



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



13th February 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to all the children and their families as we start our 2020 school year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined us at Waimate Centennial School. We hope you enjoy being part of our school community.

For the start of the 2020 year teachers at Waimate Centennial decided that the best way to welcome students was to perform a traditional powhiri/welcome. On Monday morning Waimate Centennial students experienced this very different welcome when they arrived at school for the first day of the new school year. After meeting and greeting, their teachers walked them to the school hall where the students were arranged to enter together. When the teachers were seated in the hall the children came in to the call of the kaikaranga/ (person who calls people onto the Marae) Mrs Tania Paul, who is a new teacher at Centennial. The students supported the ceremony by singing Waiata/songs that they already knew. Along with Mrs Paul the principal, Mr Young, Te Reo teacher, Makere and her husband Matua John all took part in the special welcome.

This kind of learning is beneficial for all students as way to promote well-being and belonging. We know that when we provide these very special occasions for our students, we are not only providing them for Maori students we are providing them for everyone in the school.

All schools in the Waimate district are integrating Te Reo and tikanga/special Maori into their school programmes. Other Maori events this year include managing the very popular Matariki celebration that will be held in the second term.



EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Each year Waimate Centennial School holds an "Education Outside the Classroom" week.

This year our E.O.T.C Week will start on Monday, March 9th and conclude on Friday, March 13th.

Our Outdoor Education Week involves all the children throughout the school. A busy, interesting and enjoyable programme is being organised for the children including such activities as visits both local and further afield including local nature walks, stream/creek visits, kayaking and co-operative activities and sleepovers. As I am sure you are aware a lot of preparation goes into ensuring the success of this event. Parents/Care-givers will be receiving information related to these events in the very near future so please keep a lookout for notices that will arrive home.

This year the Year 6 children will once again be visiting Dunedin, leaving on Tuesday, March 10th and returning on Friday, March 13th. As with last year a varied and extremely interesting and enjoyable programme has been organised including a visit to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary, Moana Pool session, NZ Marine Studies Centre at Portobello, Early Settlers Museum, Beverly Begg Observatory, Dunedin Botanic Gardens (orienteeing), Otago Museum (sleepover and associated programmes - "A Night at the Museum") and a visit to the Royal Albatross Centre. As you can see the Year 6 children are in for a full on week!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Meet the Teachers 19th February
- EOTC 9th-13th March
- Senior School Swimming Sports February 18th
- Life Education Van visit 19th-24th February
- Waimate Family Fun Day 23rd February
- Centennial School Pool Party 28th February
- Red Cross Mufti Day 20th March
- Duffy Theatre visit 31st March
- Centennial Quiz night 7th April
- Last Day of Term 1 9th April
- ANZAC Day observed 27th April
- Teacher Only Day 29th May

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LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

Hello everyone. I'm Judy Brown, your new Learning Support Coordinator.

My husband and I are recent arrivals in the lovely hamlet of Willowbridge and have to say we are finally 'home'. We have six children between us - all grown and flown - and a couple of beautiful grandchildren. Happy to say they all still live in South Canterbury.

I am a primary trained teacher, with experience in Early Childhood, Primary, and Secondary sectors. I also have qualifications in Social Work and Reading Recovery. My induction with the Ministry of Education for this newly created role is at the end of February and we will know more about the path I am to take then. In the meantime, you can contact me at jbrown@centennial.school.nz

I am very much looking forward to meeting you and your children, and attending to their learning needs in the best way I can.

Kind regards
Judy Brown

PUKEKO NEWS

The children in Pukeko class love to read their books to Luke the Pook, their pukeko and Fluffy the puppet, their other new reading friend. Making reading fun helps us to foster a love of reading and learning!



MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

On *Wednesday, February 19th* we will be holding a "Meet the Teacher" evening. We would like to welcome you to join us at 5.30pm to share a meal with us. A BBQ will be going and a sausage, bread and chips will be provided.

At 6pm there will be a short welcome and introduction to 2020, followed by sessions in classrooms with teachers where they will discuss classroom programmes and the year ahead. The evening will finish at 7pm.

A notice was sent home earlier in the week outlining this event. Could slips please be returned to school asap to assist with the ordering of food.

WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS.

(YEARS 3 - 6)

We would like to invite you to join us at our Senior School Swimming Sports which is to be held at the Norman Kirk Memorial Pool. We provide a programme of events that caters for the various abilities of the children.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 18th starting at approximately

9.45 am (P/P Date = Thursday, February 20th)

VENUE: Norman Kirk Memorial Pool (Town Pool)

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

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Diana Cherapanova

Respect for Others - Thomas Pali

CLASSROOM AWARDS

Positive Attitude - Charlotte Knightly, Kelly Carter, Cody Swatridge

Resilience & Perseverance - Kaleece Tupara-Burgess

Enthusiastic Classroom Member - Mason Dyer

Settling Well into Ruma Kakapo - Ryan Davidson

Settling Well into Kea - Georgia O'Sullivan, Mythili Khangarot

CLASSROOM STATIONERY

Many thanks to all the parents/care-givers who have organised their children's stationery to start the school year. It certainly helps your child start the year in a very positive manner.

If you have yet to organise this for your child, could you please carry this out promptly. I am sure you will understand it makes a huge difference for your child to be all organised with their stationery to start the year. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The first Scholastic Book Club catalogue was recently sent home with the children.

A reminder to order items from Book Club just go to the following link or copy and paste it into your browser, register and away you go!

scholastic.co.nz/LOOP

Orders can still be made through the school by returning your orders to the classroom teacher in a named envelope.

JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT- APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Venue: Geraldine District Golf Club- Orari Back Road, Geraldine.

Thursday April 23rd 2020
18 holes 10am reporting, Tee Off 10.30 am.

9 holes 11.30am reporting, Tee off Midday

Event: 18 Hole Stableford

9 Hole Stableford

9 Hole Ambrose Teams of 6 Have a Go at Golf

(Teams must have one adult to supervise)
Entry Fee- \$5 for 18 Hole players

\$ 3 for 9 Hole players

A drink and some food will be available after the game.

EVERYONE GETS A PRIZE.

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN.

Contact: Graham Keen, Aorangi Golf Development Manager - 021326004 or dm@aorangigolf.org.nz