



WAIKOWHAI
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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

Some summer weather and a full and exciting calendar ahead is making Waikowhai Intermediate a great place to be. We wish our Year 7 Campers all the best for next week, a huge thank you in advance to the parent help that makes this possible and to our teachers who go above and beyond to make this such a great experience for our children.

Year 8 Activity Week also kicks off with a trip to white water rafting at Wero in Week 5, then Paradise Botany for ice skating in Week 6 and Woodhill for Tree Adventures and Mountain Biking in Week 7. Again, a huge thank you to the parent helpers that are giving up their time to make these events possible, and our Year 8 teachers who are working hard behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly and our student have a great time.

Please read on in the Newsletter for some more details about end of year routines and events.

Ngā mihi nui,

David King
Principal

End of Year Reports and School Yearbook

End of Year Reports and our School Yearbook will go home on Friday 9 December.

School Prize Giving

School Prize Giving will take place on Friday 9 December. Due to the limited capacity in the hall and an awareness of wanting our community to stay healthy for summer we will only be inviting the parents of major prize winners. They will be phoned by their classroom teacher who will let them know that they have received a prize.

Last Day - Wednesday 14 December, 12pm finish.

Last day of school for the 2022 Academic Year is Wednesday 14 December. School finishes on this day at 12pm. The Mangere Bridge bus will arrive at the earlier time of 12pm. Auckland Transport buses will not change their timetable for us and parents will need to make alternative arrangements. Please ensure you make the necessary arrangements for your children. **First day of school for our Year 8 students for 2023 is Wednesday 1st February.**

Mentoring opportunity available for boys

Big Buddy, a mentoring organisation for boys whose fathers are not part of their lives, has let us know that they currently have mentors available in our area. If you think your son would benefit from having a positive male role model, you can find out more at bigbuddy.org.nz and apply to find a Big Buddy for your boy. Our school counsellor, Kirsten Malcolm, can also support you to apply - you can contact her at kirsten@wai-int.school.nz.

Big Buddy write:

Big Buddy makes a positive difference to boys without a father present in their lives. We do this by matching volunteers, good guys from the community, with boys aged between 7 and 14.

The Big Buddy relationship offers friendship, support and a good male role model. Big Buddies turn up, spend time with their Little Buddy and come back again and again, it's simple and it works.

There are many reasons why a boy might not have his father in his life, and this absence can strongly impact them. Research shows that boys growing up without a male role model are more likely to struggle with anxiety, feelings of abandonment and reduced emotional security. Sadly, this can lead to mental health and behavioural issues.

Big Buddy doesn't wait for boys to become statistics, we focus on prevention and work on the simple philosophy that all boys develop more courage and confidence when they have a positive male role model.

We are able to support boys who:

- Are 7-14 years old
- Have little or no contact with their natural father, or other significant males
- Have no significant mental/emotional/physical health issues

See bigbuddy.org.nz for more information and to apply.

School Swimming Sports

It was great to finally be able to give our students the opportunity to participate in our school swimming sports. Due to covid restrictions at the beginning of this year we were not able to hold them, and there was no Central Zone. So, 60 students headed over to Cameron pools last week and showed us how well they swim. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone for giving it a go. Kapai!

Event	Division	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Freestyle	Yr 7 Girls	Nerys Fish (9)	Dana Lukmanova (12)	Hayley Duncan (12)
	Yr 7 boys	Duprie Rameka Duncan (12)	Douglas Cornes (14)	Harper Tamihere (11)
	Yr 8 Girls	Ava Winn (5)	Lenna Zulaika Nillesen (2)	Ela Egene (5)
	Yr 8 Boys	TarquinSchwalger (2)	Jihu Lee (7)	Fraiser Wulf (2)
Backstroke	Yr 7 Girls	Nery Fish (9)	Hayley Duncan (12)	Dana Lukmanova (12)
	Yr 7 Boys	Harper Tamihere (11)	Duprie Rameka Duncan (12)	Douglas Cornes (14)
	Yr 8 Girls	Ava Winn (5)	Lenna Zulaika Nillesen (2)	Emma Carter (5)
	Yr 8 Boys	Tarquin Schwalger (2)	Jihu Lee (7)	
Breaststroke	Yr 7 Girls	Nery Fish (9)	Hayley Duncan (12)	Charlotte Hsiao (11)
	Yr 7 Boys			
	Yr 8 Girls	Ava Winn (5)	Myla van Dolleweerd (2)	Samantha Li (1)
	Yr 8 Boys	Tarquin Schwalger (2)	Harry Mellor (3)	
Butterfly	Yr 7 Girls	Nerys Fish (9)		
	Yr 7 Boys			
	Yr 8 Girls	Ava Winn (5)	Ela Egene (5)	Myla van Dolleweerd (2)
	Yr 8 Boys	Tarquin Schwalger (2)	Harry Mellor (3)	

Athletics

Our school Athletics Day was held at the local Lovelock Track for the first time due to a track upgrade at Mt Smart. About 150 students took part in the five track events (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m) and four field events (long jump, high jump, discus, shot put) plus 4 x 100m relays. There were some wonderful individual achievements. The team for Central Zone Athletics, which will take place at Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga, on Tuesday, 22 November, takes the first two students for most events, but the first four in the 100m, the first three in 200m and the first only in the 400m. If a student is in the team, they will receive a permission letter for the event. The end of the day saw roopu rivalries come to the fore with the roopu relay events at both year levels. Finally, the staff relay team ran off against the winning roopu, with the generous staff letting the Year 8 Waimarie team win! It was an action-packed, fun day with some outstanding results. Thank you to all the parents who assisted the hard-working staff that day and helped the students to reach new heights.



The poster features a teal background with colorful bunting at the top. The title 'Wesley Community FIAFIA NIGHT' is written in a white cursive font for 'Wesley Community' and a bold white sans-serif font for 'FIAFIA NIGHT'. Below the title are two circular images: one on the left shows a person in a traditional Maori costume performing, and one on the right shows a group of people in traditional attire. The text 'FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2022', 'ROSKILL YOUTH ZONE', and '6.30PM - 8.30PM' is centered. Below this, 'LAUNCHING Wesley Night Markets' is written in white and yellow. At the bottom, there are three circular images of food stalls. The text 'Family Event' and 'SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD STALLS LOCAL PERFORMANCES' is in the bottom right corner.

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ROSKILL YOUTH ZONE
6.30PM - 8.30PM

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Wesley Night Markets

Family Event
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LOCAL PERFORMANCES



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