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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
Kia Ora

Thack's Thought: *The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so that he can tell when he's really in trouble.*

Trivia: 'Worth your salt', is actually a term taken from Roman days when soldiers were paid in salt, which would be exchanged on the market for cash.

This Week's School Value

COURAGE – Being brave when afraid. Giving things a go. Accepting challenges.
TOA – Kia māia i te wā e matakū ana, whakamātauhia i ngā mahi, whakaetia kia wero atu.

Whakatauki (Proverb)

Titiro whakamuri, Kōkiri whakamua
Look back and reflect so you can move forward

Recommended Children's Book

Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams

Recommended Adult's Book

The Reckoning by John Grisham.

A Song You Should Listen To

The Days Before Rock n' Roll by Van Morrison

Parent Tip

Encouraging tamariki to take on challenges or do things they are not good at, helps strengthen their character and ability to persevere.

Tamariki Tip

Try to do something thoughtful for somebody else at least twice a day.

Last Week's Champion Class

The Bees Knees

Mr T's Current Mini-Study

Challenge - AN INSECT



Merit Awards 23/10/2020

The Bees Knees - Ritihia

Tomoana - for excellence in Maths, Reading and Writing. You answered 25 basic facts questions correctly. Tino pai to mahi.

The Blue Giraffe - Braid-Jean Heita - for an amazing start to the term.
Ka mau te wehi!

The Orange Orange - Kairere Graham-Naera - for trying your best to stay on task and working hard as the class monitor.
Tau kē koe!

The Magic Morepork – Everly Gilgen - for an impressive start here at Waipa School. You are an excellent listener, a hard worker and you always show kindness towards others. A fantastic role model

The Custard Square - Forest Tumaki-Durham - for being a superstar this week. Listening, following instructions and doing the mahi! Ka wani kē!!

The Dizzy Dragon - Tiger-Leeigh Hamana-Vaka - for putting in a huge effort towards your learning this week and producing excellent results. You tripled your computation score. I am so proud.
Kia kaha to mahi.

The Tinfoil Tiger - Indie Smith - for displaying an awesome attitude in class. I love the way you are focussed on your work and love to learn.

The Red Parrot - Lycan Moana-Greenland - for the impressive improvements you have made throughout the year in all areas of your learning.
Ka pai tō mahi!

The Happy Frog - Eden Gilgen - for coming to the Wonderful World of Waipa and settling into the Happy Frog as a great role model.

Te Hikoi Roa - Carter Mackie - for a growing confidence to seek support and face challenges resulting in you being very proud and enjoying your mahi.

The Wise Weka - Ihaia Emery-Davenport - for consistently working well and for his friendly nature. You always have a positive attitude!

The Wonky Donkey - Sam Paniora - for consistently doing the business in and around the classroom. Your drive to learn, positive attitude and helpful nature are an asset to our school. Whakamiharo!

The Golden Goose - Chloe Cully - for consistently demonstrating that you are able to listen to instructions carefully. You are focussed, always up for a challenge and give everything you do 100%.

The Silver Crown - Orlando Nikau-Tukaki - for the consistently high standards you set yourself in all that you do: mahi, taakaro, leadership and the many extras you take on in our kura to strengthen both your own, and the mana of many. One of our finest young men.

He Wahine Kaha - Cadence Bradshaw - for the enthusiasm and effort you are putting into your work. It is showing in the huge improvements we see in tests. Nice work!

The Changing Room - Cooper Hardie-Neal - for achieving the highest score on the spelling age test in the TCR. Ka pai Cooper.

Mrs Arnott - Reazon Harris Matthews - for impressing the Waipa Staff with his maturity and stepping up to go the extra mile for others.

Miss Hooker - Maraia Rameka - for the positivity, care and support you display for others and for the 100% effort you put into all fitness and PE activities. Impressive!

Mr T's - Ngaakau Graham – for beginning to realize the potential we always knew he had. Striving to achieve, supporting others, mentoring, maturing and showing fine leadership.

Councillor's Comment

Kia ora boys and girls, citizens of Ngaruawahia.

It's going to be a busy week next week.

We will have some PAT, STAR and Fitness Testing to complete!

Today was Whaea Anna and Harold's last day at Waipa. They were both very impressed with the Waipa tamariki.

The Year 8's have manual tomorrow, which they are looking forward to.

The Year 4-8 Athletics day is not far away, and the pool will be opening soon!

Well, that's all from me.

Ka kite āno,

Gizaiah Adams.

Wheels Day

Friday is 'Wheels Day' at Waipa. The back court becomes the venue for scooters and skateboards.

We recently purchased two ramps 'Roger' and 'Robert', who are put out on Wheels Day. They provide a challenge and add to the fun.

Tackle Bags

The warmer weather means firmer ground which means, out come the tackle bags. Each day a syndicate is given a day to have time playing with the half a dozen tackle bags.

They have fun, learn to tumble, learn to collide, learn to fall and of course refine the skills of tackling.

Thursday is usually 'boys only' day and there is much action.

Friday is usually 'girls only' day and there is much lying on the bags and talking.

Water

Our tamariki regularly receive messages in relation to healthy eating and having a good water intake at regular intervals throughout the day.

Waipa tamariki are famous for being super active during the breaks so their water intake is even more important.

Hydration also re-energizes and enhances ability to concentrate.

Water is the best fluid by far for hydration.

Sandwiches

We no longer receive sandwiches daily from the Sandwich Gang, so our kai table, which is available at lunch eating times now usually has muesli bars provided by the KidsCan organization. We do sell healthy sandwiches at our Kidz Kafe for only \$1.00, (Egg, Cheese or Ham).

Royalty

We're delighted to have two new Waipa Princesses from the Tui Team.

Pearl Burgess and Thea Mes have excelled in writing vocab to become the latest additions to our Hall Wall of Fame. Congratulations girls!

Testing

Our Year 4-8 children sit Progress and Achievement Tests and STAR testing over the next few weeks. The STAR test focuses on reading skills.

I'm really looking forward to seeing the results. We wish them well.

ERO

A team from the Education Review team will be here for a couple of days next week. So if we seem a little tense, you'll understand why, even though we have lots to celebrate.

Website

If you haven't met Mrs Andrea Arnott yet, you should. She is part of the school management team and has many roles under her umbrella of 'Assistant Principal'. She has been with us for nearly two years and has proven to be a major asset to our wonderful world.

One of her many talents is computing. She's even like 'google certified', or something like that.

She has used this talent to develop our very own school website.

(www.waipaschool.nz)

It looks fabulous. We are very proud of it. Check it out! You can even enroll your child on it. Does the happiness ever end? Now we'll be world famous in the world! Our special thanks to Mrs Arnott for her fabulous work. A chocolate fish coming her way.

A Read

I have no idea who Diane Lornas is, but I read this speech she gave to a gathering of people. I think we can all take something from it.

*If I had a child to raise all over again,
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.*

I do less correcting and more connecting.

I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.

I would care to know less and know to care more.

I'd take more hikes and ride more bikes.

I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.

I'd run through the fields and gaze at more stars.

I'd do more hugging less tugging.

I would be firm less often and affirm much more.

I'd build self-esteem first and the house later.

I'd teach less about the love of power.

And more about the power of love.

Diane Lomas

Numbers of Interest

36	40	25
Students play Karetu Tag for their house at lunch time.	Boys play State of O on Fridays.	Dollars for a Waipa shirt.