



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



5th June 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

GREETINGS.

As we finish our third week at school under Level 2 we have seen the return of all but a few of our students.

The children are settling back into school routines, enjoying the time with their teacher and socialising once again with their friends and fellow students. The return to school continues to be settled and calm, with our staff and students now well used to new routines during the school day and the increased hygiene practices. As a staff we have been very impressed with how well our children have adapted to the changes that have needed to be put in place at school.

We also really appreciate your support in following set procedures at the start and end of the day. **Please remember at this stage all visitors, which includes all parents and caregivers, are required to sign in and out and complete a contact register found outside classrooms or the office area.**

All signs indicate we could well be moving into Level 1 in the very near future, and we will keep you informed how this will affect life at Waimate Centennial School.

SCHOOL HOURS

The children continue to be released at different times at the end of the day. Seniors released at 2:45pm. Middle released at 2:50pm. Juniors released at 3pm. Parents are asked to gather students and avoid congestion at the school gate please. The children with brothers and sisters have been instructed to meet on our netball court when released from class, before heading home. Please remember that the small gate by the netball court is to be used by bus children only at the end of each day. All other children and adults are to use a main entrance/exit point.

It is also important children/families leave the school grounds immediately after school and at this stage do not congregate at for example the adventure playground area or outside classrooms.

Increase In Number Of People At Gatherings

COVID-19 Public Health Response (Alert Level 2) Amendment Order 2020

Please continue to follow the rules for gatherings if you have people who aren't staff or students coming on-site for school activities, such as cultural events and sports matches.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that at Waimate Centennial we run a "Breakfast Club" each morning which is available for all the children.

If children require or would like a breakfast at school, they can pop along to see Mrs Pinches in Ruma Kea when they arrive and she will look after them.

GOLD BANDS, CLASSROOM AND STANDING TALL AWARDS.

It is great to see these returning to our school newsletter this week as we continue to recognise the successes of the children. While we have yet to start whole school assemblies this term, teachers are holding classroom assemblies where awards and gold bands are being presented.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Term 2 finishes 3rd July

SAFE CYCLING AND SAFE WALKING PROGRAMMES.

We have organised to implement a "Safe Cycling Programme" in the senior school (Kea, Weka, Kakapo and Piwakawaka) and a "Safe Walking Programme" in the junior school (Pukeko, Tui and Takahe). Both programmes will be led by our Police Education Officer Maire Froud, and will consist of in class and practical sessions.

The "Safe Cycling" sessions will be held Tuesday, June 16 - Thursday, June 18th. Areas of focus will include:

selecting and fitting a cycle helmet

checking a bike to see that it meets legal requirements

cycle skills exercises to promote confidence and safe bike handling.

Could all senior school children please bring a bike to school on Thursday, June 17th if at all possible.



UP - COMING RENOVATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

We are all very excited as major renovations and modifications to Ruma Piwakawaka, Ruma Kakapo, including the spaces attached to these classrooms have been approved and are to be carried out in the very near future. As well as these areas, some renovations and modifications are also to be carried out to the administration block. At this stage work will start at the beginning of July, during the end of term school holidays and will continue into Term 3.

While we have some extremely exciting plans in place, as you would expect, we will all be facing a number of disruptions and challenges while this is taking place. Along with the challenges presented, a major change that will be required is Ruma Piwakawaka and Ruma Kakapo being based in our school hall while the work is carried out.

Disruptions and challenges aside, I can assure you the benefits for the children, staff and many others, once work is completed, will be huge! Exciting times indeed!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Seeing so many children arriving at school each day in their full school uniform is always a positive about Waimate Centennial School and it certainly shows how proud the children and their families are to be part of our school community.

We greatly appreciate that you are ensuring your children attend school in the correct school uniform and we look forward to your continued support.

WAVE (Wellbeing And Vitality in Education) CHALLENGE SUCCESS.

Congratulations to Ruma Piwakawaka and Ruma Kakapo who recently won a challenge put forward by the WAVE organisation. The prize is a tree for the orchard the two classrooms set up and care for.

WAVE aim to create and support healthier environments for children and young people in South Canterbury.

Piwakawaka and Kakapo created a super power point and plan, to show how they have used gardening to illustrate the "5 Ways to Wellbeing." Keep an eye out for the power point which will appear on our school Facebook page in the near future.

A huge well done from us all.

Gardening - 5 Ways to Wellbeing

Connect - with each other, the earth, the produce, the meals

Give - time in the garden, sharing with each other, giving produce away, conversation

Take Notice - from tiny seeds to edible produce, insects, bees and other visitors to our garden, when it needs water, weeded and harvested

Keep Learning - produce entered in the local garden show won prizes, seeds can be gathered from our produce to plant next year's garden

Be Active - Smiles tell it all, enjoying the experience, forgetting your worries, improving our mood



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Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Cameron Lane, Abel Venegas Cabezas, Jackson Evered, Sophia Davidson, Indy Stowell

Respect for Others - Sophia Davidson

CLASSROOM AWARDS

Effort & Progress in Reading - Jesse Archer

Effort & Progress in Spelling - Sammy Hill

Effort & Progress in Maths - Olivia Garland, Sivaya Green

Conscientious Worker - Ricky Savage

Great Work Habits - Jack Waugh

Challenging Herself - Rachael Hodder

Settling well into Ruma Pukeko - Tahlia Sandrey

Farewell - Ella, & Miley Willcox, Dante Taylor, Max & Cooper Drummond

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Emily Anderson, Leah Finn, Milla Mackenzie, Lucas Farrell, Joel Roberts, Kourtney Constable, Genna Hargreaves, Oliva Carline, Kelly Carter, Heid Pathe, Zoe Smith, Abby Swatridge, Adam Grieve, Sam Matheson, Charlotte Warner, Abel Venegas Cabezas, James Hodder, Zac Proudfoot, Hernan Schaffer-Quintana, Scott Brown, Jackson Evered, William Nichol, Ethan Mitchell, Abbie Sew Hoy, Indy Stowell, Harry Luckman, Ricky Savage, Caleb Mills, Tahlia Ainsworth, Amelia Buckingham, Chased Jackson, Jakob Boyes-Burt

FOOD WARMER AND SUBWAY.

The food warmer will not be operating until further notice and we will not be taking Subway orders this term.