



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

Mānawatia a Matariki - Happy Māori New Year!

A four-day week this week and some great weather has been appreciated by everyone at Waikōwhai Intermediate. I hope you are able to spend the Public Holiday tomorrow, Friday, with friends and family. Please read on in the Newsletter to hear the latest news and upcoming events.

Ngā mihi nui

David King  
Principal

## **Three Way Conferences - Wednesday 6th July and Thursday 7th July**

Thank you to those who have booked a Google Meet or a Face to Face interview. If you are yet to do so, then please try to make the time to see or virtually meet your child's teacher. Here is a reminder of the link and code:

Website: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Code: gurqu

Currently we are looking at developing a Learner Profile for all students throughout their time at Waikōwhai. We have come up with lists of qualities under each of our school Values and would like some community input.

If you are coming for a face to face interview, then you will need to enter through the front office (all other entrances will be closed). Once you have signed in, you will travel through the Library. There will be three sheets of paper that displays our Values and suggested qualities under each. We will give you **10 stickers** and would appreciate you sticking them next to the 10 most important qualities you would like your child to leave with after completing Intermediate. If you have a Google Meet appointment, then your child's classroom teacher will email you the survey. We look forward to seeing many of you.

School will close at 12 noon on Wednesday and 2pm on Thursday and Friday. The KiwiCoach Bus will come at the earlier time. Auckland Transport buses are unable to accommodate the earlier time, please make alternative arrangements for your child.

## **Non-Uniform Fundraising Day**

On Friday the 8th July, the School Council will be holding a non-uniform day. Students can come to school in a non-uniform outfit, normal school rules apply around makeup and jewellery. We are asking for a gold coin donation from those who wear non-uniform to fundraise for some more WAIA prizes for our students. There is no set theme for the day. If your child has any questions, please get them to ask their classroom teacher.

## BoT elections

Triennial Board of Trustees elections will be held in September. This is an opportunity for you to support the school and have a role in its governance. We need trustees who are focused on supporting teaching and learning and the ongoing improvement of student achievement. All new Trustees will be inducted onto the Board and given the opportunity of training to ensure they are confident and supported in their role. If you are interested in this, please contact our current Presiding Member Ross Phillips [ross.phillips@pathways.co.nz](mailto:ross.phillips@pathways.co.nz) or myself at [dking@wai-int.school.nz](mailto:dking@wai-int.school.nz)

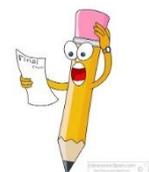
## Vaping

This is a current issue facing high schools, but also creeping into intermediates. At intermediate level we have heard that most vaping occurs when children take a vape from their household and then try it with their friends. If someone in your household vapes, please ask them to make sure their vape is secure, as this will decrease the likelihood of a young person taking it and trying it. While this is probably not an issue your child has faced now, it is likely to be one at some point during high school, some information now is a good way to get in front of any potential issues.

Education is the best way to discourage vaping. Once connected to the facts, the decision not to vape is easier. Please look at and share these websites: [vapingfacts.health.nz](http://vapingfacts.health.nz) and '[Don't Get Sucked In](#)'. They both provide factual information and provide a good starting point for discussions with your children about the impact of vaping.

## ICAS Exams

Each year the University of New South Wales offers tests in several curriculum areas. Although Waikowhai Intermediate School is not an overly enthusiastic supporter of these tests, due to their generic rather than prescriptive nature, we do offer the tests to our students as they provide an experience of examination like conditions, such as working to time pressures, concentration for an extended period and exam techniques.



Each subject will be open for a 5-day sitting window - from Monday to Friday (see dates below).

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Please complete the slip and return it along with the relevant payment to school before the 18th July.

