## Waipa Primary School

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# THE WAIPA WORD

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In class we strive, to do our best. Our waka surges, ahead of the rest. We don't touch or say



Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau Kia Ora.

Thack's Thought: Dear Friday, I'm so glad we're back together. I'm sorry you had to see me Monday - Thursday, but I was thinking of you the whole time.

**Trivia:** The largest pyramid in the world is not in Egypt, but in Cholulu de Rivadahia, Mexico. It is 54 metres tall and covers 25 acres. It was built sometime between 6 and 12 AD.

#### This Week's School Value

**COURTESY** – Using manners in words and actions.

**WHAKAARO ATAWHAI** – Whakamahi i ngā āhuatanga pai ki roto i ngā kupu me ngā mahi-a-ringa.

#### Whakatauki (Proverb)

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai. If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive

#### Recommended Children's Book

**The Sorcerer In The North** by John Flannagan.

### Recommended Adult's Book

To Kill A Mockingbird by Lee Harper.

A Song You Should Listen To Black Rose of Texas by Dave Alvin.

<u>Parent Tip</u> - Teach the value of good manners. Well mannered tamariki are always thought of highly.

<u>Tamariki Tip</u> - Use the start of the term to update your stationery and to work on the things that you need to.

Mini-Study Challenge -A SEA CREATURE

Champion Class - The Bees Knees

#### Merit Awards 30/06/2023



The Bees Knees - James Pittams - for an amazing week in The Bees Knees. You are being super helpful and doing amazing work. Ka Pai!

The Orange Orange - Krissalee Mill - for showing kindness towards her peers. Well done Krissalee.

The Magic Morepork - Asher-Reid Grace - for always having a positive attitude in everything you do. Thank you for being helpful and kind to others.

The Custard Square - Kees Cameron - for coming to school with a positive attitude and always trying her best.

The Dizzy Dragon - Tyrell Cotter - for being an enthusiastic learner and always having a positive attitude. You embraced our Matariki topic and enjoyed all of the learning opportunities.

The Tinfoil Tiger - Elijah Church - for always looking for ways to help others. Your kindness never goes unnoticed.

The Red Parrot - Mia Herangi - for making great strides in your learning. You have a fabulous work ethic, consistently working hard and on task. Awesome!

The Happy Frog - Briya Patel - for always being a fabulous role model who has demonstrated diligence and perseverance in all areas of school life. You have set high expectations for yourself and have achieved all of your goals. I have been very lucky to be your teacher and I wish you all the best for your future in Auckland. THF will miss you.

Te Hīkoi Roa - Te Hīkoi Roa - Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou for our amazing 2 terms together! We have laughed, cried, achieved and become one cool whānau! I will miss you all a MILLION! Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.

The Wise Weka - Treasure Wairepo - for being a mature, kind and respectful student who always works hard. You are a super star!

The Wonky Donkey - Charlie Morgan-Litt - for remaining calm and thinking of different strategies in challenging situations!

The Golden Goose - Amiria Te Namu - for your sensitivity, your support, your initiative and the consistent respect you show in all situations. You brighten our gaggle of geese.

The Silver Crown - The Silver Crown - for being the absolute best class Whaea Tuaine could ask for. You have all filled our classroom with aroha, laughter and kindness. Whaea Tuaine is going to miss you all so much!

He Wahine Kaha - Janae Kelly - for your positive attitude and commitment to try your best. You are a reflective student and your effort has certainly paid off. You have made me extremely proud to be your kaiako. Kei runga noa atu koe.

The Changing Room - Kalib Martin - Brown - for producing some clever, well-thought-out poetry about the planets in our solar system. Great rhymes, integrated facts; a poet in the making!

Mrs Arnott - Mika Kalonihea-Talitua (TTT) - for confidently taking on leadership roles in the classroom. You are an asset to our Kura.

Miss Hooker - Kobby Bosu - for the diligence, respect for others, manners and responsibility you display as a Waipa senior. A top role model!

Mr T's - Leo Louw - for consistently doing the business as a Waipa Senior. Mature, thoughtful, positive, caring, strives to achieve and an outstanding role model. A real asset to our kura. I give thanks.

#### <u>Welcomes</u>



The Tinfoil Tiger.

