



# WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



6th September 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Nga Mihi Mahana - (Warm greetings)

## NEW STUDENTS

I would like to welcome Sierra and Ayla Wilkinson to Centennial School. Sierra and Ayla arrived last week from Fiji. Ayla told me this morning that the best thing about school was the friends she had found and learning. Indi and Heidi are Ayla's new friends in Tui class. Ayla informs me she really likes maths. Sierra is a great singer and loves music. She told me the people were the most important part of the school. Lilly, Sophie and Lily have been helping Sierra to settle into school. Sierra and Ayla, we hope you are enjoying your time at Centennial.

## MATHS QUESTION

Mia and Hunter call a cab. The taxi driver charges \$1 flagfall when they get in the car.  
The charge is then \$2 for each kilometre they travel.  
They have \$23 between them.  
How far can they travel?



How far can they travel if they have \$40 and the flagfall is \$3?

## He waka eke noa and the Centennial Charter review

Many of you will recognise the Whakatauki or proverb that we have been using in the school newsletter. This whakatauki has several meanings, some of which are "a waka we are all in together" - we are all in this together - we rise together, fall together, work together, keep going together. Often I look for short meaningful messages that students can easily understand. These messages need to have impact and be able to transfer to our context. I like this proverb because the analogy of a journey everyone is travelling on fits well with the direction we are taking and the goals we want to achieve.

Members of the Board of Trustees are meeting this week to begin the process of redeveloping our school charter. We are looking at the journey Centennial has been travelling and thinking about where to next. This week's meeting is a planning time. Charters are the strategic plan put together for the next three years. The discussions might involve property development, programmes of learning or teacher professional development. These are opportunities for the community to sit together, discuss and think strategically while looking forward.

Centennial school is part way through a number of initiatives like a redevelopment of the Middle and Senior school, Positive Behaviour for Learning, working with the Waimate Community of Learning. These will continue because we see them to be very positive for Centennial School and the community.

I know there will be a series of new ideas that are identified. Occasionally radical ideas come out of the mix. These can be beneficial at getting us all to think about the way we have done things in the past and where we go in the future. We will be looking at any suggestion that comes up.

An important aspect of the meeting will be to determine when we go out to the community, how we manage the gathering of information, who needs to help us and what the process will look like.

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centennial.ultranet.school.nz/](http://centennial.ultranet.school.nz/)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sweet treats delivered for the raffle prize 14th September
- Dragon Days week 10
- Dress rehearsal Tuesday morning 25th September
- Matinee Wednesday 26th September
- Evening performance Thursday 27th September

## Active Kids Programmes

1st-5th October, Southern Trust Events Centre, Morgan's Road Timaru—an affordable holiday option that combines a large variety of sports, fundamental skills & offsite visits for children aged 5-13 years. Full day and half day options from as little as \$15 per session. Register at [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

## the ROARING TWENTIES

A DINNER  
WITH A  
DIFFERENCE



## Southern Trust Events Centre

Morgans Road

September 13 2018

6pm - 9pm

\$25 per person



Available from  
Fashion Focus Highfield Mall  
Merino Store Stafford Street  
Or phoning 086 3253

Dressing up is optional but  
encouraged  
A prize for the Best Dressed!



This is an Altrusa Fundraiser for 'Kiwi Can'

**HELL PIZZA CHALLENGE**

If you have been filling in the reading wheels available from some schools and the Waimate district library put aside lunch time (12.00 - 2.00pm) on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to claim your free pizza. The Pizza truck will be in town to help students claim their prize.

**TEACHER INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE**

After months of negotiations with the Ministry of Education, and more talks since the strike on August 15, we are no closer to a resolution. The Government says it will take time to fix the issues. However, time is the one thing we don't have. Around the country we're seeing:

- 40% reduction in teacher trainees
- Zero applicants for some teaching jobs
- More children entering school
- More children with additional learning and behavioural needs
- Teachers are burning out and leaving the profession, often within a few years of graduating

The staff at our school want your children to have the very best education we can provide. We're standing firm in that commitment and believe the time is now to ensure that schools can offer every child the education and support they need and that we have a sustainable teaching profession into the future.

We appreciate your support. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions and consider signing this petition to the Minister of Education in support of teachers. <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/petition-teachers-and-principals/>

**INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

This week students from the middle school visited Garlands Creek. Annie Rehmann is managing the visits as part of her sabbatical. Annie is looking at Education Outside the Classroom. The visits will continue through the rest of this term and into the next.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**GEMMA AND ETHAN KIWICAN EDUCATORS**

This term we have been learning about Integrity (what it looks like, how it feels, how to be a person of integrity). We have been working on making good choices, being a role model, and being accountable. This includes focusing on honesty, taking responsibility for the choices we make and owning up to our behaviour. We have a great range of activities to learn about these values through. These include acting them out, having to put the value in to action through games, discussion and reflection.

We are looking forward to Term 4 where we will be focusing on Resilience.

**MAKIKIHI FRIES FUNDRAISER**

The Makikihi Fries fundraiser has been successful. FAST are thrilled to report that many families have taken advantage of this offer and ordered lots of fries. We think this will be a fundraiser we will return to again in the future. The two supermarket vouchers for families who have ordered the greatest value of fries have been won by Hunter Guyton and Summer Larsen.

The Fries will be ready to pick up on Friday afternoon from 2:30 - 3pm. They will arrive frozen. Thank you again to Kerry Woolgar for putting this fundraiser together

**Maths problem:** Mia and Hunter can travel \_\_\_\_\_ km. If they have \$40 and the flagfall is \$3 they can travel \_\_\_\_\_ km.

Last maths problem answer:- 300 chocolate bars

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

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

**STANDING TALL**

**Respect for Self** - Tommy Willock, Genna Hargreaves, Hunter Guyton, Kayla Proudfoot, Max Willock, Indi McKenzie

**Respect in All Areas** - Heidi Pathe  
**Effort & Progress in Writing** - Brock Tupara-Burgess, Peyton Rempala, Indy Stowell

**Effort & Progress in Maths** - Sophie Herbert, Charlotte Garland

**Handwriting Progress** - Ely Ryder-Ennis, Alex Wilmshurst

**Positive Attitude** - Kaden Miller  
**Caring & Considerate Class Member** - Joe Coyle

**Enthusiastic Class Member** - Stella McFarlane

**Conscientious Worker** - Layla Pathe  
**Settling Well into Ruma Takahe** - Jorja McKnight

**Settling well into Ruma Tui** - Ayla Wilkinson

**Settling Well into Ruma Kakapo** - Sierra Wilkinson

**Good Manners** - Liam Stewart

**On Task Behaviour** - Regan Rempala, Cade Richardson

**GOLD BAND WINNERS**

Scarlett Evered, Paige Constable, Lucy Matheson, Arny Jamieson-Smith, Maia Lawrence, Kaden Miller, Layla Pathe, Emmett Knightly, Phynn Matthews-Sisson, Olivia Garland, Dahara Tulett, Jayla Davis, Tommy Willock, Hunter Guyton, Enya O'Donnell, Ava Bell, Charlie Clavey, Diana Cherepanova, Heidi Pathe, Mayah Peters, Zac Proudfoot, Kaylee Timms-Dodge, Logan Ali, Mason Gosney, Phoenix Taupo, Robbie Lane, Helena Zimmermann

We had a very enjoyable visit from Craig Smith, author of "The Wonky Donkey"

