about the discounts and what you may need to do next can be found at AT.govt.nz/farechanges

Anzac Day 2024

Puketāpapa Local Board invites you to join the community for the 2024 Anzac Day Commemoration Service. Let us gather together to remember those who have fallen, and those who have served.

Thursday, 25 April 2024. Parade begins at 9.50am. Service commences 10am at Mt Roskill War Memorial Cenotaph and Hall, 15 May Road, Mt Roskill

Parade participants please assemble at the Oakley Creek bridge by the baseball diamond. Easiest access and parking is either from the War Memorial grounds, or at the May Rd end of Clifford Ave opposite 60 Gifford Ave. You are most welcome to lay a wreath. Please contact Mark Scherer on mark@cherry.org.nz or 0274 577 577 if you are laying a wreath and would like your name included in the service.



Carpe Diem Kids Waikowhai will be having a fun Holiday Programme at the Waikowhai Primary School Hall from 15 th to 26 th April 2023. enrolments. Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available. Brochures are available online.

Enrol online on www.carpediemkids.co.nz.

Ph: 0800 CD KIDS/ 0800 23 5437 Mob: 021 1550242

Email: info@carpediemkids.co.nz



Waikowhai Primary School, Venue: 381 Hillsborough Road, Mt.Roskill Auckland

15th April to 26th April 2024

Open from 8.00am to 6.00pm

8 am to 3 pm is \$43.00 8 am to 6 pm is \$58.00 Trip days extra \$20.00









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