



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



24th July 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

SCHOOL STARTING TIMES - TERM 3

Instruction continues to start at 8.55 each day.
The children are to still arrive no earlier than 8:30 each morning and are to move directly to class. They may then enter the playground or court areas.

TERM 3 SYNDICATE ASSEMBLIES

As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, this term we will be holding Syndicate Assemblies, as the hall is currently the home for the children and staff of Ruma Piwakawaka and Ruma Kakapo due to upcoming building renovations in their classrooms.

Term 3 Syndicate Assemblies will be held on Weeks 1 (July 24), 3 (August 7), 5 (August 21), 7 (September 4th), Week 9 (September 18th) and Week 10 (September 25th)

2.00 - 2.20 - Senior School (Kea and Weka)
2.20 - 2.40 - Middle School (Kakapo and Piwakawaka)
2.40 - 3.00 - Junior School (Takahe, Tui and Pukeko)

The staggered times allow for whanau to attend more than one assembly if required.

ASSEMBLY LOCATIONS

Kea and Weka - Ruma Kakapo (This will change once building renovations start.)
Piwakawaka and Kakapo - Hall
Junior School - Ruma Takahe

ART FOCUS

This term teachers and students are concentrating on "The Arts". Instead of preparing for a production classes will learn about drama, dance, art and music independently. We plan to have lots of activities that expose the children to different types of art across the whole term. We hope to have an exciting celebration of this new learning towards the end of term.

In the junior school, teachers are looking at storytelling and learning the elements of all the arts. They expect to be looking at fairy tales as the term goes on.

In the middle school children will learn about role plays. The students will role play events that have occurred in the playground and use this skill to resolve issues they meet. Kakapo and Piwakawaka classes are looking at "what's your story" and will also focus on myths and legends later.

In the senior school Weka students have learned about Matariki and made a visual representation of this. They have learned about the stars of Matariki and the story behind this. They will move into imaginative creations and the knights of the round table. Kea are reading and learning traditional tales especially myths and legends. Keas will choose which of the arts they are most keen on and pursue their interests over the term. They hope to look into shadow plays also. To begin the term the Keas have begun to create Taniwha images.

I am looking forward to seeing what these look like as they get them finished.

THE KAHUI AKO

We have been trying hard to get the Kahui Ako up and running again. This term we have visits from our Maths experts in Christchurch. Carol and Sarah have been communication with us through zoom meetings over the lockdown and now we are having face to face meetings again. Their help with our maths development has been wonderful. Already we have noticed students being so much more confident with their maths and willing to engage.

Teachers have been working on digital technology planning already this term. We are close to having the documents we require to make sure all students are being exposed to digital technology in line with the Ministry of Education expectations for this curriculum area.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Red Nose Mufti Day -
July 31st
- South Canterbury X -
Country - Wednesday,
August 12th (P/P Friday,
August 14th)
- School Photos -
Wednesday, August 26th.
- Teacher Only Days -
August 28th and October
23rd.

Matariki Artwork from Weka class



RED NOSE DAY - MUFTI DAY

On Friday, July 31st we will be holding a Mufti Day fundraiser for Red Nose Day. The money raised will go to Cure Kids. If possible it would be great if the children dress in red or include something red. (Any red noses are a bonus!). A gold coin donation please.



BUS VESTS

If there are any bus vests floating around at home that are not being used, could they please be returned to Mr Burt.

ABSENCES

A reminder that parents/care-givers must contact the school if their child/children will be absent from school. This needs to be carried out before school starts at 8.55am.

It is extremely time consuming if the school has to chase up parents/care-givers to find out why a child is not at school.

To make this process as easy as possible we have different ways you are able to contact us:

Phone 6898295 or 0273417744 Text 0273417744 or our School Loop App.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual, siblings and classroom photos will be carried out this year on Wednesday, August 26th.

TEACHER ONLY DAYS - DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Later this year we will be holding two Teacher Only Days. We are planning to hold one in Term 3 on **Friday, August 28th** and the other in Term 4 on **Friday, October 23rd**. The school will be closed on both days.

HEADLICE

Today we found headlice in the school. Please check your child/children's hair. If you would like any information on how to treat headlice you can get this from the school office.

STRAWBERRY FARE - 2021 YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

We are extremely fortunate to once again have the clean-up contract to tidy up at this year's Strawberry Fare. Pania Taupo will be organising a group that will carry out the work.

If you are interested in putting some money aside to help with Year 6 school camp fees, be prepared to put your name down this term. This is a great way to make paying your child's camp fees more manageable.

SUBWAY

Subway orders will once again be taking place during Term 3. Subway will be available every second Tuesday, starting in Week 2 on Tuesday, July 28th. Order forms are available from classroom teachers.

Subway orders for the advertised 1/2 price "Welcome Back" special for Tuesday, July 28th closed today (Friday, July 24th).

FOOD WARMER

This will be available during Term 3.

Please ensure food items are wrapped appropriately (e.g. Tin Foil) and are named clearly with the classroom as well.

Please Return: I have received and read this newsletter () (tick)

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Mythili Khagarot

Respect for Others - Emma Ottley

Respect for property - Mythili Khagarot

CLASSROOM AWARDS

Increased Independence - Jason Waugh

Striving to do her Best - Briar Craig

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Zaylee Davis, Tiffany Milne, Brair Craig, Maddy Smith

VISITING AUTHOR

Later this term we have invited a New Zealand children's author to visit Centennial and spend the day with us. Each class will have time with the author learning about the craft of writing. We will also run a workshop for our writers who are very keen on writing. When we have run this programme in the past the students have found this to be a great learning experience and a lot of fun.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The students are excited to be able to get their sausage again on Fridays as we reintroduce the sausage sizzle. This is a great way for us to offer students an alternative lunch choice. We really appreciate the support that Matt gives us from the FAST committee. He arrives each Friday at midday and gets sausages ready to feed the hungry hordes. Thank you very much Matt.

