



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

We are a very busy school with many activities and opportunities for children to engage them in a positive way at school and help them to find new interests and passions.

Friday has always been a day when we have clustered extra-curricular activities and extension groups so that we do not interrupt learning in our core curriculum subjects during the week. This has always created some logistical challenges to ensure different groups and spaces do not clash on a Friday. This has also led to small numbers back in classes with their teachers, making it hard to start new learning with many children out of class doing other activities. To overcome this problem and extend the opportunities and activities that we offer children at Waikōwhai Intermediate, we have decided to create **WaiFriday**, where all teachers and students will be involved in activities they are passionate about, to help students find their 'why?'

We have asked teachers to come up with two options that they are passionate about delivering, with the first of the options having a more academic focus. Some of the options on offer are:

Science Badges - Unlock the secrets of the natural world through hands-on experiments and investigations, earning badges as you explore the wonders of chemistry, physics, biology, and more.

Swimming - Dive into the world of swimming at Cameron Pools with our beginner's program, or our more advanced programme! Learn essential water safety skills and basic strokes in a supportive and encouraging environment, or extend the skills that you have. Whether you're dipping your toes for the first time or eager to improve your technique, our swimming program will help you build confidence and proficiency in the water.

Acting / Screen acting - Step into the spotlight and unleash your dramatic talents as you explore the art of acting for stage and screen, mastering techniques to bring characters to life and captivate audiences.

Music Theory - Dive into the fundamentals of music theory, learning to read notation, understand rhythm and melody, and explore the building blocks of musical composition.

Children will have the full range of options shared with them by their classroom teachers on Monday in Week 8, 18 March, and will then choose three options they are interested in, so we are able to create a time table and class lists. WaiFriday will start from the second Friday of Term 2.

Please have a discussion with your child about the options that they have selected. Some of the activities may need to include a small fee to cover the costs of materials used.

Kind regards,

David King
Principal

Rotary donation

Waikōwhai Intermediate has had a long association with the Rotary Club in Hillsborough, going back well over 10 years. They have been long time sponsors and given a helping hand when we have had a planting day for Trees for Survival.

In the picture here you can see them making a very generous donation of \$4000 to the school, which will be used to re-build our school garden beds that were washed away in the flood on January 27, 2023. Rotary Hillsborough is currently looking for new members. If you are interested, please call 0800 476 8279



Waifest - Thursday 4 April, 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Waifest is fast approaching, and the excitement has been building for some time. Many of our students have been working tirelessly on dance routines and are looking forward to performing for you all. In the next few weeks you will be hearing from teachers about how your child can be involved and how you can support this event.

On Monday your child will bring home a letter and a raffle ticket for a gorgeous gourmet food and drink hamper full of goodies. This is one way you can support our fundraising event.

Previously through generous donations from our community, we have run auctions of goods and services, and sold raffle tickets for goods donated from businesses and individuals in our community. If you are able to donate something, or have a connection to a business that could donate a good or service, please get in touch with our Associate Principal, Cathy Ioelu ioelu@wai-int.school.nz

Softball Boys

We had an awesome day out with the boys at CZ Softball on Thursday held at the War Memorial Park. Both teams played with sportsmanship and played hard. Our Year 8 boys had five straight wins but went down in the semi finals. Our Year 7 boys had a strong start but unfortunately didn't make the playoffs. Overall it was a fantastic day out with the boys learning new skills, taking risks on the diamond and showing Manaakitanga to their opponents.

Softball Girls

On Tuesday we were lucky to still take our girls to the CZ Softball Competition after some bad morning weather. Our girls played cheerfully and were clearly the loudest supporting team at the competition. The Year 8 girls had a great run in the rounds but unfortunately lost in the semi-finals. But huge congratulations to the Year 7 girls who made it to the finals and won! Great to see everyone's hard work pay off with some awesome results on the day.



