

Weymouth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Saane Faaofu Oldehaver
Principal

Kia ora koutou, talofa lava and warm greetings to our Weymouth Community, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and our beautiful tamariki.

TERM ONE HAS COME TO AN END

Well families our first term for 2019 has finally come to an end. What a fun filled and jam packed term of learning it has been. Our 'learning conversations' were well attended and nearly all of our teachers have caught up with all of our families. Our children were able to share their goals and we are hoping over the break that they continue their learning. Read every day. Do some writing of all the wonderful adventures you go on. Do some mathematics too.

Thank you to our Walk to School Wednesday team for winning a competition and managing to get the mayor of Auckland to come and walk with our children. Thank you Phil Goff. Our classes have been doing a new physical education programme where they learn about problem solving and dealing with whatever arises when playing a game. Our gardens are up and running and open all day every day. A huge thank you to Whaea Sarah and Whaea Willi-Anne for your hard work. Our amazing Weymouth Angels have been working hard supporting our children in the classes they work in. Thank you Miss Pritchard for taking our teams to the MPSSA cricket competition. We look forward to more sporting events in term 2. Thank you to the Rangi team for all your hard work fundraising so our senior students could go to Goat Island and have a go at snorkelling. Thank you to our Enviro buddies for doing service to our community and helping out at Waimahia to develop their garden and for attending the 'Eye of Nature' trip at the Botanical Gardens to help support our 'reduce, reuse, recycle' for our school. Thank you to Mrs Hughes and our ambassadors for preparing some art work and for our senior students who worked with Rebecca to create our first student mural. Thank you to our amazing office staff who always make everyone who comes to our school feel welcome and a part of our school culture.

To top it all off a huge thank you to our amazing teachers for preparing fabulous learning programmes around our theme "Learning Through Play".

WELCOME TO Joyce Joseph & Jasdeep Singh

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Joyce to our school. Joyce will be starting in Room 8 next term. We know she will have an enjoyable time while she is here. We are very lucky to gain such an experienced teacher. A huge thank you to Ms Rutherford who has set the class up but will now be moving to two days a week working in Rooms 1 and 13. I would also like to welcome back Mrs Jasdeep Singh who is returning full time. Jasdeep will be working in Room 5 with our New Entrant Year One students.

ATTENDANCE AT WEYMOUTH

Our goal for attendance is 95%. We would like to make it 100% as we believe children need to come to school every day to make every day count. Congratulations to Rooms 6, 16 and 23 who managed 94% for the term. Also Rooms 2, 8, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 24 congratulations for reaching 90%. We also have 106 students who have been to school every day this term, kia kaha. The average across our whole school for Term 1 is 85.9%.

Thank you to all our families and parents and caregivers for working hard to get your children to school every day.

NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK—ILE (Innovative Learning Environment)

We are finally ready to begin our new build of classrooms. Rooms 17, 18, 19 and 20 will be turned into a new ILE. We have had the final tick from the Ministry of Education and the build will begin on 29 April and continue until the end of the July holidays. So we have had to move around this week to clear the space. Rooms 17 and 20 will work in the hall and Rooms 18 and 19 have moved to the library and Room 24 has moved into Room 25. We will continue to provide teaching and learning programmes and hope there will be minimal disruption. Due to the fact we will have no hall we will only have the language week assemblies. Teams will instead have smaller assemblies weather permitting in their areas around the school. Thank you for your patience during this time.

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Term 1 at Weymouth

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM—WHEELS & WATER

Laughter is all that could be heard coming from across the school last Friday as the students participated in our Wheels and Water play day! Splashes, showers, slides and icy balloons drenched our togs, while zooming on scooters, skateboards, bikes and skates dried us out!

Each teacher had come up with a water play activity and a wheels activity for the students to complete throughout the day. The students moved around the different activities and had an absolute blast! For the wheels stations a town was made out of boxes and recycled materials for us to scoot around, a marble run was made for us to race different circle shapes, balloon powered cars were made and lego creations constructed carefully, not to mention riding on our awesome bike track! For our water stations there were slippery slides, obstacle courses, sponge throwing, bucket filling and even ice fossil hunting!

Thanks to the parents who helped prepare their children for the day and got all the wheels to school! We have never had so many different wheels show up for the day and it was absolutely amazing! Another big thank you to the parents that came along to join us, we appreciate your support and joining in to help out on our stations!

EYE OF NATURE TRIP TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Thank you to Whaea Willi-Anne and Whaea Sarah for organising a wonderful trip for our Enviro buddies and Ambassador leaders. The theme was Healthy trees, Healthy me. Our children learnt all about kauri die back and what we can do to help. Our children also visited the forest and looked for birds, trees and insects.