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_

Room/s \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to participate in the following ICAS Competitions (please tick)

Digital Technologies	8 <sup>th</sup> August	\$20.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
English	15 <sup>th</sup> August	\$20.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	\$20.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spelling Bee	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	\$20.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics	29 <sup>th</sup> August	\$20.70	<input type="checkbox"/>

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Well-being

We are very fortunate as a school to have a Board of Trustees that invests in a trained Counsellor who is also a trained teacher. Kirsten Malcolm is an important part of our pastoral care team and works alongside Senior Leaders, teachers and students to give everybody the opportunity to learn skills to lead a positive life. This then supports everyone in our school to be in the best place possible to move forward with their learning and teaching.

Below is the data from a recent Well-being Snapshot done with our students:

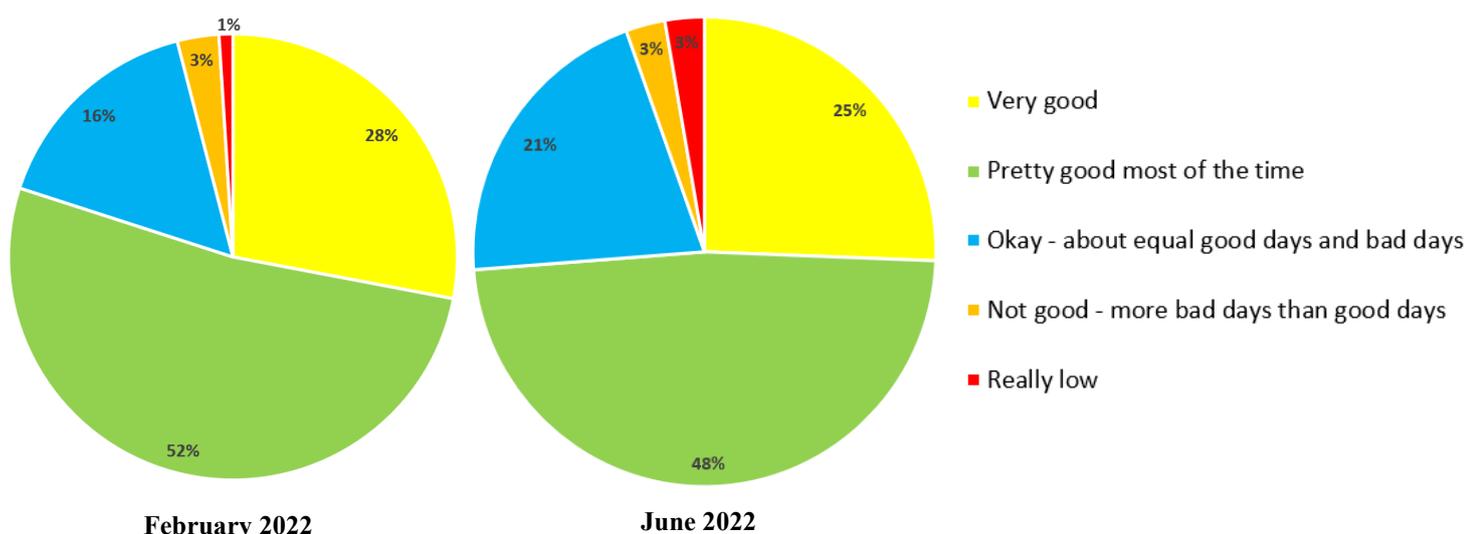
# Wellbeing Snapshot – June 2022

This survey was conducted Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 June – Week 6 of term.

We received 328 responses, which is 85% of the whole school. School attendance over those two days was 83%; this survey data includes responses from some home-learners.

Students were asked to rate their wellbeing over the previous week on a 5-point scale. Students were then asked if there was anything they would like their teacher to know, given an opportunity to share any ideas, questions or concerns and to request counselling support.

## How would you rate your wellbeing over the last week?



73% of students rated their wellbeing as either "very good" or "pretty good most of the time" which is similar to what we've seen in previous Wellbeing Snapshots; usually we see 70-75% of students rating themselves in these top two categories during non-lockdown weeks. It is however a little lower than the 80% we had in February when students had been at school for only one week.

