



WAIKŌWHAI
INTERMEDIATE

Waikōwhai 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

We have had a great start to Term 3, students are settled and working well in classrooms and there is a great atmosphere out at break times when the weather does not interrupt them.

One of the things that does periodically disrupt life at Waikōwhai Intermediate is social media. While we ban phones at school, and students are not allowed to use them while on site, we find that issues created by social media after school hours, do come into school. We would like your ongoing support with this issue please.

First, it is important that parents and caregivers understand social media and the internet, and what their child is doing online, or able to do. Improving your own digital parenting knowledge here is important, either go online and find things out for yourself, or head to NetSafe and go to the parents section. Ideally, your child will show you what they are doing.

Most social media platforms have an age restriction of 13 years old, this is because being on social media means a young person will have greater exposure to situations, issues and pressures that can be very difficult to navigate. Some good guidance here, is that if your child is connecting on social media, that they only connect with people that they know in real life.



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A last tip is to make sure that there are no devices in bedrooms when it is time to sleep. Most of the issues we deal with are messages sent by children after 10pm at night.

Thank you for your support here, please do visit the NetSafe Website, they are the experts here and there is plenty to learn for those of us who did not grow up with social media.

Kind regards,

David King
Principal

Daffodil Day

We are proud to be supporting the Cancer Society this Daffodil Day. The Cancer Society provides free support and information, funds lifesaving cancer research, and advocates for cancer prevention policies to reduce the risk of cancer now and for future generations. You can follow our fundraising success on our Daffodil Day fundraising page. If you would like to contribute more to our fundraising, [you can also do that on this page](#) or scan the QR code below.

To help with fundraising our Student Council will be hosting a non-uniform day on the Friday of Week 6 (25th August), this will be yellow-themed and we are asking for a gold coin donation from our students, all money raised will be donated to the Cancer Society. We look forward to seeing a sea of yellow at Waikōwhai!



Waikōwhai Intermediate School Board Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to: Astrid Day finance@wai-int.school.nz

by: September 1st, 2023

School attendance

Regular school attendance is critical for children's well-being and learning. Please see the graphic below that has been provided by the Ministry of Education that highlights the effects of absence from school.



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- Pick up Fridays 2-4pm

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- Fridays 2pm-4pm
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