



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

Waikōwhai Intermediate is a very busy place, which is fantastic for our children and learners. It is a full team of staff that is required to offer the opportunities to our students both inside and outside the classroom. A critical part of this team is our support staff.

Thursday 9th June was Support Staff Day when we acknowledge all our staff that are not qualified teachers that help our school run so smoothly. This includes our wonderful office staff, Brenda Green at reception and Astrid Day as our Finance Manager, our property staff, Willie loelu our Property Manager and Mitch Hartnett Grounds support, as well as a wonderful and diverse team of Teacher Aides, who support children in class with their learning, but also in the playground during break times. They all make an enormous difference to our school, from the moment you walk in the front door, to the fantastic building and grounds work, to supporting and creating the positive day-to day experiences for our learners. They are a critical part of the team, and greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of our support staff, Waikōwhai Intermediate would not be the great place that it is to come to every day without you.

Ngā mihi nui,

David King  
Principal

## Winter Bugs

The Ministry of Health is working with the Ministry of Education and schools to help support the health and well-being of our wider community. With our international borders opening up, there is the expectation that we will have more illness around this coming winter. To help with this, the most important thing you can do is to keep your child at home if they are unwell. If they have a vomiting or diarrhoea bug, they should be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school. Another important step is to ensure your family is up to date with its immunisations, including immunisation for measles.

At school we still have the vast majority of students and staff wearing masks when indoors. Please continue to provide your child with a mask for use at school. We are also ensuring each room has good ventilation and the Board of Trustees has made the decision to purchase Air Purifiers for all indoor spaces. This was based on advice received, an examination of the information available and also with the pragmatic view that if an air purifier in its lifetime prevents one day of sickness for a teacher, then it will pay for itself in terms of the money that the school does not need to outlay for a relief teacher for that classroom.

We will continue to send children home that are unwell. I have two children myself and understand the inconvenience and stress that this can cause in a household, but for the health of the wider community, it is important that anyone who is unwell, remains at home. Thank you in advance for your support here.

We will also continue to encourage hand washing and hand sanitiser use at school. All our bathrooms have hot water, soap, paper towels and hand sanitiser available and each class room has hand sanitiser available too.



## Matariki reminder

A reminder that Matariki is a public holiday this year and school will be closed. This is being celebrated on Friday 24 June.



# Mount Roskill Grammar School

Open Day – Tuesday 14 June 3:30–7pm

