



# WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



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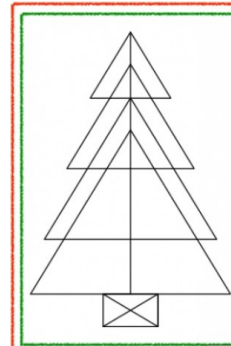
Tena Koutou Katoa  
Nga Mihi Mahana - (greetings)

## NEW STUDENT

I would like to welcome Dahara Tulett to Centennial School. Dahara has joined Kiwi class and has settled in very well. She has three big sisters to follow in the footsteps of. Willow, Arnika and Raven will be looking out for Dahara and I am sure they are thrilled to have her here at school with them. Who are your friends Dahara." "Oh I have lots of girl friends and three new boyfriends". I can only remember one of them and I am not sure what his name is." I asked Dahara what the best part about Centennial was and she said "I love reading." "I love all the activities"  
"Well, I can't really read so I just look at the pictures.

## MATHS PROBLEM

How many triangles are there in this Christmas tree?



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

### Food warmer

The food warmer will not be operating during the summer months. We will let you know when this is up and running again.

### School production - Hoodwinked

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the school production last term. I have had a range of positive comments about the performance and the opportunities it has given our students to learn and grow. I am convinced that an educational experience like this is not manageable without commitment from everyone. Thank you for your understanding and help. As always we will look to improve the way we do things and I will be offering you the opportunity to comment on the aspects that you thought could do with tweaking.

### Celebrating success in Writing

At the end of last term almost 100 Centennial School community members came to school to celebrate the success their children had experienced while participating in the ALL programme for writing. It was remarkable to be able to host this number of our community at a school event.

Over the last few years teachers at Centennial have been training to improve student writing achievement. We have developed a set of successful teaching skills and practices that help students. This has given me an appreciation for how you value the success your children experience. We will look to invite you again when your children have worked hard and succeeded with their learning. In 2018 we will be setting up programmes of specialist teaching in reading, writing and maths where we will put these skills and practices into all classrooms in a sustainable way.

## FAST

There will be a FAST meeting on Friday 20th October at 3:00 pm. At this meeting we will be setting up the Quiz night for the following week and looking at the fundraising and social events that we will have in term four. I would like to extend a big thank you to the FAST for the pie fundraising event and the Home and School lunch on the last day of last term. Both events were very successful. Thank you for the fundraising raffles at the production as well.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Labour Day, 23rd October
- FAST meeting, 25th October at 3.30pm
- School athletics, 14th November
- BoT meeting, 13th November
- District athletics, 5th December
- BoT meeting 11th December
- Year 6 Dinner, 12th December
- School Prize giving, 13th December
- Last day of term 15th December

**CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018**

We have experienced a "roll bubble" that will work its way right through the school with this year's year six students leaving us at the end of this year. Normally we farewell 25-28 year six pupils. This year we say goodbye to 43. In line with current thinking about education Centennial School will be beginning the transition to more collaborative teaching and learning in the senior school. Teachers will work more closely with a partner to plan their work and teach across classes. Our Junior school having started this journey will be moving toward refining their team teaching and inclusive teaching practices. At the end of this year we will be altering the way classes are structured to take account of these changes. In 2018 the structure of Centennial classes will look like this:

- 1. New Entrant
- 2. Year 1-2
- 3. Year 1-2
- 4. Year 3-4
- 5. Year 3-4
- 6. Year 5-6
- 7. Year 5-6

Over the last two years we have been very lucky to have been able to employ Lauren McPhee and Melissa Robins. Melissa will gain her registration as a fully trained teacher at the end of this year and we are proud of the input Andrea and the rest of us have had in helping Melissa to achieve this milestone. Both these positions need to change at the end of the year. One of them we will make permanent and the other which was Board funded to reduce class sizes will be disestablished. We are currently advertising the permanent teaching position in the Junior school as we are required by law to do and we will be able to inform you about which teachers will be in which classes by the middle of November.

**QUIZ NIGHT**

FAST have planned an exciting school quiz night. This will be a lot of fun and a great community night out. The quiz will be on the 30th October at 7:00 pm. Put together a team, join us at the Town and Country Club and test your knowledge. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out. There are still places for other folk to help, so if you are interested fill in your notice and return it to school please.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** - <http://centennial.ultranet.school.nz/Home/>

On our new website you can find articles about how students are working and all the extra activities we have been involved with.

**PARENT TEACHER CALENDAR APP** - This is one of the preferred ways of keeping in touch with the school. Have a look at this APP and try it out on your phone.

*Whāia te mātauranga!*

*Pursue education!*

Ma te wa  
Nga  
Manaakitanga  
Best wishes  
**Jono**



Maths problem:  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ triangles in the christmas tree.

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

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Stu and Jackie from Waimate New World kindly donated "little gardens" to the school—thank you



**JAB Cricket** - starts soon, if you are keen come along to practice Wednesday 3.30pm at the Waimate High School nets or contact Karyn 027 689 7002 or Jason 027 381 6711.

**HEADLICE**

We have found headlice in the school this week. Please check your child's hair. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around the head. Therefore you should be looking for the eggs (nits). These appear as tiny silvery brown specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. If they are white they have already hatched. The eggs hatch after 7-10 days therefore you should treat again in this timeframe to be sure to kill any newly hatched lice. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears. Kate Balfour the Health Nurse is here on Thursdays if you have any queries.

**SUBWAY**

Subway will be on the following dates this term:-  
24th October  
7th November  
21st November  
5th December