



# Waikowhai Intermediate School

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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

Waikōwhai Intermediate is a buzz with activity at the moment and will remain so to the very last day this term. It is awesome to see our students engaged in such a wide variety of activities, some of which are student led. Thank you to our student leaders who step up to make these happen, and also to our teachers who put in the extra work to ensure events and activities run successfully.

Ngā mihi nui,

David King  
Principal

## **Waifest - Thursday 20 October 4.30pm to 7.30pm**

As I have mentioned in previous Newsletters this a school event when we invite the community into our school informally, to enjoy cultural performances on stage and some food which is served from classrooms. It also acts as the school's only major fundraiser, please be in touch with our Assistant Principal Cathy Ioelu [ioelu@wai-int.school.nz](mailto:ioelu@wai-int.school.nz) to donate goods, or vouchers for services, for our auctions, or luxury items for hampers.

## **Kapa haka Konohete**

On Tuesday 13 September our Kapa Haka performed at our Lynfield Kahui Ako Konohete. Their performance was awesome and we are very proud of the group. Thank you to all the teachers involved in putting so many of our children on stage, and a special acknowledgement to Cyan Muna, Timena Muna and Matua Wes for their leadership of the group.





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## Camp donations

A huge thank you to the families that have paid for their child's camp and then have been able to support and donate part or all of the camp fees for another child to attend camp.

## **Reminder - Last day of term, school closes 2pm**

Friday 30 September is the Last Day of Term 3 and school closes at 2pm on this day. Auckland Transport buses do not change their timetable for schools so please make alternative arrangements if this affects your child.

## **Teacher Only Day Reminder**

On Tuesday 25th October school will be **closed** for a Teacher Only Day.

## **Public Holiday**

Monday 26 September has been announced as a Public Holiday due to the Queen's passing and school will be **closed** on this day.

## **Enrolment for 2023**

All Year 8 students should now be enrolled in High School. Out of Zone enrolments have closed. Please enrol in your local school now if you are not yet enrolled.

## **Band Quest 2022**

On Friday the 2nd of September The Rubber Band went to Auckland Girls Grammar school to compete at Bandquest. It was an awesome experience. We got to be part of a professional sound check and see all the other amazing Intermediate school bands. After a short pizza break we were on! Performing was terrifying at first but then so much fun. Jaimie, Esther and I won best vocalists. Thank you to Jakub for his hard work and dedication to making us a great band.

Hosanna Burton



## SuperCars Pukekohe Raceway

On Friday the 9th of September, 40 lucky students were chosen to go on a once in a lifetime trip. It was to Pukekohe Raceway for the last ever SuperCars practice day. As soon as our bus parked outside we all eagerly got out knowing what was ahead of us. Once we got past the line we went into the event and it was quite busy. We split off into our groups and had a really fun day together. There was so much to see and do but I think everyone's highlight was either spending money at the food stalls or going to the pits. Some people were even lucky enough to meet some of the drivers and get their signatures. All in all it was a great day to go even though it was a shame we didn't get to see the SuperCars race. We still got to see some other cars before and they were still pretty fast. A big thanks to our parent and teacher helpers, Rochelle, David and Mrs Power.

By Harry Mellor (Rm 3)



## Travelwise Road Safety Around Schools

On Thursday the 15th of September, the Travelwise team, Miss Berry and John from Auckland Transport went out on Richardson Road, just outside of school, to promote safe driving around schools and children. We counted how many people would toot, smile or do a thumbs up. A little over 50 people noticed us holding our signs that said: 'Slow Down Around Schools' and 'Slow Down for Me'. We want to make sure that everyone gets to school and gets home safely.

The point of this activity was not only to let people know these messages but to count how many people would notice our signs. Although the majority of people noticed us, some people chose not to acknowledge us. In fact people who were speeding saw our signs and slowed down. This was an interesting activity with an interesting outcome!

A big thank you to John and Miss Berry for coming out and helping us to promote this cause.

By Nicole Zhang and Misha Kurian, Room 9

