



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



10th August 2017

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (greetings)

NEW STUDENTS

I would like to welcome Jake Subritcky to Centennial School. Jake told me about how he really enjoys puppets in Takaha. He showed me his favourite puppet, the wolf. I was impressed with the language he used to describe how he chases other puppets away with the wolf. He likes to sit with Tyler at lunch times when they can talk together. We hope you settle in well and enjoy your time here at Centennial Jake.

MATHS PROBLEM

Jeremy made up bags of sweets for the school fair. In each bag he put 4 caramels and 7 jelly babies. He packed 36 caramels. How many Jelly babies did he pack?

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

It has come to our attention that there are students from other schools selling "slime" to Centennial students on the bus. I agree that it is wonderful stuff to hold and play with. When the Slime gets out of the plastic bag it comes in, it has the potential to stain hands and classroom materials that it comes into contact with. Please keep the slime at home.

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL TEAM HELPERS NEEDED

Last week we met as the FAST to plan the events for the third term. We have several ideas about social events and smaller fundraising opportunities. We are going to purchase a set of chairs for the school hall and we are looking at putting an air conditioning unit into the hall to help with temperature control. We are still looking for any parents who are willing to help out with the social and fundraising events we run. If you are interested in giving a small amount of time occasionally to help let Rachel Lucas or I know and we will create a roster.

SENIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS VISIT CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS

Last week teachers from the senior school visited Waimari and St Fransis of Assisi schools in Christchurch to see how they are using their learning spaces and teachers are collaborating with each other. These schools either have already been rebuilt or are about to be. A lot of thinking has been done so that building changes to the school are backed up with clear guidelines and procedures. I was very impressed with the different approaches from both schools to provide engaging and collaborative educational environments. Within the next two to three years the Waimate Centennial Board of Trustees will be looking at some redevelopment of the senior part of the school. These visits and others that we are about to go on will give us ideas about how we can keep the teaching and learning done here up to date with best practice.

WORLD VISION

Last week we were lucky to have a visit from Alex Hitchmough thanking us for participating in the recent World Vision 40 hour Famine. Alex spoke about the use that money raised would be put to. The focus for World Vision at present is the Syrian crisis. She told us that for \$300, three Syrian teachers could be trained to work in refugee camp schools. Centennial students raised \$326.00 which could also supply a stationery pack for a Syrian student. We are very proud of the eighteen senior students who participated in the event and we are thinking about how we can expand this next year. Alex told us that our children can send a message to the new NZ Government later in the year to share our ideas on the refugee crisis in Syria. Students can go to www.famine.org.nz. Submissions will be collated by World Vision and presented to the Government in October. Thanks to all the students who got involved and to Mrs Clarkson for organising and running the event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ski Trip to Round Hill, 13th August
- First rehearsal for school production, 22nd September
- South Canterbury Anniversary day, 25th September
- Matinee performance, 27th September
- Production - evening performance, 28th September
- 29th Sept Home and school lunch

World Vision Certificates



BY-ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Waimate Centennial School Board of Trustees is looking for parents to take up positions on the Board. I will be happy to talk to any member of our community who is interested to find out more.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to trial a meeting with members of the community where you can come and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. I would like the content to be the issues that you think are important at the moment. It is my intention to have a meeting at 2pm this Friday in the staffroom. You will be able to stay on for assembly afterward. If this is popular it may be that we continue this opportunity.

PARENT TEACHER CALENDAR APP

Two weeks ago our bus students had to go home early because of a sudden rain event and the drivers were concerned about the road. I was able to send out a notification on the Parent Teacher Calendar App and all of the families involved were warned of the event instantly by text. For the other people who do not yet have the app we had to ring them and let them know what was happening. This was troublesome because some people were not close to the phone. In some cases we rang several times and then after not getting through we kept their children at school after the bus left.

I firmly believe that we need a way to reach all our families instantly and this app is one such way. I encourage you all to download this app on your phone so you can receive these notices and save time in an emergency. There is a school calendar, access the latest newsletter and official notices are texted through here, you can also let the school know if your child is absent.

ABSENCES

Occasionally parents have been letting their child's teacher know of absences. As teachers are very busy it would be appreciated if you could let the office know so that it can be entered in the system and prevent us contacting you unnecessarily.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - <http://centennial.ultranet.school.nz/Home/>

On the new website you can find articles about how students are working and all the extra activities we have been involved with.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

We now have approximately one third of our families receiving the newsletter electronically. This is beginning to make our job easier and save us money. If you would like your newsletter to come to you through e-mail please leave your e-mail address on the slip at the bottom of the page.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have quite a lot of lost property, especially polar fleeces. If you are missing one please come in and have a look. Remember to name your clothing.

Ma te wa
Nga Manaakitanga
Best wishes

Maths problem: Jeremy Packed _____ Jelly Babies altogether

Our family/whanau e-mail address is _____

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

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Taylor Chamberlain, Mackenzie Young, Cameron Lane, Elsie Cooney-Hedditch, Hayley Keen, Hunter Guyton, Isabellea Lightfoot

Respect for Others - Brock Tupara-Burgess, Travis-Ann Samson, Hunter Guyton

Respect for Property - Eva Jordanovska

Respect in all areas - Dan Patterson, Zaylee Davis, Kate Gillespie

Caring & Considerate Class Member - Lucy Carline Rua Taupo

Enthusiastic Class Member - Davan Huwes, Flyn Mehrtens, Zac Proudfoot Scarlett Evered

Settling Well into Ruma Takaha - Peyton Rempala

Settling Well into Ruma Piwakawaka - Cassidy Earnshaw

Settling Well into Ruma Pukeko - Jackson Couper

Effort & Progress in Reading - Hareruia Reihana

Effort & Progress in Writing - Silver James, Dante Mitchell, Lucas Farrell, Maddy Smith, Mason Keen,

Effort & Progress in Spelling - CJ Watkins

Effort & Progress in Maths - Jasmine de Waal, Thomas Pali, Emma Ottley, Mason Dyer, Diana Chrepanova

Positive Attitude - Elie Craig, Mere Timblich-Poroa

Great Written Work - Evie Anderson, Jack Williams

Confidence in new Situations - Indiana McKenzie

Great Participation & Contributing - Cade Richardson,

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Sam Wilson, Sonny Kuti, Joe Coyle, Mariska-Shai Loye, AJ Tupara-Burgess, Cade Richardson, Keira Mitchell, Liam Stewart, Zoe Wilson, Caleb Good, Felicity Hutt, Davan Huwes, Dylan Lefeber, Erica Lucas, Ben Moressey, Jack Willaims William Nichol, Emma Ottley, Taylor Chamberlain, Macey-Kate Guyton, Dante Mitchell. Oliver Lienert, Scarlet Evered, Aaliyah de Wit, Jacob Harrison, Lloyd Mawdsley, Murphy Page, Erin Wood, MacKenzie Young, Kourtney Constable, Jasmine de Waal, Charlotte Garland, Sophie Herbert, Cameron Lane, Thomas Pali, Arni-ka Tulett, Santi Zimmerman, Toutouwai Taylor, Briar Craig, Kieran Dewit, Jackson Evered Genna Hargreaves, Phynn Matthews-Sisson, Zac Proudfoot, Emmett Knightly

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