



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



4th May 2017

Hello everyone,

NEW STUDENT Toutouwai Taylor

I would like to welcome Toutouwai to Centennial school. Toutouwai comes to us from Temuka and he already has a lot of friends here. His good friends Sonny, Che-Cruz and William have been helping him settle into school. I was surprised to hear that he can speak Maori already. He is involved in the community Kapahaka group. He told me that he thinks there are really nice people that go to Centennial School.

Mauri mahi, mauri ora; mauri noho, mauri mate.

Work makes one well

This Whakatauki/proverb is an expression of how hard work helps to fulfil your life. It may be the job you go out to everyday, the effort you put into your family or the enthusiasm you have for your learning. Often when I see students who are not making the effort to succeed I am also aware of how unhappy they are. Sometimes this is demonstrated through anger about their situation or toward others. It may also be expressed in less than appropriate behaviour in and out of the classroom. I also see students engaged and motivated to succeed, trying really hard to master each new learning concept. These students are self directed and determined. They are often happy to be at school and ready to get on with others because they have self belief first. Our job is to create the conditions that promote self confidence and the desire to work hard. This is usually tied to students achieving success in learning.

I hope you have all had the opportunity to share some relaxing holiday time with your families. In busy schools like ours there are constant demands on students to be involved in many opportunities. Even when our students are resilient and ready for a challenge, learning takes it out of them. At the end of last term your children were showing signs that the busy term had tired them out.

I am pleased that all the staff have been away from school for some or all of the holiday break. I am encouraged by the way the staff try really hard to provide the best learning environment and the most successful learning experiences but I know it is hard work. This term promises to be equally as exciting and successful as the last. We have the cross country season starting. Your children will need their running clothing and footwear each day please. Their preparation for the cross country will begin early this term. We hope to see you all at the cross country supporting your child and the school.

Junior school teachers and students will visit the local early childhood centres on Wednesday of the first week. I recognise that transition is make or break time for students. If it is successful students will have a significantly easier start to school. Our visits are becoming an annual event which helps new students to get to know us and slightly older students feel comfortable with returning to their old education centre.

Later in the term Centennial students will compete in the Jump Jam extravaganza. If you are around during interval or lunchtime you will see students practicing as they have been doing for the last three or four weeks. We hope you can make it to Timaru to see this glittering, exciting event.

FISH 'N' CHIP NIGHT

On the 24th May I invite you all to come along to a fish and chip tea that we will cater for. The purpose of this is to talk with you about the health curriculum. Teachers will be prepared to talk about the many parts of the health programme that operate here at school. I would appreciate any comments and opinions that you have about this part of the syllabus and I look forward to discussing these with you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- FAST Meeting 10th May
- Orchard Planting 18th May
- ICT Vision & Development 19th & 26th May
- Health Consultation Hui 24th May
- Cross Country 30th May
- District Cross Country 7th June
- Matariki Celebration 23rd June
- Jump Jam Extravaganza 28th June
- Student Led Conferences 4-5th July

THIS WEEK'S PROBLEM CHALLENGE

Kim was born in the year 2000 and Jim was born two years later. In what year will their ages add up to 100?

Place your answer on the return slip at the bottom of the newsletter and I will choose someone who got it correct to congratulate.

PARENT TEACHER CALENDAR APP

We will be using this to send out information we want to get to you quickly, such as notifications about the bus running early or urgent emergency information, as well as uploading general information that you might find useful.

This app also contains our latest newsletter and our school calendar. You can let us know if your child is going to be away. If you have any questions about this please ask at the office,



CENTENNIAL WEBSITE - centennial.ultranet.school.nz

Our new website is now up to date. We hope to be adding to it regularly from now on. It is a going to be a good place to find information, articles, newsletters, photos all about your children's learning. I would like to encourage you to visit and bookmark the site so you have immediate access to it when you wish to return again.

FAST

We will be meeting 10th May at 3:30 in Kiwi classroom. There will be a Home and School lunch and other social events during this term. The FAST group perform important roles in building the culture of the school and funding additional activities that we provide for your children. If you are interested in helping to build the school culture and contribute to education in Waimate I urge you to come along and join in with the organising committee. We require four additional members immediately.

SAUSAGE SIZZLES

On Fridays classes will take responsibility for preparing sausages for students at lunch time. Your child can have a sausage and bread by ordering during the week and bringing their money along on Friday morning. The money raised here goes toward funding the buses that take us to Kiwisport on Fridays.

FOOD WARMER

The school food warmer is operating this term. You may send food wrapped in tinfoil, named and with the class recorded. This will be collected by senior students and returned to the class before lunch time each day.

SCHOOL ORCHARD

On the 18th of May we are planting a school orchard as part of a Healthy Schools promotion. Students on the WAVE team will be working with Mrs Constable to set out and plant the trees that are donated to us by kidscan.

We require some digging equipment to make this part of the task easier. We will also require some parent help to manage the lifting and shifting part of the job. If you are keen to help please let Jono or Mrs Constable know.

Ngai Tahu Visit

Last week we met with Irai Weepu from Ngai Tahu.

His job is to provide access to resources for Ngai Tahu whanau and students. Irai is returning to meet with us soon so we can find out more. He wants to get our Maori families together to explain his job and what he has to offer. Later this term he will be holding a hui here at school.

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

Family name _____

The Wizard of Oz

At the Regent theatre, Gala opening at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start (Black Tie, and character costume) May 19th. May 20th at 7.30pm, May 21st at 2pm (Sunday Matinee). May 26th & 27th at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale now at Parkers, Queen Street, Waimate (03 689 8772). Adults \$30, Senior Citizens \$20, Students \$15, Family (2 adults, 2 children) \$75 extra children \$15.

Glenavy School Fundraiser - Ethel and Bethel Bingo Babes evening, 9th June, at 7pm at the Glenavy Hall. Tickets \$25 includes 3 cards, supper and entertainment. Enquiries to 689 4949

Toy Library
May 22-28 is Toy Library awareness week. This year to celebrate the Waimate Toy Library are offering a membership -free month. All you will pay is the toy hire .50c - \$4, for 2 weeks. In June if you decide our library is great and you want to keep coming our membership fee is only \$25 for the year.

