

# Waipa Primary School

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## THE WAIPA WORD

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau  
Kia Ora,

**Thack's Thought:** *The first five days after the weekend are always the hardest.*

**Trivia:** *The largest stained-glass window in the world is at Kennedy International Airport in New York. It can be seen on the American Airlines terminal building and measures 90 metres long by 7 metres high.*

**This Week's School Value**  
**SELF-CONFIDENCE** – Having faith in and trusting yourself.  
**MAIATANGA** – Kia mau ki te whakapono, pono atu ki a koe anō.

**Whakatauki** (Proverb)  
*He oranga ngākau, he pikinga waiora.*  
*Positive feelings in your heart will enhance your sense of self worth.*

**Recommended Children's Book**  
*Too Cool* by *Sailing Supremo*.

**Recommended Adult's Book**  
*The Woman In The Window* by A.J. Finn.

**A Song You Should Listen To**  
*The Boll Wevill Song* by *Brook Benton*.

**Parent Tip** – Never argue with an angry child if you can possibly avoid it. Give them the opportunity and space to calm down, then initiate discussion. Works most of the time.

**Tamariki Tip** – Try a few different techniques to keep your self-control when things don't go your way. Losing self-control never has a positive outcome.

**Mini-Study** – A COUNTRY

**Champion Class** – The Tinfoil Tiger.

**Mr T's Chance Card Draw**

**Winner** – Nadia, from He Wahine Kaha.



## **Merit Awards 01/04/2022**

**The Bees Knees - Lee-Arah** - for a top effort at her reading, writing and maths. Ka pai to mahi!

**The Magic Morepork - Linkon**

**Natana** - for trying your best in all that you do. Your sounding out in reading is impressive! Keep up the good work!

**The Custard Square - Matauri Taheke** - for stepping up and doing the business! You are NAILING your mahi and excelling in all areas of learning. I am so proud of you. Te mutunga mai o te pai!

**The Dizzy Dragon - Jake Cully** - for being a fabulous role model and putting all your focus into your learning. I love the positive attitude and hard work you bring to class daily. You make me proud.

**The Tinfoil Tiger - Tyrone Nepia - Shadrock** - for always setting an outstanding example for our class, being on task and having a positive attitude towards your learning.

**The Red Parrot - Thea Mes** - for your thoughtfulness towards others, and consistently being on task and striving to improve.

**The Happy Frog - Legend Brown** - for improving your self-discipline and taking on the role of leadership in class; the positive changes you have made makes me so proud. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Te Hikoi Roa - Arorangi Te Moananui Morunga** - for being kind, caring and always trying her best. You are a pleasure to teach.

**The Wise Weka - Parekaarau Moanaroa** - for always being a hard working student who gives 100% to everything you do. You're a Star in the Wise Weka!

**The Wonky Donkey - Tegan Tolchard** - for your kind, helpful and supportive nature: always encouraging people and helping anyone in need. He whetū koe!

**The Golden Goose - Skyler Lloyd-Nepia** - for your wonderfully whimsical outlook on life. You are a spontaneous, creative and spirited young woman, your brightness shines from within.

**The Silver Crown - Kobby Bosu** - for an impressive start to the year. You are diligent, organised, on task and always involved in inter-house competitions.

*Ko te puāwaitanga o ngā moemoea, me whakamahi*

**He Wahine Kaha - Cassius Pungatara-Salvation** - *for being an organised, diligent, well-mannered and positive class member. Your initiative and your desire to achieve and succeed, is to be admired.*

**The Changing Room - Cory Bridgeman** - *for working hard to improve his writing. Cory your work shows a developing sense of authorship and confidence using language in increasingly sophisticated ways.*

**Miss Hooker - Maitearoha Ngatai-Maxwell** - *for your maturity, for your care and support for others, for your leadership and for your desire to be the best you can be. An excellent role model!*

**Mr T's - Sam Paniora** - *for showing support of others, initiative, and a genuine desire to give his best in, and out of the classroom. Mature, positive, caring and an outstanding role model and leader. I give thanks.*

## **Councillor Comment**

Kia ora boys, girls and citizens of Ngaruawahia.

It has been quite a busy week here at Waipa School as we had the finals of Karetu Tag. Congratulations to for placing first. I'm super proud of all of our Kauri representatives, what an amazing final, and well done to all the other houses for giving their all. A really big thanks to Mr T for being our happy chappy referee.

