



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

It has been great to have students back at school this week and attendance has been very good with 93% attendance. Thank you for supporting your child to be ready for the start of school from 8.30am.

Communication between school and home is very important to us. The best first point of contact for parents and caregivers is by email to their child's classroom teacher. Emails for staff are the teacher's last name followed by @wai-int.school.nz. The only exception to this is Miss Kumar, her email address is skumar@wai-int.school.nz

Each fortnight a Newsletter will come home on a Friday, and other communication will come home as necessary through the email address you have provided to the school. In times when we need to make more urgent communication, we will send a bulk text message out to the mobile phone number we have on file at school.

Our school website <https://www.wai-int.school.nz> has a Google Calendar on it with important upcoming dates. Communication to students at school is through our internal WaiGoogle website, or our Daily Notices. Children access these using their Google email and password. It is possible for them to show you these at home using this access. It is through our Daily Notices that we share with children upcoming school events and activities and how to be involved.

If you need to, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at Waikōwhai Intermediate. Open and clear communication is the best way to ensure we get great outcomes for our children.

Kind regards,

David King
Principal

School Attendance

School attendance is very important and forming and maintaining good habits around arriving to school ready for class by 8.30am makes a big difference to the rest of the school day. Regular sleeping and eating routines help this and flow into good patterns in the morning.

If a child is sick it is important that they stay home from school. If the absence is three days or longer, we require a medical certificate. If your child is absent from school, please communicate with the school about this as the teacher will need to enter a reason on their roll for the absence. If no reason is given, the only option on our Ministry of Education approved system is to mark the student as truant. Please contact your child's classroom teacher by email, or phone the office.

If your child is absent without an explanation a text alert will be sent to the nominated caregiver's mobile phone in the morning of their absence. Please answer this text so that we know your child is safe and then the office knows it does not need to follow up.

Summer heat - Hats, sunscreen, drink bottles

Please remind your child to bring and wear their school hat, available from the uniform shop. We also accept plain, all black or navy caps. The uniform shop hat is a plain navy bucket hat. It is a good idea to provide your child with roll on sunscreen if you can, however sunscreen is also available at school. We have a number of drinking fountains around the school where children can fill up their drink bottles.

Mobile Phones, money and other valuables

All children need to hand in mobile phones to their teachers at 8.30am. If children are bringing money to school for lunch they should order in the morning and keep any money with them securely on their person, or hand it into their classroom teacher. Our tuckshop is open from the first day back at school. No other valuables should be at school, and if required, should be handed into the classroom teacher in the morning. As a school we are unable to take responsibility for children's belongings that are left in bags.

School shoes

We have tried to keep our rules about school shoes as simple as possible for families so children can get shoes that suit their needs. School shoes must be all black shoes, which means no white or colour on the shoes, including the soles of the shoes and logos.

School Uniform

Thank you for providing school uniform to your child, this is an expense we do try to minimise for families. On days that children have P.E., they are allowed to come to school in PE uniform. It must be correct P.E. uniform, or they will need to wear their normal school uniform.

The School Uniform Centre is on site at our school on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:15 – 9:00am throughout the year, except for the last week of each term, due to stock taking.

Please clearly mark your child's name on their school uniform. If your child loses an item of uniform there is a lost property cupboard up in the administration block.

Pick-up and drop off from school

Traffic flow before and after school is always an issue. We are very fortunate to have the cricket club behind our school at our end of Keith Hay Park. The carpark there can be used for pick-up and drop off as the front of school is very busy.

At the front of the school there are yellow lines. These mean no stopping at all times, this includes pick up and drop off of children. Please respect the yellow lines outside the front of school, we have 6 - 8 buses coming within a short space of time to the bus stop outside the front of school, so no stopping in this area helps to keep children leaving the school safe.

Any child who needs to cross Richardson Road needs to use the school crossing. Please model this behaviour as adults.

Surf Safety Week

From the recommendation of the Muriwai Surf Club, we have cancelled the Muriwai Beach Trip on Tuesday and moved the classes affected to Wednesday 15th February and Thursday 16th February.

Wednesday 15th February

Room 5, Room 6, Room 7 & Room 8 Girls

Thursday 16th February

Room 2, Room 3, Room 4 & Room 8 Boys

We are in constant communication with the Northern Regional Surf Safety team and will follow their health and safety plan as they monitor the cyclone over the weekend.

Three Way Conferences

Key dates can be found on our School Calendar accessed through our website <https://www.wai-int.school.nz/>
 This term on Wednesday 8 March and Thursday 9 March we will have Three Way Conferences. This is where students and teachers will meet with parents / caregivers and share what we are seeing from the initial snapshot of learning at the start of the year and the pathway forward. More details about these will follow in a future Newsletter.

