



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



6th May 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back to the second school term for 2021 and we are all looking forward to another enjoyable and successful school term.

Term one was a very busy term with many different things taking place, including swimming, the Life Education van visiting, Duffy Books in Homes theatre group, exciting classroom programmes across the school and an outdoor education week full of memorable highlights.

This term will also be busy with a wide variety of events down to take place. We have our school cross-country fast approaching, the jump jam extravaganza, netball sessions in the middle and senior school, safe cycling and safe walking, Kiwi Can continues, Rotary speech competitions and our local Matariki festival, just to name a few. I am sure we are in for another super school term.

CROSS COUNTRY- A change to our original plans.

This year we have decided to trial a new approach to cross country. As with the other primary schools in Waimate, we will be involving our whole school in the Waimate District Cross Country, therefore we will not be running a school cross country event.

We feel this a great opportunity for all our children, including our school community, to be involved in a Waimate sporting event.

The Waimate District Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, June 1st (p/p Thursday, June 3rd) at Knottingley Park.

We will also be busy training for the cross country each day at school and the children need to be wearing suitable shoes for running.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first fortnightly assembly for Term 2 will be held this Friday, May 7th, starting at 2.30. We look forward to seeing you there.

HEALTHY LUNCHES IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Thank you for your feedback on the Healthy Lunches in Schools Programme. The three schools invited to take part - Waimate High School, Waimate Main and our school - have all decided to accept the invitation and go ahead with the programme. The next step is to form a working group to keep moving the project forward so that we are ready to go at the start of Term 3.

EDEN'S WRITING

The werewolf who had golden claws

In an island far far away there lived a werewolf that had golden claws and a black cape with a black hole on it. He lived in a dark cave in the middle of the earth. It was very very very hot. He could spawn a black hole anywhere he went and destroy every planet in the universe in one second.

One day, he accidentally destroyed the entire universe and blasted to the sun. He went through the sun's atmosphere and he couldn't get out of the sun's atmosphere. He felt hot and his golden claws were melting to orange juice. Luckily a black hole rewinded back in time before he destroyed the universe.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Subway** for term 2 - 11th & 25th May, 8th & 22nd June, 6th July
- **Assembly** dates - 7th May, 21st May, 4th June, 18th June, 9th July
- **Olympic Ambassador** at school - Wednesday 12th May
- **School/ District Cross Country** - Tuesday 1st June (postponement Thursday 3rd June)
- **Queen's Birthday** - Monday 7th June - school closed
- **South Canterbury Cross Country** - 14th June pp 16th June
- **Matariki Festival** - Friday 2nd July

OLYMPIC AMBASSADOR

As part of the build up to the Olympic Games Olympic ambassadors are visiting schools to talk about their experiences as athletes representing NZ at Olympics. Our ambassador is Genevieve Behrent. See some details about Genevieve below

Genevieve (Gen) was born in Oamaru in 1990. It wasn't until she had finished high school that Gen started rowing, and it might never have happened if she hadn't gone along to watch her younger brother, Oliver, who was rowing in a regatta at Lake Ruataniwha in 2008.

It was there that she was asked by Southland coach, John O'Connor, whether she wanted to try rowing herself, as he thought she had the right height and would make a good rower.

Gen joined the Waihopai Rowing Club in Invercargill, and continued rowing when she started studying at Otago University. Only fourteen months later she was selected for the New Zealand Under 23 squad to compete at the 2010 World Under 23 Championships in Belarus. Her first coach, John O'Connor, described Gen's rapid progress in the sport as astonishing! This selection also had a big impact on Gen's life. Instead of carrying on her studies at Otago University in 2010 she had to move to Cambridge to be part of the New Zealand Rowing High Performance Programme. Gen continued studying though, working on a Business Studies degree through Massey University. At the 2010 Under 23 World Champs Gen rowed in the New Zealand eight, and the crew came second. The following year Gen also rowed in the eight at the Under 23 World Champs and got another Silver medal. In 2012, Gen was still under 23, but this year rowed in a quad (four) and came third. In 2013 Gen was part of the Womens' Elite eight, and this crew came seventh in the World Championships. The ups and downs of sport hit home later in 2013 though when Gen was dropped from the New Zealand rowing team. Gen had to work very hard to get her way back into the squad but it wasn't until September, 2014 that she was finally able to do so. 2015 proved to be a big year for Gen and New Zealand. As part of the New Zealand eight, Gen won a Silver medal at the World Championships and in doing so, qualified New Zealand to have a Women's eight compete at the 2016 Rio Olympics. This was a history-making moment as it would be the first women's eight from New Zealand to row at an Olympics! Although the eight had qualified for Rio, there was still no guarantee that Gen would be part of the crew. When she was finally named in the New Zealand Olympic Team for Rio, Gen described the feeling as Xmas Day times one million! As well as the eight, by this stage Gen was also rowing in a pair with experienced rower and London Olympic medallist, Rebecca Scown, and they were going fast. So to the Rio Olympics, where Gen and Rebecca easily made the final of the pair. In the final, they started slowly, but rowed a wonderfully strong second half of the race to surge into second and win the Silver medal. They were just over a second behind the winners, Great Britain. Both Gen and Rebecca were in the eight who had also made the final the next day. Could they win two medals and be the first New Zealanders to ever do so in rowing at the same Olympics? Not quite as it turned out. The women's eight rowed a great race but eventually finished fourth. Gen was made a New Zealand Olympic Ambassador at the end of 2016, and is looking forward to her role talking to and inspiring young New Zealander.

FOOD WARMER

The children can have their food warmed up during the morning and have delivered to them in time for lunch. Please put food in tin foil with your child's name and class written on in easy to read text. Each class has a 'box' for children to put their food items in as they arrive at school.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Fridays during Term 2 we will be holding sausage sizzles as a fundraiser. Students bring along \$2 to their classroom teacher and order a sausage/bread on Friday mornings. The money raised from this goes towards funding expenses we incur for running sporting activities.

SOUTH CANTERBURY NETBALL SESSIONS

We are very fortunate to have the South Canterbury Netball Development Officer visiting our school, to deliver a Netball based programme for our middle and senior school classrooms each Tuesday, running from May 18th - June 22nd. The aim is to maintain a partnership with our school and give children the opportunity to experience sport outside the classroom, while giving teachers some ideas and confidence to continue to promote and keep children active.

I am sure it will be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for all involved.

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Waimate High School PTA Fundraiser

Bingo Babes

Saturday 22 May 2021 A & P Showgrounds Pavilion, Waimate
\$30 Ticket includes: Entry to a hilarious evening of bingo playing and laughs, 1 bingo card & supper Per Person BINGO-BAR-SUPPER-RAFFLES-AUCTION Tickets available from: Waimate High School, In Hair Design & The Quirky Magpie



Ethel & Bethel

Girls Rugby U11 & U13 Grades 2021

- We have some good numbers already this season, but ready for more keen girls to join this competition.
- Learn New Skills, Meet Girls from other Schools and have some Active FUN

Monday 10th of May
Alpine Energy Stadium
4pm Kick off

Turn up as a team ready to play or as an individual and we will help put you in a team
Season runs for the duration of term two (Mon Nights)

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GENERAL FINANCES

Just a reminder that the school does not have eftpos, we do have internet banking available and we no longer accept cheques. We do however accept cash and provide a layby facility where we can hold the purchase until paid in full. Any cash sent to school should be handed in to the classroom teacher as this provides another way of recording transactions.