Thanks to everyone for bringing in easter eggs for our easter egg raffle fundraiser. The raffle tickets are selling like hot cakes. The raffle will be drawn at next week's Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> assembly.

Next week is our last week of school before the holidays, so make sure you keep working hard on your schoolwork.

Other than that, be kind, be respectful and be humble and always remember the Waipa Way.

That's all from me,  
Ka kite ano,  
Manawa Inia.

## **Dining**

We have a dining table and six chairs that are surplus to our requirements. If you think they would look fabulous in your whare, you are most welcome to come down and check them out.

They're free to a good home.

You'll need to organise transport though; we don't do free delivery.

## **Easter Raffle**

Thanks heaps for your generosity. We have received 283 eggs so far. Tomorrow is the last day for House Points.

Points this morning were:

**Rimu** - 81

**Nikau** - 86

**Kauri** - 54

**Totara** - 83

Tickets will be on sale before school all of next week. \$1 a ticket or 3 for \$2.

Hoping to give Starship hospital a little more than we did last year - \$754.

## **Interviews**

With the current situation we find ourselves in, it wouldn't be a clever idea to go ahead with our normal end of term interviews.

So next week you will receive a brief written summary of your child's achievements and how they are going thus far.

You will receive two copies; we ask that you sign one and return it please.

Should you wish to discuss anything with your child's teacher, don't hesitate to contact us, or the teacher to arrange a suitable time.

## **Study Club**

We are taking enrolments for next term.

Available for students Year 3 - 8 and

operate Monday-Thursday, 3:00pm - 4:30pm.

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

Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_  
from Room \_\_\_\_\_ to be part of the Study  
Club this term.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sue

Sue retires from teaching at the end of the term. If Waipa School had National Treasures, Sue Sherson would be one of them. Her loyalty and commitment to all things Waipa has been without question.

Sue first came to Waipa in 1981 where she did a fixed term position teaching a Year 7 class for two years.

She then was transferred to other schools, as was the way then, for a further five years.

She left teaching for a while to have her family, before returning to Waipa.

Sue has been a release teacher here for the last two and a half decades. This role included releasing teachers for blocks so they can work one to one with students etc, and releasing young teachers who get released a day a week so they can hone their craft, attend courses etc.

So, as you can imagine, this position required a vast array of skills, an abundance of talent and a myriad of qualities that are necessary to cope with so many different age levels. Patience and positivity being a priority.

We have been so fortunate to have Sue doing this role for such a long time. Her calm, kind and caring way with our tamariki endeared her to all, and she was determined to keep whatever class she was taking, engaged and striving to do their best.

I know her teaching colleagues had peace of mind when Sue was taking their class.

Her adaptability and initiative meant when they returned to their class, there were no pieces to pick up and it had been an enjoyable experience for all concerned.

Sue's flexibility to jump in at short notice, or to cope with sudden changes proved to be a major asset for us on so many occasions. All done with a smile on her face. We tried hard never to take that for granted.

Another of Sue's responsibilities was 'The Bookworm', our school library.

Along with Robyn Morgan, they made our library the envy of many schools.

I was always proud to show off our library to visitors. Jam packed with over six thousand books, computers, great furniture and great layout; it is a much-loved resource of our school.

Between them, Robyn and Sue ensured our library was open at lunchtimes, and many of our tamariki enjoyed the opportunity to play board games, do research, do some class work, or read and relax.

I don't know many schools where staff give up their lunch hour for the good of the children.

On a personal note, I was indeed fortunate to enjoy Sue's quiet support and encouragement. My 'tough' day spirits were often lifted by a sincere world of positivity from her.

Sue's retirement from teaching will leave a gap, that will be hard to fill, and her love of 'Waipa' will be sorely missed.

She heads to the East Coast to a new property that will keep her and her husband Bryce busy.

Closer to her moko, she will no doubt be in heaven.

The Waipa community sincerely thanks you, Sue. We wish you the very best for the years ahead.

You have left a legacy here and will be remembered for many years to come.

Kia Toa!

As per Sue's wishes, we will give her a 'low-key' farewell, as a school, next Wednesday.

## Numbers of Interest

<b>174</b> Approx. children a week work with Sue	<b>1400</b> Lunchtimes Sue has run the library.	<b>25</b> Years Sue has been a Nikau house supporter.
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