COMMUNITY PROJECT @ WAIMAHIA INTERMEDIATE

Thank you to our Enviro buddies for supporting Waimahia Intermediate in beginning their journey in creating a new garden. Whaea Sarah took a group of students and they were amazing in helping out and lending a hand to our local intermediate school.

GOAT ISLAND TRIP

The Rangi team were very thankful that we got to go to Goat Island on Monday and Tuesday. We thought that the walk was very tiring but the view was absolutely beautiful from the top of the mountain, and it was definitely a workout for all the teachers. You could definitely see all the shining water from the top and the awesome caves. The weather was really beautiful and we loved the sunshine. The instructors names were Holly, Sarah Stone and Lissy. They helped us with putting on our snorkels, wetsuits and flippers. They really helped us in the water also with grabbing our flippers when they fell off. But it was our fault for not choosing the correct sized flippers. Now for the snorkelling part, it was absolutely amazing. You could see all the fish and there were red moki, snapper, goat fish and eagle rays.

The snapper were super big. A few teachers and parents snorkelled with us and we were not allowed to go past the instructors' blue and white flag. We learned about the different hand signals to communicate, such as, three fingers up to indicate that we were ok. We saw huge kina, squid, jellyfish and eels. What a fantastic, memorable trip and we wish to go back again with our own families.

By Katherine, Xavier, Zion and Heaven



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LOCK DOWN DRILL

On Wednesday 10th April Weymouth Primary had their first lock down drill for 2019. Our children and staff were amazing. Everyone followed protocol and got down low and stayed very quiet. Notifications were all sent out to the correct places and once we new everyone was accounted for, we went around and informed all our children and staff. Well done everyone and congratulations on a successful drill in keeping everyone safe.

DID YOU KNOW?

MILK IN SCHOOLS—We are a milk in schools school and every day our children receive cold milk to drink.

FRUIT IN SCHOOLS—We are a fruit in schools school and every day our children receive fresh fruit.

BREAKFAST CLUB— Everyday Whaea Cheryldene serves breakfast (weetbix and milk) outside the hall kitchen for any children who need breakfast to fuel their day.

LUNCHES—If at any time you need lunch for your child. Whaea Cheryldene has supplies to make sandwiches. Your child can go to the hall before school and at morning tea to make their lunch.

KIDS CAN—We are also a Kids Can school and every term we get delivered food supplies to top up any children who are short on lunches or morning tea. They also supply us with hand sanitizer for the classrooms and nit shampoo and combs. If you need any shampoo and combs please pop in to the office.

HEALTH NURSES—Every day we have a health team on site to check if our children have sore throats or any sores. They contact families immediately if any medication is needed. They are situated in the side room of our hall if anyone wants to chat to them.

SKIDS— We have an amazing team of staff who offer before and after school care at our school. They are now operating at the old dental clinic Estuary Road entrance right opposite the crossing.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL GARDEN— We have a fabulous garden where all of our children visit . We are lucky to have Whaea Sarah who works full time in the garden to support the teaching and learning. A huge thank you to Monica one of our amazing mum's. Next term hopefully what they have planted will be ready to be cooked. We have a trolley of appliances and the children can cook in their classrooms. We also have a rabbit called Peter, 6 chickens and 2 pigs called Kawaupaka and Trixie. We do composting and worm farms and are working hard to try and reduce our waste at our school. Any parents who would like to volunteer please pop in and see the office staff.



UPCOMING EVENTS

and Notices

RIDING BIKES AND SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL

There have been some reported concerns with students riding their bikes and scooters carelessly on their way to and from school. All students who bring their wheels to school must have a permission form signed by parents/caregivers. Please ask the office if you haven't already done this. This also outlines the responsibility of whanau to ensure they have discussed safe practices with their child. The holidays is a great opportunity to take your child out and practice riding safe. A reminder that children must get off their bikes/scooters once they come through the school gate and park them in the appropriate areas.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2019

It's Election year again.

If you are a parent or legal guardian of a student at our school, you will be eligible to vote for representatives on the Board.

If you have shifted house recently, please let the office know of any change of address.

ELECTION TIMELINE

Main Roll Closes	8 May 2019
Call for Nominations by	10 May 2019
Supplementary Roll Closes	22 May 2019
Nominations Close	24 May 2019
Voting Papers Sent By	29 May 2019
Election Day	7 June 2019
Votes counted	13 June 2019
Board Takes Office	14 June 2019



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End of Term Reminders

SCHOOL FINISHES - at 2.00pm on FRIDAY 12 April 2019

TERM 2 - begins MONDAY 29 April 2019

LOST PROPERTY - will be displayed daily depending on weather

At the end of the term the remaining clothing and footwear is given to charity. Please contact Ms Raema if you have any queries. Named uniforms are returned to students.

Greetings from The Leaders of Learning:
Saane Faafo Oldehaver, Moana Iese, Danielle Katavich, Vada Miers,
Linda Hodge and Tania Johnson