



Weymouth Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Saane Faafo Oldehaver
Principal

No.8 FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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

WHAT A TERM!!! Firstly, I want to congratulate all of our teachers, students and families for getting through this term. We have had many days where up to nine staff members have been away and lots of students as we have battled sickness, Covid and a cold winter. I hope you all manage to heal over the break and we will see you all back in the last term.

School starts again on **Monday 17th of October at 9am.**

ABSENCES & LATENESS - it is really important that all children come to school every day.

The Ministry of Education are working hard on a strategy 'Attendance & Engagement' and schools are being held accountable for ensuring children come to school every day. Lateness has also been a problem at our school. Last week Whaea Kristina stood at the gate from 9.00 to 9.30am every day and these were the numbers for the week of students coming late.

Monday = 62. Tuesday = 47. Wednesday = 38. Thursday = 34. Friday = 28.

Our teachers start teaching at 8.50am every day, so when children come late, it makes it quite difficult, as they need to go back and start again for the late children. Please families, let's work hard to get our children to school on time daily.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE - this is a service we run for our families that work. We have a form you need to fill in and this allows your children to be looked after from 7.30 to 8.30am daily. If you need a form please ask at the office. This is a free service but the payback is we ask you feed our animals in the weekends and the holidays.

8.30AM - This is the time that we expect children to come to school. Before 8.30am our teachers are preparing for the day. We ask you drop your children off at 8.30am for safety reasons and it is also the best time for our children to get themselves ready for their learning.

DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE - We have purchased some new safety cones for our drop off and pick up zone. Please be patient as parents drop off and pick up students. Thank you to all those that follow the guidelines. See the photos below to help you follow our guidelines to keep our children safe.

Enter Here. Do not stop on the yellow lines



Be patient as children exit the car

Please do not do a U turn here



TERM 4 - Our theme for 2022 is Kaitiakitanga.

Term 4 our inquiry is 'Whanaungatanga' Changemakers. We will be exploring the concept of understanding how belonging to a group is important to people. We have choices to make to meet our needs and wants and these are reflected in our cultural practices. We have a fun filled term with our first trip ever for our Year 6 students to 'Rotoroa Island'. We have two whole school events happening: Athletics Day on Friday 4th of November and Swimming Sports on Monday 28th of November.

We have cricket lessons for our seniors and for the first time we are attending a CM Games at Bruce Pulman for our sports teams. Our swimming pool is open for all of term 4 now it is heated. Our choir will be attending 'Diversity Festival' on Tuesday 1st of November. St Johns will be visiting all classes. Week 5 we will be testing all our students so we have accurate data to enter onto our 'Reporting to Parents' for the end of the year. We have our prize giving for all classes on Thursday 8th of December. This will be followed by our Leaders Assembly on 14th of December for our students who have done service to our school community for 2022.

Finally our Year 6 Graduation on Thursday 14th of December in the evening. We also have a live play we are taking our Year 2 to Year 6 students to on Friday 2nd of December at the Aotea Centre. So, we have a very busy term, so please ensure your children are here every day. Let's make every day count.

Australian Maths Competition

Last term we had 19 students from Year 4, 5 & 6 compete in the Australian Maths Competition. This involved them sitting a maths test equivalent to their NZ year level.

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement:

Participation Award: Arnav Ram, Amber Te Whiu, Katrina Poh, Ofa Ngavisi, Poppy Davies, Charli Davies, Cayden Brown.

Proficiency Award: Max Atama, Thishanth Nishanthkumar, Jireh Tauiliili, Cassandra Jacobs, Ethan Goundar, Jean Gumako-Hamo, Arbaaz Humphreys, Raynjah Leef, Cassidy Paora, Sam Togatama, Mele To'a.

Credit Award: Azriel Yape

Mid Year Achievement Data 2022

Our mid-year data was analysed at the end of Term 2. Teachers have been working on accelerating the progress of their students, and as a school we have also been working hard to get our students back to school, and consistently attending. After the last couple of years of interrupted learning, it is now more important than ever for students to be attending school every day to maximise their learning time, and making the most of the holidays to read, write, and practise maths with whānau at home. Let's all work together to support our children to achieve. **TEAM -Together Everyone Achieves More!**

	Above	At	Below
Reading	5%	50%	45%
Writing	1%	46%	53%
Maths	1%	51%	48%

POKEMON CARDS - This term we have had lots of fun where children have been playing with their cards and trading their cards. Unfortunately, we are now having some children not being respectful. As a result in term 4 we will have to ban the cards. Please ensure you have a chat with your child and let them know they can only play with them at home from now on.

WELCOME TO SUSAN DARGIE - It is a pleasure to announce a new staff member joining us for term 4. Susan is an experienced teacher who will take over in Room 10 for Miss Clark who is now on maternity leave. Welcome Susan to the best little school in the world. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

WELCOME TO RACHAEL MORECRAFT - It is a pleasure to announce a new support staff member, one of our beautiful mum's who will be working across our Papa Team. Welcome Rachael to the best little school in the world. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori



UPCOMING EVENTS

and Notices



Young at Art 'offer Children's, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe. Our Holiday workshops are open. These holidays we are offering Papier mache, Vinyl Clock Art, Mixed Media and Acrylic Painting on canvas workshops,

Term 4 ART ADVENTURES after school classes are open for booking in groups for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. If there is no space in your chosen class, please email Anna to join the waiting list. We often have an odd spot come up at the beginning of term. Adult workshops include Watercolour, Resin Art, Acrylics and Family workshops. For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/> / email: admin@youngatart.co.nz. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Kind Regards
Anna Molineux

Upcoming Events

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| 17 OCTOBER 2022 | Term 4 Starts School Opens |
| 19 OCTOBER 2022 | Rotoroa Island Trip (7am -7pm) |
| 24 OCTOBER 2022 | LABOUR DAY (School Closed) |
| 25 OCTOBER 2022 | BOT Meeting 6pm |



The Flash Bang Science Club are offering after school Children's Science classes for Term 4 for students aged 6-12 years on a Wednesday or Thursday in Pukekohe. *Limited places are available.* For more information or to book please email: admin@flashbangscienceclub.co.nz or check out our website: www.flashbangscienceclub.co.nz

Best Regards
Anna Molineux

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OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: UNBELIEVABLE!
FREE! EVERY WEEK DAY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT 10:30AM
THEN CHILL WITH A MOVIE AT 2:00PM

WEDNESDAY 3RD
FOSSIL POTTERY

THURSDAY 4TH
IS IT CAKE?

WEDNESDAY 5TH
BOLLYX OR KARRADI?

THURSDAY 6TH
WORLD RECORD [BROKEN?]
9.58

FRIDAY 7TH
RUGBY WORLD CUP

WEDNESDAY 10TH
LOCAL HISTORY

TUESDAY 11TH
DIWALI

WEDNESDAY 12TH
Among us

THURSDAY 13TH
TWENTY20 WORLD CUP
ANAKAU RICKET CLUB

FRIDAY 14TH
RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP

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

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