



WAIKOWHAI  
INTERMEDIATE

# Waikowhai Intermediate School

...developing life-long learners...

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Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakalofa 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

Today is Pink Shirt day at school, *Korero mai, korero atu, mauri tu, mauri ora - Speak up, Stand together, Stop Bullying.*

This is an important message for our children and community. We are fortunate at Waikowhai Intermediate that we have a very positive and engaged group of students, and very hard working staff who are dedicated to making our school a great place to be. Therefore, we do not deal with these issues very often at all, but when we do, we take them very seriously.

The message, Speak Up, Stand together is a very good one. All schools deal with the issue of bullying, but if children speak up then we are able to address the issue and support all those involved. We encourage children to take the step of speaking up, just as we need to speak up as adults when we have an issue we need support with.

When children speak up, we include families and caregivers in the discussion, and reassure everyone that we will stick with the issue until it is resolved. We remind children that we do not have a magic wand that we can wave and make the issue go away, but we will continue to work with everyone involved until the issue is resolved. If an issue is not resolved after speaking up once, the most important thing that children need to do is continue to speak up, so that we can escalate our response until we find a resolution. The first step to creating a positive learning environment for all students is to ensure they feel safe and happy so we prioritise anything that compromises this for any of our students.

Kind regards,

David King  
Principal

## Learning in Term 2 and 3

We have an integrated unit planned on the theme of Water. This is a unit that will cover learning in Science and Social Sciences area of our curriculum. To support the great learning that will be happening in classrooms with this unit we have several groups coming into the school to provide our students with varied learning experiences.



The Blake Trust is coming into school to provide Virtual Reality experiences for our children to expose them to the marine environment. This experience allows students to experience the rich biodiversity that exists below the surface of the ocean, as well as the damage that has been done to the ecosystems. They will be in school from Tuesday 31 May for four days working with classrooms in the hall.



*Blake Trust Virtual Reality Activity with our students from a previous year.*

The Central Interceptor Discovery Centre is also coming into school. The Central Interceptor, is a massive 14.7km-long, 4.5m-wide wastewater tunnel that is being built to help resolve some of our city's wastewater problems. Currently there is a very large hole being dug at the end of Keith Hay Park, with the drilling machine and cranes visible from school. When they come in during the week of Monday 20 June it will be a good opportunity for the children to engage with this project and learn more about what is happening in the park next to school.



*The start of construction for part of the Central Interceptor.*

We also have the Tread Lightly Caravan coming in. Their visit is being sponsored by Kainga Ora and they will address some of the water related issues that are happening right across the road from school in the Waikowhai Kainga Ora Housing Development where approximately 300 homes are being turned into over 1000.

I would like to thank the teachers for organising these great learning experiences for our children that have links to our local area that our children can see and experience.

## Public Holidays in Term 2

A reminder that we have two Public Holidays this term. Queen's Birthday is Monday 6 June and Matariki is Friday 24 June.



## Reminder - Open Days

As have our local high schools, we have planned times when the community can come into our school with a view to enrolling for the 2023 Academic Year. Please share these dates and times with people you know who maybe considering enrolment at Waikowhai Intermediate for 2023.

### Open Night - Thursday 28th July 6.30pm - 8.00pm

This is an opportunity for parents / caregivers, and their children, to come into the school, meet the Senior Leadership team, hear some information about the school and ask any questions. Weather permitting there will be an opportunity to walk around the school and see our wonderful facilities and learning spaces. We start in the school hall at 6.30pm.

### Open Day - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 9.15am - 11.15am

This is a normal school day for us, so parents / caregivers and their children can come sometime between 9.15am and 11.15am to have a tour around the school with some of our Student Councillors. Our Senior Leadership team will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have at the start or end of your tour.

Please be aware that high schools will also be having open days and nights and these usually start around this time of the year. Please see the website of the school for more information. There is no better guide than seeing a school in action.

## Reminder - Three Way Conferences

A reminder that these will happen in Week 10 of this term on Wednesday and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. These will go from 12pm to 6pm on Wednesday and 2pm to 6pm on Thursday. Booking information will be coming out in a future Newsletter. Families will have the option of a face to face meeting with their child's teacher, or a Google Meet online.



## BayLynn Youth Band is now recruiting new members!

The band is a unique community 'bandchestra' based in the Blockhouse Bay area and has been running since 2015. We have performed in various locations—from Kids4Drama productions to the Blockhouse Bay Primary Carnival and Santa Parade, local retirement villages and the Cancer Society's Relay For Life event.

We welcome all students from Year 5 and above who have some music reading skills and can play the following instruments:

- Strings (Violin, Viola and Cello)
- Brass (Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Horn, Tuba)
- Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon)
- Keyboard/Piano
- Guitar or Bass Guitar
- Drums

The band rehearses every Wednesday during school terms from 6:45pm to 8:30pm at the Blockhouse Bay Primary Performing Arts Centre! Come along and check us out at our **'Bring a Buddy to BayLynn' Open Rehearsal** on **Wednesday 25th May (Week 4 - Term 2)**. All you need is your instrument and music stand if you have one.

For more information, please check us out at our website and social media. You can also get in touch via email [blybpromotional@gmail.com](mailto:blybpromotional@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!

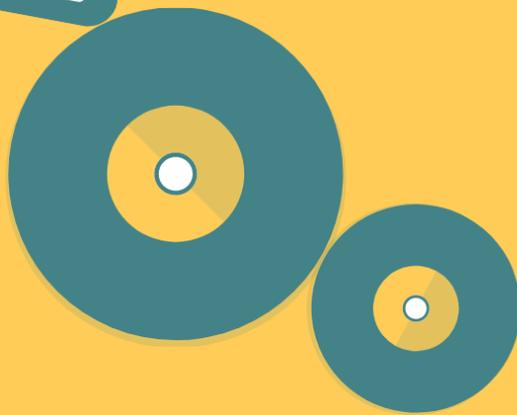
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Clarinet,

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