



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



12th June 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

LEVEL ONE

We experienced a great start to the week as it was announced New Zealand was moving into Level One. A huge step towards 'normality' again for us all! Now that we have moved into Level One, changes are taking place at Waimate Centennial. Below are listed important pieces of information you need to be aware of.

School now finishes at 3 o'clock for all children.

The children are to still arrive no earlier than 8:30 each morning and are to move directly to class. They may then enter the playground or court areas.

The contact registers outside classrooms and the administration area are no longer required for parents, caregivers and other members of our school community to complete. However, all other visitors are required to sign in at the office on entering the school grounds.

Assemblies started this week and will continue each Friday for the remainder of the term.

While the hall will not be available next term due to renovations taking place, with Ruma Kakapo and Ruma Piwakawaka being based in the hall, we are aiming to continue to hold assemblies in some form.

Hand washing is still important and will continue to be promoted at school. Hand sanitiser will still be available as well.

The drinking fountains are in operation again. We do encourage children to bring a named drinking bottle each day.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

One of the many positives about moving into Level One is that we can once again hold whole school assemblies. It always a highlight as we celebrate the successes of our children.

We have decided that for the remainder of Term 2 we will hold weekly assemblies.

Assemblies are held on a Friday in our school hall, starting at 2.30. We would love to see you all there!

SAFE WALKING - THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

The "Safe Walking" Programme in the junior school (Pukeko, Tui and Takahe) will take place on Tuesday, June 23rd and Friday,

June 26th. Areas of focus will include:

Children will be able to identify types of traffic and know that it may be dangerous.
Children will recognise the different parts of the road and know how to behave on each.

Children will have the skills and knowledge to cross the road safely.

Children will identify hazards on or near the road and be careful near these.

Children will demonstrate appropriate behaviours in and around a vehicle.

Children will be familiar with the operation of School Road Patrol Teams and will follow their instructions.



ATTENDANCE

A reminder that parents/care-givers must contact the school if their child/children will be absent from school. This needs to be carried out before school starts at 8.55am. It is extremely time consuming if the school has to chase up parents/care-givers to find out why a child is not at school.

To make this process as easy as possible we have different ways you are able to contact us:

Phone - 689 8295 or 027 341 7744

Text - 027 341 7744

Our Skoolloop App - <https://www.skoolloop.com/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 'Teacher Only Day' August 28th
- Labour Day October 23rd
- Term two finishes July 3rd
- Term 3 begins 20th July
SAFE CYCLING - THE SENIOR SCHOOL

As outlined in last week's newsletter, the senior school will be involved in the "Safe Cycling" programme next week.

Practical sessions at school will be carried out on Wednesday, June 17th, so could the children please bring a bike and helmet to school if at all possible.

The children involved in the "road ride" sessions will also need to bring their bike and helmet on Thursday, June 18th. The children know who is involved in these sessions.

FOOD WARMER AND SUBWAY.

It has been decided that the food warmer will not be operating during Term 2. It will however be available in Term 3. As has been previously mentioned, we will not be taking Subway orders this term. This will restart in the second week of Term 3.

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORTING TO PARENTS AND STUDENT LED CONFERENCES.

The children of the senior school classrooms (Ruma Kea, Weka, Kakapo and Piwakawaka) will be bringing home their mid - year reports on **Friday, June 26th**. As was mentioned in a previous newsletter, report forms will have a different look due to the disruptions caused by the recent lockdown. The senior school staff members have developed new forms based on our schools graduate profile and so as to be in line with our current situation. Home learning for example will play a major role.

The new "report form" will also be used by the children for shared learning conversations during end of term Student Led Conferences. These were introduced over the last few years to replace the traditional Parent/Teacher Interviews.

I can now confirm Student Led Conferences for the senior school classrooms will be held on **Tuesday, June 30th and Wednesday, July 1st**.

BOOK WEEK

We will be holding our annual school Book Week during the final week of Term 2 starting, Monday, June 29th. During the week the children will be provided with a wide variety of book related activities

One of the highlights and a hugely popular event each year is our **"Book Character Dress-Up Day"** on the **Friday (July 4th)** to conclude our Book Week. This provides the children with an opportunity to come along dressed as a book character. We will be holding a "parade" at about **9.10am** so the children can show off their costumes. Family members are more than welcome to join us, and we would love to see you all.



EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR WAIMATE CENTENNIAL.

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

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

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Logan Ali, Connie Cousau

Respect for Others - Brock Tupara -Burgess

CLASSROOM AWARDS

Positive Attitude - Arni-ka Tulett

Increased Independence - Flynn Mehrtens Aaliyah Tagiaia

Settled back into school Well - William Nichol

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Helena Zimmermann, Emily Venegas Cabezas, Aaliyah Tagiaia, Keelan Sanders, Ollie Smith, Poppy Nichol, Max Hill, Ryan Davidson, Diana Cherepanova, Lilli Cadogan, Flynn Mehrtens, Addison McFarlane, Thomas Hand, Mason Dyer

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.

Some Tui class writing

