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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau
Kia Ora,

Thack's Thought: *You cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind.*

Trivia: *African heart-nosed bats can hear the footsteps of a beetle walking on sand from almost two metres away.*

This Week's School Value

COMMUNICATION – Listen carefully, respond appropriately.

WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO – Āta whakarongo, whakahoki tika nei.

Whakatauki (Proverb)

Toku reo, toku ohoho, toku reo, toku mapihi maurea

My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul.

Recommended Children's Book

Unbelievable by Paul Jennings.

Recommended Adult's Book

The Betrayal Of Anne Frank by Rosemary Sullivan.

A Song You Should Listen To

I Miss You So by Willie Nelson.

Parent Tip – Giving your children regular household chores to do gives them a sense of ownership and contributing to the running of the household. Very beneficial to both parties.

Tamariki Tip – Never giving up shows strength of character, and always giving your best puts you in a great light.

Champion Class – The Wise Weka.

Mini-Study – A DINOSAUR.

Merit Awards 18/12/2021



The Bees Knees - Sage Wesche - for an excellent effort in his phonics, being able to read 80 words and write 23 words. Ka pai to mahi Sage!

The Orange Orange - Liam Tumai - for always showing kindness towards others. What an amazing quality to have! We are lucky to have you in The Orange Orange!!

The Magic Morepork - Cullen Wiggins - for your continuous enthusiasm for learning, you give everything your best shot and you are so helpful and caring in the classroom.

The Custard Square - Isabella McGoan - for your thoughtful, kind, and sweet wairua. You have a beautiful personality that shines throughout our classroom. Kei runga noa atu koe!

The Dizzy Dragon - Briya Patel - for always being focused in class and giving everything your best effort. You are kind, respectful and have the best manners. A pleasure to have in The Dizzy Dragon.

The Tinfoil Tiger - Taimana Whaiapu - for your outstanding start to the year. The effort you put towards everything you do is incredible!

The Red Parrot - Grace Ngataki-Matthews - for a fabulous start to the year. On task, focused, and diligent. Tu meke!

The Happy Frog - Khalipa Norton - for an outstanding effort today and helping others in the class when they needed it. Way to go!

Te Hikoi Roa - Blaze Huirama - for being responsible, respectful, willing to listen and try his hardest. A pleasure to have in Te Hikoi Roa.

The Wise Weka - Neko Davis - for showing great leadership skills and working hard in class.

The Wonky Donkey - Aeva-Marie Rameka - for your incredible attitude towards your learning: attentive, focussed and ready for any task given to you. He whetu koe.

The Golden Goose - Aurora Piko - for joining our Goose whanau with enthusiasm and kaha. You are hard-working and kind. We are lucky to have you paddling in our Waipa waka.

The Silver Crown - Ahurei Nepson - for an outstanding week, you are consistently diligent, listen to instructions carefully and always encourage others to do their best! E tipu, e rea, mō ngā ra o tōu ao.

He Wahine Kaha - Kierra Hill-Liddle - for your enthusiasm towards your learning and kind-hearted nature. You are an excellent role model for our kura, keep up the fabulous effort. Kei runga noa atu koe!

The Changing Room - Sam Paniora - for outstanding leadership and being a superb role model for his 'brothers' in the TCR.
Wehi naa Sam!

Mrs Arnott - Jaime Gubb - for stepping up as a Year 4 and role modelling to others how great learners and great friends behave. *Ka Pai Jaime!*

Mr T's - Kairewa Haggie- Heremia - for showing all the qualities we admire in a Waipa Senior. Mature, thoughtful, caring, striving to achieve and an outstanding role model and leader.

Councillor Comment

Kia ora boys, girls and citizens of Ngāruawāhia.

It's been a busy week at Waipa, as us students have been working hard on testing.

On Wednesday we selected our house Captains and Deputys. Congratulations to those who made it!

We also kicked off with our first interhouse sport of the year, which was swimming relays. Congratulations to Rimu for winning the first round.

Please remember to keep bringing your togs to school, as we still have swimming for a couple more weeks.

Also, remember to wear your masks.

We that's enough from me. Be happy, be knid and be humble.

Ka kite ano,
Manawa Inia

Welcomes

This week we welcome eight new students to our weird and wonderful world.

Ato Bosu joins Mrs Liddington and the supertastic workers in The Magic Morepork.

Ronan-Reign Nepia joins Ms Kington and the fantabulous workers in The Tinfoil Tiger.

