



WAIKŌWHAI  
INTERMEDIATE

# Waikōwhai 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

At Waikōwhai Intermediate we value connections with our community and know from experience that children get the best outcomes when families, students and the school work together. Recent feedback, which we are still collating and will share in a later Newsletter, showed that we need to share more of the great things we do at Waikōwhai Intermediate with our community. Therefore, we have created and scheduled a new event on our Calendar, **‘WaiLearn’**.

We will be inviting you to our WaiLearn and this will be an experience of all the great things we do at Waikōwhai Intermediate to hook students into their learning.

Parents will receive a map of our school on arrival and be welcomed into the hall at 3.30pm, and again at 5.30pm for a second group, where they will be welcomed by our Student Councillors and a performance from our Kapa Haka. Following the short performance families and guests will be invited to make their way around the school in their own time, dropping into spaces to see what happens in the various activities at our school. Some classrooms will be open to share what happens in our curriculum, and our specialist classrooms will share what happens in their spaces. Other programmes that offer opportunities and support will also be available to see, such as Robotics, Bridge Builders, Rock band and many more.

This is an opportunity for our community to get a better understanding of all the great things that we do at Waikōwhai Intermediate. Our Student Councillors and Roopu Leaders will all be involved and some students will be invited to help teachers present and share different activities. Although there will be some students demonstrating the activities on the night, guests who come along are welcome to have a go at the maths problems or some of the other activities available!

The event will need to be ticketed to manage numbers, but there will be no cost. More details will follow, but please put aside Wednesday 18 October.

Kind regards,

David King  
Principal

## Camp donations please

Our Year 7 Camp is at Finlay Park and is running again in Term 4. We have worked with the Board of Trustees to keep cost to a minimum, but due to the travel, cost of food, overnight cost and cost for trained instructors, the overall cost of camp is still \$395 per student. Due to the high cost we are asking families who are in a position to support others to attend camp to make a donation for part or all of the cost for a child. If you would like to make a donation please be in touch with our Associate Principal Cathy Ioelu [ioelu@wai-int.school.nz](mailto:ioelu@wai-int.school.nz)

## Lockdown practice

In an emergency, schools operate by making sure students are in the safest place that they can be. Sometimes this means evacuating the school and on other occasions this means staying inside and locking the doors and windows to await further direction.

We practice these drills regularly and are having a Lockdown Practice in the coming week. We will inform our neighbouring Kindergarten and Primary School about this practice, as well as the Police. The drill will sound a siren at school and all children will sit on the floor in the middle of the room, the teacher will lock the doors and windows, do a roll check and report to our Deputy Principal. After our Deputy Principal has received confirmation that all children are accounted for she will signal the end of the Lockdown Practice. The purpose of the practice is to familiarise students with the process in case we need to use it at school.

During a lockdown, parents and caregivers will be communicated with via email or text. It is important that you do not come to school during the Lockdown, as we are all staying inside, as this is the safest place to be. Coming in to pick up children during a lockdown is not safe, and we would not be letting anyone on site during this time. During the drill we will not send a text or email.

## Daffodil Day

This year, 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!



## School Cross Country

On Friday, 4 August, we successfully held our school-wide cross country event, after a postponement from the Wednesday. With heavy rain showers, some with hail, and a cold front advancing over the country, it was an excellent call to put the event off. In previous years, all students were made to take part in the cross country, and it had been clear for a while that this was not popular with everyone. For the first time this year students could choose to take part in a 3k race with their year cohort and gender, or they could join the casual walk of a 1.5k route after the races. There were plenty of takers for the races with almost half of students signing up. By doing so they would be eligible for selection for our team for the Central Zone competition. They also earned themselves a Maia badge point and points for the roopu competition. The top 8 students in each race are listed below. Congratulations to all place getters and participants.

Year 7 Girls			Year 7 Boys		
#	Name	Room	#	Name	Room
1	Paige Harris	16	1	Dustine Craig	14
2	Jacqueline Sor	10	2	Samuel Mateljan	10
3	Emilee Chen	14	3	James Loftus	16
4	Reese Hendricks	11	4	George Stoddart	15
5	Jane Lee	14	5	Ashfaq Ahmed	13
6	Anna Baird	16	6	Benjamin Robinson	9
7	Contessa Lapuaho	14	7	Rafe Dorday	13
8	Alisha McNab	11	8	Mattie Lake	15
9	Cherish Talosaga	15	9	Liam Buys	15
10	Amy Hawke	12	10	Abdullah Hosseini	13
Year 8 Girls			Year 8 Boys		
#	Name	Room	#	Name	Room
1	Dione Carnachan	8	1	Xavier Nakatsuji	8
2	Eloise Kerr	2	2	Daiki Phillip	4
3	Esther Smith	8	3	Ros-Alan Uepi	4
4	Hayley Wynne-Duncan	8	4	Douglas Cornes	4
5	Molly Vaitohi	7	5	Aston Rehm	3
6	Freida Peart	8	6	Levi Filmer	6
7	Misha Kurian	4	7	Aaron Bradbury	3
8	Rebekah Tan	2	8	Noah Naseri-Talaia	7
9	Charlotte Hsiao	2	9	Aidan Madden	6
10	Isobel Olding	8	10	Jesse Gibbard	2

## Ex-student Kevin Zhang with Swimming Success on the World Stage

Kevin Zhang, who attended Waikowhai Intermediate in 2018/19, has seen considerable success at the Youth Commonwealth Games which have just been completed in Trinidad and Tobago. Kevin reached the finals (and set Personal Bests) in all his events and picked up a bronze medal in his best one, the 200m IM. Kevin currently attends Lynfield College (Year 12) and swims for the Roskill Swim Club.



### Mt Roskill Grammar

If you are intending to submit a Mt Roskill Grammar School 2024 Out of Zone application, please be aware that the deadline is fast approaching.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have submitted already submitted an online application and did not get a confirmation email, or have not heard from MRGS administration, please email us urgently at [enrolment@mrqs.school.nz](mailto:enrolment@mrqs.school.nz)

Applications must be received by **4.00pm on Wednesday 30 August** to be included in the ballot. This includes students with siblings currently attending. Applications received after the deadline will go onto a waiting list.

We encourage you to submit applications for In- Zone students as soon as possible as we will be starting to arrange interviews and subject selection in the coming weeks.

### Children's Recorder Ensemble Workshop

My name is Imogen Morris, I'm a recorder player and teacher based in Auckland. I am teaching children's recorder ensemble workshops on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September (during the school holidays) in Blockhouse Bay.

This is a great opportunity for children to learn more about the recorder and for them to try playing music they otherwise may not get a chance to experience. I've attached a poster that you're welcome to use in your school newsletter, and full details are available at this website: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/childrens-recorder-ensemble-workshops/auckland/blockhouse-bay>





## Water Main Project on Richardson Road

We have been informed that the next stage along Richardson Rd - from Glass Rd to Mckinnon Street will commence early next week and be completed by approximately the end of September (weather permitting). Please allow extra travel time (if necessary) and alternative drop off and pick up points for your children, such as the carpark at the back of our school that can be accessed from Noton Rd.



FREE creative arts event for  
kids and teens who stutter  
ages 7-18 yrs  
Sponsored by SAY: AU

9th  
September  
2023 10AM-3PM



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Location

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