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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

The weather has certainly helped to have a great start to Term 2. We are fortunate at Waikowhai Intermediate to have a large amount of all-weather turf areas due to the support and investment of our Board of Trustees, but what also makes Waikowhai Intermediate a fantastic physical environment to be in is our access to the beautiful Keith Hay Park.

As I indicated at the end of Term 1, with a move to Orange Level we are able to plan and work towards a wide variety of activities. I would like to thank all those involved in getting these activities up and running, which includes many of you in our community. Schools need the support of volunteers to run various activities so please keep an eye on how you could support our school. It may be coaching and managing a sports team, providing transport to events, lending knowledge and expertise to cultural groups or something else entirely. Please do not be shy about coming forward, we value and appreciate the contributions of our community and need them to ease the load on staff and offer great opportunities for our children.

Kind regards,

David King
Principal

Mask use at school

We continue to follow all Public Health guidelines to ensure that school is as safe an environment as possible for everyone in our community. Getting vaccinated, good hand hygiene, wearing masks and staying home when unwell are all important things we can do to stay safe ourselves and for our wider community. At school we continue to use masks and ask you to supply your children with one. As previously, if your child will not be wearing a mask, please email the Principal David King king@wai-int.school.nz or Deputy Principal Leanne Smith at smith@wai-int.school.nz to inform us of your family's decision. Thank you for your continued support.

As we have previously, we will continue to amend and update our procedures here as changes from Public Health come through, or when there is a change in Term at school. Following any amendments, we will continue to inform the community through email.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19

Please email the school office to inform us. We continue to report the number of positive cases to the Ministry of Education each week, we just hand over the number of students and no other details. Please also inform us if your child tested positive over the holiday break. Thank you for your support here.

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 4th 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.

Three Way Conferences

At the end of Term 2 a full Mid-Year Report will come home. Following this in Week 10 there will be Three Way Conferences on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th 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. If you need to be in touch with your child's classroom teacher before this time for any reason, please do so by email in the first instance. Email addresses are listed on our school website.

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 to donate goods or vouchers for services to our auctions, or luxury items for hampers.

Epsom Girls Grammar School

Open Afternoon for 2023 Enrolment – Tuesday 17 May 2022

Epsom Girls Grammar School would like to invite prospective students and their parent(s)/caregiver(s) to an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 17 May 2022**. There will be sessions at **3.30pm, 4.15pm, 5pm** and **5.45pm** which will include a presentation in the Hall and guided tours of key facilities, learning area displays and an opportunity to talk to our Leadership team. You may choose a time that suits you best.

Under Orange Settings, we ask all visitors to wear a face mask at this event, for the health and safety of all participants. Seating will allow physical distance between families.

To register, please follow this link [EGGS Open Afternoon Tour Registrations](#) or go to our website www.eggs.school.nz If you have any questions please contact the Enrolment Manager, Mrs Wendy Smith phone 9706710 or email enrolments@eggs.school.nz

Results from Home Learning Survey

Thank you to all those who took the time to fill in the Home Learning Survey. This is something we have worked on very hard to find the right balance for our learners and families and have constantly adjusted based on feedback. We will continue to go through this interactive process to make sure it is the best fit for learners. At this stage the only learners requiring this are those isolating, or who have tested positive for COVID-19. All other learners should be back at school, unless you have had a conversation with the Deputy Principal, Leanne Smith, or Principal, David King.

Rock Band 2022

After a bumpy start to the year we finally have a school band. Our talented band tutor Jakub Roznawski will be working with the band members every Friday. They are excited to be playing together and are looking forward to performing for an audience. They are still nameless at the moment, but the 2022 Band is made up of ...

Arene Kong and Lara Kuo on keyboards.

Theo Henderson, Leo Phillips and Esther Smith on guitars.

Agape Tavita and Marcus Tarcelo on Bass guitars.

And Nijelskata Paulo Aniseko and Ben Epreem on drums