Nahzaya Nepia and **Paa Bosu** join Whaea Priya and the excellent team of learners in The Happy Frog.

Lenny Pepperell and **Ataamia Moana-Nepia** joins Whaea Deanne and the wonderful Year 4's in The Red Parrot.

Tegan Tolchard joins Whaea Estelle and the learning machines in The Wonky Donkey.

Kobina Bosu joins Whaea Tuaine and the excellent team of Year 7's in The Silver Crown.

We hope their days are jam packed with laughter and learning.

Difficult

Well, it's been a bit of a challenge this week. The covid thing giving us a headache, with staff and student absences. But we are managing the situation for the time being, and doing our best to keep students engaged, interested and safe.

I am concerned with the number of children who still haven't turned up at school yet.

This being our third interrupted year, it's imperative our tamariki are on site as much as possible.

For the most part our tamariki are happy to be back with their friends, their teachers and back into the groove of school life.

Fingers crossed we get over this thing, sooner rather than later.

Mental Maths

At most year levels our daily Maths lessons begin with 'Mental Maths'.

Ten questions asked orally which requires tamariki to use their basic facts knowledge and solve problems mentally.

I've enjoyed a few days teaching in The Changing Room (Senior Boys Class). Here's ten I asked them yesterday. See how you go!

1. Half of 34?
2. How many in four and a half dozen?
3. What's halfway between 12 and 22?
4. Six take away two and a half?
5. What are the factors of 8?
6. I had \$20, spent \$12.70.
My change?
7. How many centimetres in two and a half metres?
8. Show started at 10.45am and went for one and a half hours. Finish?

9. Seconds in one and a quarter minutes?
 10. If last month was August, what's the month after next?

Interhouse

The Interhouse Lunchtime competition has been alive and well since 2003.

Children do represent their house for our major sports events such as swimming, athletics and cross country.

The other lunchtime events include swimming, relays, cricket, volleyball, hockey, soccer, karetu tag, waipoccer, softball, school singing, and mastermind.

It's great to see children voluntarily representing their house and developing their character through team sport.

They learn how to win with humbleness and be gracious in defeat.

I remember one of my favourite coaches from my sporting days saying to us, 'How you win shows something of your character. How you lose shows all of it'.

So we try to practise that here with our Lunchtime sport.

It also gives the Seniors the opportunity to try a leadership role, so organisational skills and encouraging others are strengths that are developed.

It's also one of my favourite parts of the day. With whistle in one hand and coffee in the other, I get to watch the talents, the joy, the spirit and the teamwork of our Waipa whanau. I love it!

For the 20 years the Interhouse has been dominated by Totara who have won the Shield 10 times.

Rimu have won it 5, Nīkau - 4 and Kauri - 2.

With all sorts of restrictions in place at different times over the last couple of years, it's meant interrupted competitions, but we hope that is all behind us now.

Pool Relays started yesterday.

Leading their House in the race for the Shield this term are:

	Captains	Deputies
Kauri	<i>Manawa Inia</i>	<i>Rebecka Harris</i>
	<i>Leighton Nepe</i>	<i>CJ Lines</i>
Nīkau	<i>Kierra Hill-Liddle</i>	<i>Havarnah Takiwa</i>
	<i>Pouakani Reti</i>	<i>Lucian Diamond-Wilson</i>
Rimu	<i>Chevalaye Nikau-Tukaki</i>	<i>Hani Mahara</i>
	<i>Michael Morgan-Litt</i>	<i>Jodie Simeon</i>
Totara	<i>Holly Gibbison</i>	<i>Autumn Maunsell</i>
	<i>Sam Paniora</i>	<i>Cory Bridgeman</i>

We wish them well for the leadership roles.

Stationery

Next week is week five which takes us halfway through the term.

Most of us have our stationery sorted which is fantastic.

If you are struggling to get stationery, please communicate with us, and we will try to sort something out.

Some people are paying theirs off and some people have an automatic payment.

We also have some really generous people who make a donation towards other families stationery.

We are so lucky!

Stay Happy

Steve

Maths Answers

1. 17, 2. 54, 3. 17, 4. $3\frac{1}{2}$, 5. 1,2,4,8, 6. \$7.30, 7. 250cm, 8. 12.15pm, 9. 75 seconds, 10. November

Numbers of Interest

24 Students haven't returned to school yet.	150 Thousand litres of water in our pool.	10 Minutes Seniors get to do Basic Facts Test.
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