Waikowhai Staff 2023

| Leadership | | | |
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| Principal | David King | Deputy Principal | Leanne Smith |
| Associate Principal | Cathy Ioelu SENCO | | |
| Release Teachers | | | |
| Full time | Ian Cole | Part time(half day) | Amy Nicholls |
| Full time | Glenn Lambert-Vickers | Four days | Hayley Leat |
| Support Staff | | | |
| Teacher Aide | Charmaine Wallace | Teacher Aide | Vunga |
| Teacher Aide | Sue Sumner | Teacher Aide | Jordan |
| Teacher Aide | Cyan Muna | Teacher Aide | Aaron |
| Teacher Aide | Glenda Tan | Teacher Aide | Jimi |
| Teacher Aide | Neeta Damania | Teacher Aide | Jahvaan |
| Finance | Astrid Day | Grounds | Mitch |
| Reception | Brenda Green | Property Manager | Willie Ioelu |
| Specialist | | | |
| Performing Arts | Reanna Flanagan | Design Technology | Sacha de Graaf |
| Visual Art | Laura Kuggeleijn | Food Technology | Rhonda Moir |
| Languages (Yr 7 Spec.) / ESOL / Room 1 | Julie Collard Team Leader | School Counsellor (4 days) | Kirsten Malcolm |
| Year Eight | | Year Seven | |
| Room 2 | Thanh Hoang Team Leader | Room 9 | Charlotte Berry |
| Room 3 | Adriana Ulrich | Room 10 | Sheryl Kumar |
| Room 4 | Wesley Leaga-Mini | Room 11 | Amy van Wyk |

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| Room 5 | Yvonne Poliko | Room 12 | Celina Baker / Hayley Leat |
| Room 6 | Pooja Bhikha | Room 13 | Caleb Faleolo |
| Room 7 | Timena Muna Team Leader | Room 14 | Jenni Rodan Team Leader |
| Room 8 | Tessa McNickle | Room 15 | Andy Swan |
| Small groups | Karen Power Team Leader Yr 7 | Room 16 | Samantha Martin |


INTRODUCING... BAYLYNN YOUTH BAND

We are a unique community 'bandchestra' based in the Blockhouse Bay area and have been running since 2015. Our motto is "learn together, play together, grow together"—developing skills as a musician no matter what stage you are in your musical journey. Some of our most recent performances include the Blockhouse Bay Christmas Festival, Kids4Drama and The Arts for Development Trust productions and the New Lynn Market.

We welcome all students from Year 5 and above who have some music reading skills and can play the following instruments:

- Strings (Violin, Viola and Cello)
- Brass (Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Horn, Tuba)
- Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon)
- Guitar or Bass Guitar
- Drums

The band rehearses every Wednesday during school terms from 6:45pm to 8:30pm at the Blockhouse Bay Primary Performing Arts Centre! This year, our rehearsals for Term 1 start on **Wednesday 15th February**. We will also be having some events as well as performances throughout the term, so please keep your eyes

peeled for that 

For more information, please check us out at our website and social media. You can also get in touch via email at baylynn.youthband@gmail.com.

Scholarship Opportunities at Saint Kentigern College

Saint Kentigern College is a leading, independent, co-educational Presbyterian secondary school in Auckland. We offer scholarship opportunities for students who would be entering the College in Years 9-11 in 2024.

Our goal of enabling exceptional students from all walks of life to achieve their dreams is founded on the Presbyterian tradition of wanting to contribute to society and seeking to help others to aspire and achieve. We are keen to reach out far and wide to young people who:

- demonstrate excellence in academics, performing arts, sports, and/or a combination of these, ie. all-round talent
- would uphold the Saint Kentigern values and have a positive attitude
- have a clear vision of how they see themselves in the future and the contribution they would like to make to the College and wider community

Scholarships are available for up to 100% of tuition and/or boarding fees. Applications close on Friday 24 March 2023.

For more information about applying for a Scholarship to Saint Kentigern College, visit our website at <https://www.saintkentigern.com/college/apply/scholarships/> or email our Admissions team skc_admissions@saintkentigern.com or phone 09 577 0703.



SPORT
WAITĀKERE



Introducing a safe space for Wāhine to gather together and have fun!

Make new friends and experience the joy that ice skating brings!

Starting: 11th Feb

Program length: 8 weeks

Session time: 1 hour

Time: 11.45am

Cost: \$80 for program

**Location: Paradise Ice Arena,
150 Lansford Cres, Avondale**

Supported by Sport Waitakere

Organized by the Glenburn Figure Skating Club

Contact: wahineonice@gmail.com

www.sporty.co.nz/wahineonice