



WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring today's learners to thrive in tomorrow's world



Kia ora e te whānau,

It is great to be back at school after the Summer break. I hope you all have had as wonderful a holiday as I have. I have been lucky enough to spend the holidays with family from Ireland and it has been so much fun exploring and sharing our amazing part of New Zealand with them.

I would like to welcome all of our new families to Waverley Primary School. Our school roll is currently at 131 with a few more students to come in this term. This is very exciting for our school.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Bianca Mitchell and Mrs Megan Buchanan to our staff. Megan is teaching in the brand-new Kowhai Hub and Bianca is in Tawa Hub while Mrs Barclay is on maternity leave.

During the holidays I attended a Better Start Literacy Conference (BSLA). This is very exciting as we are going to be using this approach in our two youngest classrooms. Currently the BSLA is only being used from New Entrant - Year 2 students. There will be a lot more information coming out to parents of children in the Manuka and Tawa Hubs in the next few weeks. Over 3000 classrooms in New Zealand are currently using the BSLA approach to teaching literacy and it has been having some excellent results in improving children's literacy abilities. A huge thanks to Mrs Sanson and Mrs Mitchell for training in this approach for our Waverley Primary School students.

During Term 1 2023 we will be completing a unit called 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. As a part of this unit of work we are holding a parent information evening with Constable Ben for anyone who has any questions about the unit or anyone who would like some more information. This will be held at school on Tuesday 14th February from 3:30 - 4:30pm.

Next Thursday the 9th of February the school will be holding its annual Greet, Meet and Eat evening. This will start at 5pm in the school hall. There will be a short welcome and then you will have two different opportunities to go and visit your children's classroom teachers and hear a little information about how their classrooms will be operating this year. When you have finished come and have a sausage in bread cooked by myself and some of the support staff. We will try very hard not to burn them.

Exciting news!! Our swimming pool is having some repairs and all going well we could be swimming as early as week 3 of this term. We realise that the pool has been out of action for a really long time and we are very excited about the prospect of being able to get a swimming season in. We will keep you all updated with our progress. The senior school will be using the town pool later this term. More information will come out to parents shortly.

Have a wonderful weekend, lets hope there are some more sunny days to enjoy before the end of the summer.

Tim Marriott

Term 1

- Mon 6 Feb - Waitangi Day - School Closed
- Thurs 9 Feb - Greet, Meet & Eat evening - 5pm
- Mon 20 Feb - Yr 7&8 technology - session 1
- Mon 27 Feb - Yr 7&8 technology - session 2
- Fri 3 Mar - Senior Swimming Sports - Town Pool
- Mon 6 Mar - Yr 7&8 technology - session 3
- Tues 7 Mar - Senior Cluster Swimming Sports - Town Pool
- Wed 8 Mar - Senior Cluster Swimming Sports - Postponement date
- Fri 10 Mar - Weekend of Waverley & District Schools - Jubilee
- Mon 13 Mar - Taranaki Anniversary Weekend - School Closed
- Mon 20 Mar - Yr 7&8 technology - session 4
- Thurs 23 Mar - Waverley Primary hosting Cluster Cricket Tournament
- Fri 24 Mar - Cluster Cricket Tournament Postponement date
- Mon 27 Mar - Yr 7&8 technology - session 5
- Mon 3 April - Yr 7&8 technology - session 6
- Thurs 6 April - Term 1 finishes

In Remembrance of Kerry

As most of you will be aware, we sadly lost our amazing Caretaker Kerry to cancer in the holidays. To honour him, we will be holding a free mufti day tomorrow (Friday 3 February) in which we ask all students to wear high vis clothing (Kerry's favourite clothing) or bright colours.



**Each week one class will be sharing photos of their learning & activities.
Check out Manuka Hub**

Manuka Hub students had a busy start to the term finding out about the many independent learning activities they will use this term.





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Waverley Primary School
welcomes all whānau to our

Greet, Meet and Eat Evening

Thursday February 9th

5pm

- Meet by the senior deck: Welcome from Mr Marriott
- Head to your child/children's classrooms: overview from teachers/look around the classroom/ask questions
- BBQ: a chance to socialise with a free sausage sizzle and some games

We ask that ALL parents/caregivers please attend.

Your child's education is a partnership between school and family and we value input and interactions with whānau. Bring along your children too!