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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau
Kia Ora,

Thack's Thought: *The nice things about standards is, there are so many to choose from.*

Trivia: *Babies have taste buds all over the insides of their mouths, not just on their tongues. Adults and children have no taste buds on the centre of their tongues.*

This Week's School Value

HONESTY – Always being truthful in your words and honest in your actions.

WHAKAPONO – Kia pono i roto i ou korero me ou mahi i ngā wā katoa.

Whakatauki (Proverb)

He tangata ki tahi

A man who speaks once.

(References a person of their word)

Recommended Children's Book

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli.

Recommended Adult's Book

The Boys In The Boat by Daniel James Brown

A Song You Should Listen To

Horse With No Name by America.

Parent Tip – Encourage young tamariki to be thoughtful, to consider others, to show they care, to be positive and show they appreciate things. So many of our tamariki show those qualities, and we know it comes from great parenting.

Tamariki Tip – People with manners and who offer to do things without being asked, stand out for all the right reasons. Try hard to be one of those people.

Mr T's Mini-Study Challenge:
FREE CHOICE

Champion Class – The Wise Weka

Mr T's Chance Card Draw –
Matekahi Morgan from the Bees Knees



Merit Awards 28/03/2024

The Bees Knees - Aria Stainton-Hikitapua – for having beautiful manners, being kind to others and doing the mahi in the Bees Knees. Tino pai Aria!

The Orange Orange - Chris-Zeta – for improving in reading and being able to decode her words to read her whole book. Whaea Joellene is proud of you.

The Magic Morepork - James Pittams – for his lovely manners and his wonderful knowledge of the world.

The Custard Square - Lynka Matheson – for the diligence and thoughtfulness you show every day in TCS. Lynka this week you have been a shining star!

The Dizzy Dragon - Jonny McQuinn – for your enthusiasm and perseverance with your mahi. You are always putting in your best effort and trying your hardest to improve your skills and produce the best work you can.

The Tinfoil Tiger - Haven Holley – for being a shining star in our kura, always friendly, kind, helpful and respectful.

The Red Parrot - Aydan White – for always giving your best in the pool. It was wonderful to see your confidence grow especially during our swim safe sessions. Ka pai!

The Happy Frog - Mika Kalonihea - Talitua – for the dedication and perseverance that he has been putting into his mahi.

Te Hikoi Roa - Sofia Alkowiifi – for consistently showing respect in the classroom. Always getting work done to a high standard and living the Waipa Way! Keep it up!

The Wise Weka - Benson Reti – for his 'eggcellent' effort in becoming a more focussed and active member of The Wise Weka. It is great to see your confidence grow!

The Wonky Donkey - Pauline-Anne Ratu-Phares – for your absolutely amazing start at Waipa Primary and enthusiasm to get involved in our school culture and your stand out performance when solving the Magic Number. You are a donkeyriffic problem solver.

The Golden Goose - TJ Kalonihea - Talitua – for your outstanding participation

and mature leadership during our Swimsafe sessions. Tūmeke!

The Silver Crown - Shreya Nand - for your outstanding effort during maths lessons and your willingness to assist your peers in understanding new maths concepts.

He Wahine Kaha - Myah Nepia - for consistently demonstrating academic excellence with your school work; the pride you put into your mahi is to be admired.

Mrs Arnott - Paora Noble (TWW) - for your attitude and long levels of concentration during Art. This created an outstanding piece. Keep it up Paora.

Miss Hooker - Isaani Wairepo - for the maturity, initiative, diligence and leadership you are displaying in and out of class. A top role model!

Mr T's - Layton Taha- Williams - for maturity, thoughtfulness and care beyond his years. Has great initiative and always willing to help. A fine role model and an excellent leader. I give thanks.

Councillor Comment

Kia ora boys, girls and citizens of Ngāruawāhia.

Wow, two short weeks in a row!

What a fantastic week last week with all our lucky easter raffle winners. It's so impressive the amount of tickets bought and the money raised for Starship hospital. We give thanks to our Waipa community. Ka pai Waipa!!

