

Wairau Valley School

15th April 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou,



Only a few days of the term left and time has flown as it usually does. We are counting down, feeling grateful for our beautiful place in the world, and loving the rain. I have watched the amount of hard work and effort the children have put into their learning this term and feel very pleased with what I see and hear. Above all the children are all very entertaining and enjoy being part of the WVS family.

Thank you Donald, Peter and Richard for your support and hard work toward our almost complete junior playground. We expect to see the soft-fall arrive this week and may even get to have a play before Friday.

Just a quick update on the term 2 Healthy Lunches in School. We anticipate the start date to be week 3 next term, being 17th May. We have contracted with Libelle for our lunch supply only until the end of this year. However lunches are now being provided until the end of 2023.

I will be away from the middle of the school break and wish everyone all the best for next term. Gemma Allen has kindly agreed to relieve the senior and middle rooms during term 2. You are in good hands with Lisa McDonald and I look forward to returning in term 3 feeling refreshed, relaxed, fitter, and possibly weighing in a few kilos lighter!

Have a lovely term break

Nga mihi

Karen



SCHOOL CAMP



Camp Writing (excerpts from students recount writing)



Finally the whistle rang again for dinner time. We all sat down and said thank you for the food. We went a group at a time going up for food and what we had for dinner was nachos. Then it was pudding and we had a lamington with strawberry cream and a marshmallow on top - YUM.

When we got there it was like paradise..we got some sleep. The day we were leaving we did the Ironman Course. My part in the ironman course was jumping off a 7 metre high diving board into a lake. A long story short, my back ended up as red as.

I could see practically the whole camp from the top of the climbing wall. The victory was mine, I was so very proud of myself. As I came down I could hear cameras clicking below, as well as kids yelling 'good job, amazing, and go Mia'.

The first day we arrived at camp was EPIC. We had about 30-45 minutes free play and I was the only one at our school to notice the zipline. The zipline was one of the best items to play with.

In conclusion I faced a lot of my fears, but the biggest one was height. I was proud of myself for giving everything a go and if I had to I would try again.

My favourite one of all was kayaking. We all had a round of kayak tag. I was getting away from the tagger and I somehow managed to crash into the side of mum's boat (Rochelle Stephen). She tipped over and SPLASH!



I was always so scared of kayaking because I had never done it before. After a while it was so much fun. I did fall out, though Simon did challenges with us like we had to stand up, spin round and sit back down - and that's where I fell out.

I looked up at the thin piece of wire I knew I would be held up by. I was a little nervous but mostly excited. Our instructor 'Q' came to us all harnessed up. We followed his instructions of placing the helmet on our heads and making sure our harness was nice and tight. Q then guided us on how to high rope safely. He told us about the locks, carabiners, ropes and so many other things. Then finally with no hesitation, I went first.

When Hayley gave us the signal we pushed off and we started sliding at the speed of light down the curvy slide. For about 10 seconds I was more worried about slipping than the freezing cold water. My throat was aching but I continued screaming as the murky water got a bit too close. For a while I thought I would drown but at last my arms and legs reacted and I climbed the slippery steps out of the water. The hydroslide was terrifying but fun.

Our next activity was team rescue. We had to carry a stretcher across an obstacle course and if you fell on to the ground you had to go back.



WAIRAU ROOM

Kids Edible Garden.
Cooking apple pies with Mrs Ward.
Learning all about measurements.
Lots of fun cutting the apples into cubes
and rolling the pastry out.
Yummy



Team building and thinking exercise.
Two teams 1 tarp and 5 lengths of string.

Task :

1. To build a shelter for their team using only these materials.
2. To be able to fit their whole team under the shelter.
3. The shelter must be able to keep them dry in wet weather.

Great team work from both teams with lots of ideas discussed.



Scientists outdoors looking for insects
and sketching. Learning outside the
classroom.



PTA NEWS

PTA will meet in the first week of Term 2, date to be confirmed.
We are always looking for new members.
We hope to see you there.



EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you parents for the support of our Easter Raffle, as usual the response has been amazing. **The total raised is \$800**

1st Prize - Chris Jones

2nd Prize - Grant Collins

Best sellers - 1st equal: Anderson family / MacKenzie family

2nd equal: Hale family / Fowler family

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

BOT Election:

Our new Parent Representative on the Board is: **Jamie Timms.**

We welcome Jamie and look forward to working with him.

Thank you to Jillian Redwood for being our Returning Officer.

Other News:

We wish Karen all the best for her Term 2 Sabbatical and look forward to working with Lisa McDonald as Acting Principal during this time. We know that the school will run business as usual and thank Lisa for stepping into this demanding role.

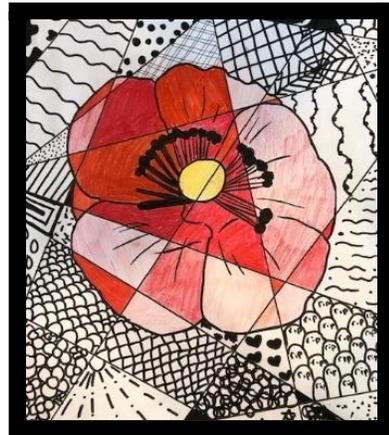
NOTICES

POOL CARETAKER POSITION

We require a new School Pool Caretaker
6 hours per week during summer, weekly checks over winter
Training will be provided
Please contact the Office if you might be interested.

Important Dates Term 2

- Last Day of Term 1 - 16th April
- First Day of Term 2 - 3rd May
- Technology Dates Term 2:
3rd May, 10th May, 17th May, 24th May
- First bell 8:50 a.m.
- Finish time 2:45 p.m.



Warm regards
Wairau Valley School Staff