Across the whole school, 9 students rated their wellbeing as "really low" and 9 as "not good - more bad days than good days" in this survey. All students whose responses raised any concerns are being checked in with by members of staff, and appropriate measures to support their wellbeing are being put in place.

### Other data collected

8 students requested a meeting with one of our counsellors via the survey; 7 of these are new self-referrals.

21 students took the opportunity of the survey to share something with their teacher that they wanted them to know, and 11 students shared some thoughts, questions or wellbeing ideas.

We find these surveys valuable. They give students an additional way of communicating about their wellbeing and needs, and give us assurance that our sense of their general wellbeing level is accurate.

## Bridge Builders

At Waikōwhai Intermediate we use restorative problem-solving to help people to resolve conflicts. The process supports everyone involved to have their perspective heard, and empowers them to be part of repairing harm and making things right.

Our school counsellor, Kirsten Malcolm, offers training to students who are interested in learning how to facilitate a restorative chat. 97 students have volunteered to be Bridge Builders this year!

These are the steps of a Bridge Builder Chat:

1. Establishing safety
2. Taking turns to listen to each other's story about what happened
3. Exploring how they and others have been affected
4. Brainstorming and then agreeing on things each person could do to help resolve the problem
5. Planning a follow-up check-in to ensure the agreement is being kept

If your child is having a problem with someone else at school, encourage them to ask their teacher for a Bridge Builder chat. These chats can be facilitated by staff or students, depending on which is most appropriate for the people and the problem.



## Celebrating Diversity

Our school value of manaakitanga reminds us that we value, respect and learn from diversity at Waikōwhai Intermediate. Last week we marked Schools' Pride Week by creating a mural celebrating diversity of all kinds. 196 tiles were decorated with plasticine during lunchtimes. When they are all put together, the words on the tiles say: *The beauty and strength of our world lies in the diversity of our people.*





### **Central Zone Rugby Tournament**

On Thursday 16th June, we had three teams represent our school at the Central Zone Boys and Girls Rugby Tournament held at the Avondale Racecourse. It was an action-packed day and our teams gave it their all in every game. The Girls team were phenomenal and placed 2nd in the tournament, losing in the Grand Final to Kowhai Intermediate School. Our Open Boys team placed 4th in their division and the Under 55 kg team finished at 5th. Thank you to the parents who supported us on the day. It was greatly appreciated.

#### **Waikōwhai Girls team:**

Taylor Iuvale, Valma Macdonald, Angelina Craig, Attalia Tuisila, Gaylene Vea, Aysha McLaughlin, Nirvana-Jayde Taelima-Tongia, Losa Ieremia, Peitynn Fa'atea, Litia Tufunga, Keely Leavasa, Leilah Pule, Gabrielle Moala, Merioni Arona, Loreya Fuimaono, Molly Vaitohi, Vaimaila Tipama'a, Eleina Samu, Milan Cowley-Lupo and Neolani Fihaki.

#### **Waikōwhai Open Boys team:**

Rocco Su'a, Sauni Macdonald, Troy Moli, Grayson Pio, Fraser Wulf, Leonidis Matamua, Agape Tavita, Jack Ramsey, Zion Konelio, Vili Vakauta, Matthew Vailahi, Xaakyus Po-Nepia, Esau Bing, Ros-alan Uepi, Pita Vea, Farhad Safi, Noah Naseri-Talaia, Lanisi Vakautakakala, Va'a Tauati and Kalepa Vavia.

#### **Waikōwhai Under 55kg Boys team:**

Max Mackay, Wesley Misipati, Felix Molia-Fraser, Charlie Thomsen, Joshua Kirkman, Daiki Phillip, Aaron Bradbury, Tevini 'Ahomana, Gideon Konelio, Harper Tamihere, Gabriel Haiu, Lopeti Seuiavatele, Duprie Rameka-Duncan and Aiden Madden.



