

**WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL***Inspiring today's learners to thrive in tomorrow's world*

Kia ora e te whānau,

Coming up on the 7th and 8th of September is the school Term 3 well-being break. There have been a few questions and negative comments regarding the purpose and timing of this closure. I wanted to let everyone know what this break is for and how the staff will be utilising the time. The Ministry of Education has allocated two professional development days in 2023 and two in 2024. These days are to be used in schools to improve teacher assessment and curriculum delivery capability. We chose to use the two days in term three as it is a long term with no public holidays. Our teachers will be using the two days to develop their professional growth cycles (appraisals) and work on their own teacher led inquiry projects. If you have any further questions regarding the teacher only days, please feel free to contact me directly.

The children are really starting to show the benefits of the regular cross-country training they have been doing. There has been great improvement in the children's fitness. I understand that cross-country running is not everyone's thing, but it is an important part of the physical education programme and holds just as much importance as does swimming, athletics or ball skills. The school cross-country will be held on Wednesday 23rd August. Hopefully this year we will have a fine day for the event. Please remember that cross-country running is a winter event and will be held in inclement weather.

Thank you to all of the people who made the time to have student led conferences last week. This is an important part of the school year where the children get to showcase their achievements and share their goals with their whanau. If you missed your opportunity for a student led conference please make contact with your child's teacher to set up an appointment at a suitable time.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Tim Marriott
PRINCIPAL

Term 3

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| Mon 14 Aug | - Tech Y7&8 session 3 |
| Fri 18 Aug | - Flying Start - 2pm |
| Mon 21 Aug | - Tech Y7&8 - session 4 |
| Wed 23 Aug | - School Cross Country |
| Mon 28 Aug | - Tech Y7&8 session 5 |
| | - Board of Trustees meeting - 5.30pm |
| Fri 1 Sept | - Flying Start - 2pm |
| Mon 4 Sept | - Cluster Cross Country - Kakaramea |
| | - Tech Y7&8 session 6 |
| Tues 5 Sept | - Cluster Cross Country postponement date |
| | - Rugby Tournament Wanganui |
| Wed 6 Sept | - Newsletter going home. |
| Thurs 7-Fri 8 Sept | - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Mon 18 Sept | - Board of Trustees Meeting - 5.30 pm |
| Tues 19 Sept | - PCT Challenge 1pm Wanganui |
| Fri 22 Sept | - Term finishes |

Dates of importance for next term:
Lamb & Calf Club Day - Tuesday 31 October
School Pet Day - Friday 10 November

ASSEMBLY - Matai Hub will be presenting assembly this Friday in the school hall at 2.30pm. Everyone most welcome

PFA YARROWS COOKIE FUNDRAISER - Thank you to the families who have returned their orders. Please keep them coming in to support our PFA fundraiser. Final return date is **Thursday 17 August**.

Jubilee Books - These are available for sale for \$20. If required to be posted \$25. Please contact Chris How 0276188586.

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





**Royal Whanganui Opera House - Sunday 24 September
10.30 am & 1.00 pm**

