



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



1st November 2018

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana - (Warm greetings)

NEW STUDENTS

I would like to welcome Jorja McKnight to Centennial School. Jorja loves to play on the adventure playground with her friends, Amelia, Indi and James. She tells me she also enjoys healthy snack time. Jorja likes to read her books in her browsing box and quite likes to be a leader. We wish you the very best here at Centennial school Jorja.

MATHS PROBLEM

Activity: On average the teeth of: an adult human are $1\frac{1}{2}$ cm long. a great white shark are $7\frac{1}{2}$ cm long. How many adult teeth, stacked end to end, would be needed to make the same length as the great white shark's tooth?



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

REDEVELOPING OUR SCHOOL CHARTER

Last night the school community came together to think about where the school will go over the next 3-5 years. After the Jump Jam, Kapahaka and Graduate Profile demonstrations we discussed what you want from Centennial for your children. The Board will look at this material over the next two weeks. We will look for common ideas, group these and then form them into goals that we will strive to achieve. Some of the ideas that emerged last night include:

- ROPES (WCS Values) every parent wants these for their children
- Wellbeing - buddy system, older children supporting younger ones
- More shade or covered play areas
- More reading books, less devices

Survey

I have been asking teachers, students and parents to complete surveys that will contribute to our understanding of what you would like to see in Centennial School. One of these is called the 'Wellbeing' at school survey. Information gathered here will help us to build the school culture so that students are emotionally supported and ready to learn.

Thank you for your input and I will get a draft version of the charter ready to share with families in the next couple of weeks.

UPDATE FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest Collective Agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held this month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on November the 15th

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- School Athletics 13th Nov
- Year 6 Interviews for Waimate High School 14th November
- District Athletics 20th November
- Transition day for year 6 Waimate High School, 29th November
- South Canterbury Athletics 4th December
- Reports and Portfolios home 7th December
- Year 6 Leavers Dinner 12th December
- Prize Giving 13th December
- Home and School lunch 14th December
- Last day of term four 14th December

The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs - this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.

MARAE VISIT FOR KAPAHAKA GROUP

Today the Kapahaka group visited the Waihao Marae. This is part of our wider plan to continue to focus on cultural inclusiveness. The group have been involved in a powhiri where they were welcomed onto the Marae, played traditional Maori games and learned about our district. Thank you very much to the WAVE organisation for sponsoring the visit and Janet Quigley- for helping to organise this for us.

FUNDRAISING THIS TERM

Noel Leeming schools promotion

Noel Leemings have offered some schools in South Canterbury the chance to purchase their products at a discounted rate. For one week in November you will have access to a discounted rate for all Noel Leeming stores. When you buy something Centennial will get a small percentage of the price of the purchased items donated back to us.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

Once again next years stationery will be able to be ordered online at your convenience. Information will come home explaining the process.

Water Confidence for under 5's

9 lessons - \$55, a deposit to secure a space is required, 11am-12 noon Waimate Town Pool.

Monday 5th Info session, Monday 12th (1-4year olds), Wednesday 14th Music fun session under 1's, Friday 16th (1-4 year olds) and for the following 4-5 weeks same day/time.

Maths Problem:

There are _____ adult human teeth stacked up to equal the length of a great white shark tooth

Our family/whanau e-mail address is _____

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

Family name _____

STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Rua Taupo, Lilly Christensen, Connor Allen Medhurst, Helena Zimmerman, Ryan Davidson, Arnyka Jamieson-Smith

Respect for Others - Diana Cherepanova

Respect in All Areas - Sophie Herbert, Stella McFarlane, Kieran Dewit, Ellie Tangney

Settling Well into Takaha - Kaleece Tupara-Burgess, Chase Jackson

Effort & Progress in Reading - Grace Herbert, Ely Ryder-Ennis, Olivia Garland

Effort & Progress in Writing - Sam Bettany, Sam Matheson, Sophie Wilson, Dahara Tulett, Blake Dyer, Brooke Proudfoot

Effort & Progress in Art - Sivaya Green, Connor Hopkinson

Effort & Progress in Maths - Keira Mehrstens, Adam Grieve, Fergus Lane

Effort & Progress in PE - Tiffany Milne

Sharing Ideas - Ava Bell

Using interesting Language - Liam Stewart

Positive Attitude - Harry Luckman, Phoebe Carline

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Scarlett Evered, Codey Van Duinen, Lucy Matheson, Lucy Carline, Lachie Patterson, Olivia Carline, Madison Clapham, Ethan Mitchell, Connor Allen Medhurst, Grace Bell, Heinrich Hutt, Alexa Morresey, Lilli Cadogan, Max Hill, James Hodder, Moata Taylor, Elsie Cooney-Hedditch, Phoenix Taupo, Mason Keen, Emmett Knightly, Peyton Rempala, Dahara Tulett. Logan Ali, Sam Bettany, AJ Tupara-Burgess, Keira Mitchell, Regan Beazley, Mason Dyer, Adam Grieve, Sam Matheson, Zaydee Proudman, Hareruia Reihana, Summer Hogg, Brock Tupara-Burgess, Mayah Peters, Kate Gillespie, Diana Cherepanova, Stella McFarlane, Jakob Boyes-Burt, Indy Stowell, Max Willock

ATHLETICS

Whole school

Athletics

meeting-

Tuesday

November 13th

(p/p Friday November 16th). Starting approximately 9.15 am-3pm.



Waimate District Athletics

Tuesday, November 20th (p/p

Thursday, November 22nd)