Welcome back to our weird and wonderful world. It's nice to see everybody back safe and happy. We

bid a special welcome to a number of tamariki starting their school life at Waipa. Ava Donaldson, Agambir Singh, Chris-Zeta Kutia, Harry Dennis-Kora, Inigo Gubb, Jalen-Mark Deacon, Meila Grace and Theodore Walker join Whaea Kim and the great little troopers in The Bees Knees. George Childs returns to Waipa and joins Miss Kington and the supertastic team in

Shane Childs also returns to Waipa and joins Mrs Wiggins and the great bunch of learners in The Dizzy Dragon.

We know their time with us will be filled with fun, laughter and learning.

We also bid warm welcomes to new staff members Joellene Crossland, David Acton, Te Waaka Konui, Julie Morley and student teacher Charli Miller who is here for the term in The Red Parrot.

Great to have them paddling in our Waipa Waka.

#### Staff

As you are no doubt aware we have had a number of staffing changes that are happening as of the start of this term. So to keep you all in the picture, here is the list of teaching staff:

The Bees Knees - Kim Anderson (Mon-Thurs)
- Julie Morley (Fri)

The Orange Orange - Joellene Crossland The Magic Morepork - Cindy Yelling The Custard Square - Kayla Liddington (Mon, Tue, Fri)

- Jane Telfer (Wed, Thur)

The Dizzy Dragon – Megan Wiggins
The Tinfoil Tiger – Ana Kington
The Red Parrot – Deanne Claxton
The Happy Frog – Priya Bal
Te Hikoi Roa – Te Waaka Konui
The Wise Weka – David Acton
The Wonky Donkey – Emily Ward
The Golden Goose – Sarah Grant
The Silver Crown – Jessie McGowan
He Wahine Kaha – Eiren Healey
The Changing Room – Sally Hooker
(Afternoons Mon-Thurs, Fri)
- Me

(Mornings Mon -Thurs)

Office and support staff remain the same. Happy Days.

#### Wonderful

Great news. Te Awanui O Taikehu Puke-Tukere and Jonah Lal from The Magic Morepork have nailed the essential words and have become Waipa Wonders. Very well done!

#### <u>Fruit</u>

Our daily supply of fresh fruit resumes next week. Research shows fresh fruit and vegetables help kids to grow and thrive. We are incredibly lucky to be part of the Fruit in schools' initiative.

#### Recycling

We try hard to do a good job of recycling here at our kura.

After lunch each day, recycling monitors take their class recycling over to the Recycling Centre, where, under the guidance and watchful eye of 2IC of the centre, Nathan Timms, the items are sorted into different categories by the Recycling Team and if the class has done a good job of their recycling, they receive a Golden Ticket - very much like Willy Wonka. At the end of each term, the class with the most Golden Tickets win the coveted title of Recycling Champions of the World, and receive a certificate bigger than Ben Hur. The Term 2 title was awarded to The Tinfoil Tiger who received 42 Golden Tickets.

The whole operation and organisation of recycling is now the responsibility of teacher *Ana Kington*. I'm confident she will thrive on this role.

#### Inter-house

Three of our Inter-house events were decided in the last week of term two. Tōtara were Mastermind Champions for the term. Rimu won the Hockey Grand Final 1-0, and Nīkau House were the singing champions. So points were pretty evenly spread.

Total points as at the start of the term are:

Kauri - 20

Nīkau - 23

Tōtara - 23

Rimu - 28

Mastermind, Singing, Soccer, Volleyball and Waipoccer on the agenda this term. Good luck!

#### **Basic Facts**

Our third school wide Basic Facts Test happens next week.

We look forward to the upward trend in results continuing, and wish our tamariki well in their quests to be Golden Children and 100 Clubbers.

How can they become Golden Children I hear you ask.

They need to score:

Year 1's - 30+

Year 2 - 40+

Year 3 - 50+

Year 4 - 60+

Year 5 - 70+

Year 6 - 80+

Year 7 - 90+

Year 8 - 98+

100 Clubbers - 100%

Good luck!

#### Study Club

Our Study Club operates Monday-Thursday, 3.00pm till 4.30pm. Available for Year 3 - 8 students. If your child would like to be part of this group, please complete the form and return it to the office by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

| Yes, I would like                                   |    |
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| from Room to be part of the Stud<br>Club this term. | dy |
| Signed:   |    |

Stay happy! Steve

#### Numbers of Interest

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Boys played Junior State of O yesterday. 362

Students currently at our kura.

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100 Clubbers last term.