



WAIKŌWHAI  
INTERMEDIATE

# 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

Students have settled in well to our first full week at school in 2024 and many programmes and opportunities for students have started. The Daily Notices at school are full of activities for students to engage with, these include: Student Leadership Roles in Student Council or Roopu Leadership, Librarian sign up, Waifest Cultural Group sign up, Knitting Club, Wai Runners / Walkers, Mindfulness at lunchtime, Dance Auditions, Yearbook sign up as well as sporting opportunities for Netball, Softball and Cricket. Teachers, and our wonderful Teacher Aides, work hard at school to provide a wide variety of opportunities as we know that these enrich children's experience and make school an even better place to come to each day. We encourage students to show our school value of Māia (bravery, courage) and put their name forward for some of these opportunities.

It takes Māia for children to put their name forward for opportunities. With so many great opportunities please encourage your child to look at the notices online at school and grow their self-management skills by knowing when and where they need to be at various times. Intermediate is a time to extend and challenge our children in a safe and supportive environment, scaffolding them to grow in confidence and take on new challenges.



What also comes with the opportunities is the disappointment when children miss out. We do our very best to be inclusive at Waikowhai Intermediate, but inevitably there will be times when children miss out. While unfortunate, this can be an opportunity to support our children to develop resilience by showing an understanding of their disappointment, and to support them to overcome it by focussing on new goals and challenges. One of the great things about a school such as Waikōwhai Intermediate, is that there will be other opportunities just around the corner.

Our cultural groups for Waifest also need to be limited in numbers, so that the children can fit on the stage, and so that the show is not too long for the evening. We have two performances of the show during the night, to give everyone the best chance to see the show. If a child misses out on one group because of the limited numbers, we do our very best to fit them into another group so that they have a chance to perform.

## Three Way Conferences

On Wednesday 13 March and Thursday 14 March we have Three Way Conferences. Please book a conference time so that you can sit alongside your child's classroom teacher with your child, to discuss their learning. We know that when parents / caregivers, children and teachers are all working alongside each other we get the best results for our children. Please log on to the website below and use the code to book a conference time with your child's teacher.

School will finish at 12 noon on Wednesday and 2pm on Thursday. Kiwi Coaches will be here to provide their bus service at the earlier time. Unfortunately, Auckland Transport cannot accommodate the earlier finishing times, so alternative transport home will be needed for these days.

**Website:** <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

**Code:** y55fv

## A dog with a very important job

Introducing Milo, a Labrador x golden retriever from Mobility Dogs, who will be turning 2 years old in May. Milo is working towards his full time placement as a Therapy Dog at school. He will be the first ever Therapy Dog to be placed in a school setting from Mobility Dogs. We are very fortunate to be working with Mobility Dogs towards a successful placement in our school.

Currently Mobility Dogs are helping us with the training of Milo in our setting and we will start to slowly integrate him into our school soon. Milo will be working alongside three of our Teacher Aides, to support students in a small group, or in one-on-one situations. Milo's job will be to enhance the job that our Teacher Aides already do, providing support to children with their well-being, to regulate their emotions and focus on their learning. Dogs are already in some schools where children read to them, which has proven to be very effective. Outside of work, Milo will be living with Mr. Swan.

We understand there could be concerns around allergies, phobias and cultural differences. Please contact the Principal David King [dking@wai-int.school.nz](mailto:dking@wai-int.school.nz) if you would like to discuss further so we can work through this together.



## Major School Event and fundraiser! - Waifest - Thursday 4 April, 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Waifest is a community event when we invite our families into school to enjoy cultural performances on stage and some food served from our classrooms. Due to our limited hall capacity we have two shows during the night and ask you to come to either the first show, or the second, to give everyone the best chance of seeing the performances. It is an informal event, so you can also come and go from the hall during the performances. Throughout the afternoon there is food available from the classrooms.

As well as performances on stage and a chance to have some food and meet other parents and caregivers, this event acts as our only major fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards supporting all our children to attend Year 7 Camp and Year 8 Activity Week in Term 4. Thank you to those that have already made a donation for the event. If you have any donations that would be suitable for luxury hampers that we will raffle, or run a business that could make a donation for a raffle or auction, please bring them to the office, or get in touch with Cathy Ioelu [ioelu@wai-int.school.nz](mailto:ioelu@wai-int.school.nz)

## Cell phones and smart watches at school

We have procedures at school for cell phones and ask for these to be handed in at the start of the day. We ask that they are not used on site before or after school. Also some children have smart watches, so we ask them to take these off during tests and to not use them to send any communication during the school day. Students can always come up to the office if they need to contact anyone while at school.

## Musiqhub

If your child is interested in music lessons and hasn't already signed up, there are still limited spaces available. Please contact Jakub directly via email – [Jakub.roznawski@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:Jakub.roznawski@musiqhub.co.nz)



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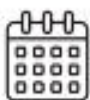


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Tuesday



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[youth@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjohn.org.nz) | 0800 ST JOHN | [youth.stjohn.org.nz](http://youth.stjohn.org.nz)



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Kindergarten



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### Pop in and say hi!

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#### Opening Hours

8.30AM - 2.30PM

Monday to Friday

