



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



15th October 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

PORTFOLIOS AND REAL TIME REPORTING

Welcome back to Centennial School for term 4. This last term of the year will be a busy time for everyone and I can see that we will be in the count down to Christmas before we have much time to think about it. I hope everyone has managed to have some family time together and you are all bursting with enthusiasm to be back at school.

There are a couple of changes happening this term that will impact families. One of these is our retiring of the student portfolios. These documents have been the way we have recorded student progress, captured examples of student work and shared progress and achievement with families. Our understanding of student learning has developed to the point where we understand that portfolios are not the best way of sharing student learning and progress.

Over the last few years teachers have been developing their ability to use technology in class. As a result almost every day students are creating their work digitally. We are able to collect images of traditional exercise book work digitally as well. During the Covid 19 lockdown teachers used the Seesaw app to communicate with their students and parents. This has proven to be a very suitable forum for sharing the digital work students are creating.

The second change is that we will move to Real Time Reporting. This is when students share some of the work they create as they do it. Parents will be able to keep up with the quality and content of their children's learning as it is happening rather than twice a year when the work has lost some of it's significance.

We know that when parents are involved in their children's learning it increases the quality of the learning. There will be opportunities for parents to comment on the student work so that teachers and students can receive feedback. Parents will be able to see students work as teachers see it and this will give parents a better understanding of how their child's learning is growing.

Teachers are working on a timetable for sending you examples of the work they are doing as it happens. We will publicise this for families in the next week.

It will be important to have all families connected to the Seesaw app that teachers and families used during the lockdown. If you are not yet connected to seesaw you can talk to your child's teachers to get set up.

WHANAU HUI

On the 29th October we are holding our annual Whanau hui at Main School. We invite our Maori families to bring your whanau along at 5:30 pm. We will have kai before we talk about how you see things going in Waimate now. All schools are preparing waiata to present to you as entertainment. We will have childcare organised so that the adults can talk after eating.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Teacher Only Day - October 23rd
- South Canterbury Cross Country - October 20th
- Labour Day October 26th
- Whole School Athletics Day - November 10th pp 12th
- South Canterbury Swimming Sports, Friday, November 23rd
- Year 6 Farewell Evening - December 8th
- End of term 4 - December 16th

SUBWAY

Subway will continue during Term 4. The first day for Subway orders this term will be Tuesday, October 20th (Week 2) Orders to classroom teachers on the Tuesday as usual please.

OPENING AND OPEN DAY FOR THE RENOVATED CLASSROOMS

Our two classrooms are finished being refurbished and the students will be back in them for the start of this term. They look stunning. I am impressed with the light and openness of the area. I am convinced the students will find them amazing to learn in. I know teachers will be relieved to be back in their own spaces.

On Thursday, October 22nd at 2 o'clock we will be holding an opening ceremony to officially open our renovated classrooms. We would love you to be able to join us.

The builders have moved to the admin area and are refurbishing the toilets and sickbay. They will then move to Ruru classroom to create a space for our learning support Coordinator to work in. We expect all the work to be complete by the end of the year. Thank you very much for being tolerant of all the changes that have occurred with this process.

NEW LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

We are lucky to have finally located our second Learning support coordinator. Bernadette Reedy begins on the first day of term four. She will have office space at the High School but we expect to see a lot of her around the schools in the Waimate district. Welcome Bernadette and we hope you enjoy the shift to the South Island and sunny Waimate.

TEACHER ONLY DAY 23rd OCTOBER

The third and final of our Teacher Only days is to be held on the 23rd of October which is the Friday before labour weekend. Students will not be at Centennial on this day. Teachers are working on developing the reporting systems we use to share your child's progress. We will also be finalising the work we have done on our graduate profile. We hope you are able to enjoy a long weekend with your family beginning on the 23rd.

SCIENCE ROADSHOW VISIT

The senior school will visit the science road show again this year. This is an interactive opportunity for our students to see what is happening in the world of science. Classes will be visiting Main School in groups on October 30th

THANK YOU TO OUR FAST GROUP

We have been very fortunate to have had a substantial donation from FAST. This is being used to buy furniture for the new learning area. We are very grateful to FAST and to all families who have contributed to the reserves that FAST accumulate for these purposes.



STANDING TALL

Respect for self - Jason Waugh, Harry Luckman, Stella McFarlane, Lucas Ali, Jason Waugh, Indi McKenzie
Respect for Others - Olivia Carline
Respect in All Areas - Sophie Wilson

CLASSROOM AWARDS

Effort & Progress in Writing
- Zoe Smith, Nikita Sanders - Gu
Effort & Progress in Reading
- Jackson Burgess, Colbie Lane
Effort & Progress in Arts - Genna Hargreaves, Santi Zimmermann
Presentation Skills - Scott Brown
Increased Independence - Connie Cousau
Looking after Others - Ace Binnie
Works and Plays well with Others - Charlotte Donaldson

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Weka - Cody Swatridge, Genna Hargreaves, Kelly Carter, Blake Dyer, Callum Rempala, Olivia Carline, Pat Huwes, Leah Finn, Milla McKenzie
Kea - Zaylee Davis, Mythili Khangarot, Tiffany Milne, Madisyn Smith, William Nichol, Briar Craig, Sammy Hill, Brooke Proudfoot, Lachie Patterson
Tui - Amelia Buckingham, Lucas Cook, Sophia Davidson, Eden Grieve
Pukeko - Suri Apafi, Callan Harrington, Abbie Sew Hoy, Pippa Smith, Indy Stowell, James Fraser, Harry Luckman, Ricky Savage, Charlotte Knightly, Andrea Jordanovska, Tahlia Ainsworth, Korbyn Oughton, Ryder Hall
Takahe - Harper Davis, Zayden Binnie, Mollie Peters

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