## Girls Football

The girls football teams were the first school teams to attend a Central Zone tournament since August last year. The teams had been practising hard and were very keen to go. The competitions were held at Seymour Park, Royal Oak, on Wednesday, May 25 (Year 7) and Thursday, May 26 (Year 8). A huge thanks has to go to all the parents who helped with transport and with managing and coaching the players on the day. Both teams came away with at least one win, one draw and one or more losses. Well done to all the players:

Year 7: Nerys Fish, Nicole Zhang, Misha Kurian, Efrata Belete, Charlotte Hsiao, Freida Peart, Carissa Pippin, Katelyn Smith, Allysa Loterte, Isobel Olding, Esther Smith, Dionne Carnachan, Eloise Kerr and Hasti Nasroollahi

Year 8: Janeilla Ketata, Rael Noa, Tilly Rotherham, Jaimie Harris, Shelby Hackett, Paige Cross, Myla van Dolleweerd, Dhruvi Patel, Elliott MacDonald, Greer Bremner, Ela Egene, Caroline Mu'akitangata and Eloise Robinson

## CZ Boys Hockey

On Monday the 20th of June, along with me, 12 others: Matthias Coleman, Nazir Jamal, Ben Epream, Eugene Han, Kiran Traynor, Israel Young, Caleb Rambaud, Jayden Alpert, Jack Ramsey, Duprie Rameke-Duncan, Aidan Madden and Aryan Prasad travelled across to Harbour Hockey Stadium, North shore. Harry Mellor was isolating and unable to travel with us. We went on to compete in the Central Zone Boys Hockey tournament. We had 4 pool games of 20 mins each with 10 mins in between. Luckily we were based on Turf 1 and Turf 2 so Matthias did not have too far to walk in the goalie gear. After game 1, we weren't off to a great start and lost 1-0 to Remuera Intermediate (repeat of last year's game!) That seemed to spark some extra energy inside of us because after that we went on to win all our games up until the semi-finals. Our semi-final game was against Royal Oak. They looked pretty confident, rightfully so seeing as they had won every game up until now. This game was 25 mins so we had to dig deep for energy. Everyone played a great game and fortunately, we WON! 3-0. Waikowhai was into the finals. It was a tough game (30 mins) and we all tried our best, but unfortunately, Remuera did end up coming out on top 4-1. All in all, it was great fun and a very successful day. A big thank you to the parents who came and supported us it was very much appreciated.

George Maplesden

## CZ Girl's Hockey

On Tuesday 21st June the girls' team headed out to the same venue. We had more teams than the boys and were also in Pool A. We had to play Diocesan, Royal Oak, and St Mary's in Pool and play Balmoral for placings. Our pool games were also 20 minutes with no half time but we had to play them straight after each other with just 5 mins in between each game. Pretty tough when you play full-field hockey. The team of Year 7 and Year 8 girls: Gabriella Brown-Letele, Charlotte Hsiao, Anoushka Narayanan, Dhruvi Patel, Ava Winn, Jaimie Harris, Tilly Rotherham, Myla van Dolleweerd, Kahaiia Tamarii, Ela Egene, Hosanna Burton, Misha Kurian, Esther Smith, Greer Bremner and Eloise Robinson fought hard every game. Some of the girls had not played hockey before and everyone did very well. In total, we played five games. We had some excellent runs and goal-scoring opportunities. The team improved with each game and thoroughly enjoyed the day out. A big thank you to the parents who helped transport us to the venue and gave us their support throughout the day, it was very much appreciated.

Dhruvi Patel



**Carpe Diem Kids Waikowhai** will be having a fun Holiday Programme at the **Waikowhai Primary School Hall** from **11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**.

Part-time enrolments, Sibling discounts and WINZ subsidies are available.

[Brochures are available online.](#)

Enrol online on [www.carpediemkids.co.nz](http://www.carpediemkids.co.nz)

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### Pop in and say hi!

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#### Opening Hours

8.30AM - 2.30PM

Monday to Friday