Waikōwhai Student Council 2024

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to be on our Student Council for 2024, these students will be involved in a wide range of activities and responsibilities at Waikōwhai and out in the wider community. These students exemplify our school values of Ako, Māia and Maanakitanga and we are excited to see them develop and strengthen their leadership skills this year. The 2024 Student Councillors are Aley Marshall, Taiyu Liu, Blake Callander, Olive Kean, Tuipulotu Taulanga, Valerie-Ane Uepi, Liam Buys, Ben Rambaud, Aleena Kizhakke-Valappil, Rhea Aulakh, Georgie Souness, Lily Anderson, Lily Puletaha, George Stoddart, Neriah Cowley-Lupo, Mira Ammathi, Madeleine Drummond, Ashwin Treanor, Molly Brodie and Tahir Mansoor.



Roopu Leaders for 2024

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to be our Roopu Leaders for 2024. They will be involved in leading their Roopu in a wide variety of events to support school spirit and culture. Our Roopu Leaders are: Waihanga - Brae Martin-Mckay, Steven Lamositele, Mikayla Readhead, Seralia Iupeli. Waimarie - Selui Manoa, Jerome Vea, Jaymalyn Kumar, Martha Leota. Waipuna - Dustine Craig, Benji Robinson, Paige Harris, Iola Makapatama. Wairua - Taufu Hala'ufia, Taini Ha'unga, Finley Carter, Jacqueline Sor.



Mt Roskill Grammar School: Open Day

We are excited to invite you to attend the Mt Roskill Grammar School Open Day on Thursday 23 May from 3.30pm – 7.00pm.

You will meet with the staff who will be supporting your child and find out more about our co-curricular opportunities. You can also take a tour of our school, visit our Learning Hub, have a closer look at what departments teach and students can try exciting activities in a range of subjects. I will give a presentation at 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 6pm about our school.

At Mt Roskill Grammar School, the vision for our students is for them to become successful and powerful learners, equipped with the attitudes, qualities and qualifications to excel. Our teachers are experts in their subject and are skilled facilitators. Our students also excel in NCEA, well in advance of national averages.

Our academies for 2025 include Sports Performance & Performing Arts. We have two advanced learning classes in years 9 and 10 with the remainder mixed ability. Some students in year 10 may be accelerated into NCEA Level 1 Maths and Science, selected from across a range of year 9 classes at the end of year 9.

Mt Roskill Grammar School 2025 enrolment opens on Friday 24 May

All families, including those who are In-Zone, must apply please. Out of Zone applications must be received by **4pm, Wednesday 4 September**. We would love for In-Zone applications to be submitted by **4 October** if possible for class placement planning and to support your child's option selection.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact admin@mrgs.school.nz



**PLAY FOOTBALL
AT OM IN 2024!**

Come and be part of our great family friendly club. Our vision for our Junior and Youth players is to provide positive experiences, in a fun and safe environment while providing a pathway to grow within the sport. You can also support the Senior Men's and Women's teams at the base of Te Pane o Mataoho / Mangere Mountain, the most scenic view in Auckland, where you can enjoy the great social atmosphere.

Register NOW!

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WAI FEST 2024



WaiFest is a much-loved annual event on the Waikōwhai Intermediate School calendar. It takes place near the end of Term 1 and is the result of a whole term of planning and rehearsals. Year 8 team leader Timena Muna leads a team of dedicated teachers and teacher aides from the beginning of the year on a quest to find the most talented students. WaiFest showcases a range of groups, from K-pop, Bollywood and Contemporary dances to kapa haka and Pasifika dance groups, and other cultural performances, depending on the skills and interest displayed by our students. This year we will have a full strength choir led by our new performing arts teacher, Matt Tabrum. With stunning costumes and creative moves, our students show their manaakitangi, māia and ako values in every performance to make the evening unforgettable. Family and friends are most welcome to come to our school hall to see the colourful array of performances. **Don't miss out, book the date now: Thursday, 4 April (Week 10).**



As well as the performances taking place in our school hall, the courtyard on the other side of school is a place to grab some delicious food created by teams of keen students. The outside seating is a chance to catch up with other families and enjoy our lively school community. As a fundraising opportunity, WaiFest allows us to generate a pool of funds to help enable all students to enjoy the incredible learning opportunities at Year 7 school camp and Year 8 Activity Week. Make sure you come along and share the fun!

By Molly B.