Tomorrow we have the start of State of O, so good luck to everyone who is playing. As always Mr T will be giving up his time to ref our games...many thanks!

The Seniors have also now started fitness with Mr T and Miss Hooker. We are so lucky. Don't forget whanau, the parent interviews are on next Tuesday.

Well that's all from me.

Kia Toa and be happy
Layton Taha Williams

Welcome

We welcome one new student to our weird and wonderful world this week.

Michaelah Himiona joins Whaea Cindy and the wonderful little learners in The Magic Morepork.

Easter Raffle

Well Waipa, we did it again. Generosity and support has been nothing short of outstanding. Thank you so much, we raised a record \$1771.20 which goes to Starship Childrens Hospital.

We ended up being able to put up 23 prizes for the raffle.

Drawn at last weeks assembly, the happy winners were:

1. Taupiri Muru
2. Shyah Paekau
3. Shyah Paekau
4. Jade Fox
5. Miss Kington
6. Harriet Liddington
7. Leesa Sunnex
8. Solomona Punga
9. Legend Brown
10. Jhett Bartlett
11. Parekaarau Moanaroa
12. Solomona Punga
13. Mia Taipari
14. Taylah-Lee Rangi-Hayward Harris
15. Izzy Ofanoa
16. Lenny Pepperell
17. Drew Fletcher
18. Jade Fox
19. Taylah-Lee Rangi-Hayward Harris
20. Chris Burgess
21. Izzy Ofanoa
22. Shai Nikorima
23. Cove Heu

So, our good Samaritan week was very much a success.

Again, our appreciation.

Fitness

Fitness programmes are now in full swing. They are compulsory here at Waipa and the reasons are obvious.

Daily doses of huff and puff are enormously beneficial for the health and wellbeing of our tamariki.

They feel better and are much more likely to be able to focus and concentrate in class. Win! Win!

I'm lucky, because I take the Senior Boys three days a week.

We work hard, support and encourage each other and it also enhances our sense of Brotherhood.

Such is the value we place on it here at Waipa, we test our tamariki. They are being tested now, and then again in November. Historically, our results have been quite remarkable.

Year 1 – 4 students do:

- Standing Jump
- 40m Sprint
- 342m Distance Run (one lap of the blue track).

Year 5 – 6:

- Standing Jump
- 14m Shuttle Run
- 727m Distance Run (two laps of the blue track).

Years 7 – 8:

- Beep Test
- Three Minute Rowing Test
- 1080m Distance Run (three laps of the blue track).

Last year, 95% of our tamariki improved their fitness levels throughout the year. Awesome!

State of O

It's been a tradition here that we offer our tamariki the opportunity to play Rugby League in a controlled environment once a week. We call it 'State of O'.

The interest this year is unprecedented. We've had 60 boys sign up so we've had to split them into two groups.

*Year 4 & 5 will play at 12.30pm,
Violets vs Rosebuds.*

*Year 6, 7 & 8 will play at 12.55pm,
My Little Ponies vs Sunflowers.*

Quite a few of our younger ones are keen to play as well so we squeeze in a game for them at interval on Wednesday.

Last year, we had the girls playing on Thursdays at lunch time, and that could happen again this year, but as yet haven't earned that right.

It remains work in progress, fingers crossed.

Interviews / Reports

A reminder that those of you who have chosen to have an interview next Tuesday relating to your child, you will receive confirmation of the time tomorrow. Those of you who have chosen to receive a written report, will receive them next Wednesday. If you haven't yet made a choice and still want to please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Study Clubs

We are now taking enrolments for next term's Study Club.

Available for students Year 3 – 8 and operates Monday – Thursday, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

If your child would like to be part of this group, please complete the form and return

Yes, I would like _____

from Room _____ to be part of the Study Clubs this term.

Signed: _____

it to the office by Friday 10th of May.

Stay Happy
Steve

Numbers of Interest

771 Metres is the girls 3 minute row record held by Adelaide Taha-Williams	881 Metres is the boys 3 minute row record held by Cyrus Neho	3 More dollars raised for Starship than last year
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