

Wairau Valley School

19th March 2021



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou,

The year is flying, we have only four weeks of the term left and Easter included in the last few weeks as well. Even at this stage of the term the children all seem to have an abundance of energy to share.

We are hopeful that the new playground will be built before the end of term. It is very possible that the new parts might even arrive this week, which should create a good deal of excitement. Thank you to Donald Stuart for excavating the ground area and starting the building of the new surround.



There are a lot of scooters being brought to school now and the children are having a great time with these. I would like to continue encouraging bike riding as well so we will make every Friday for bicycles only. This will allow staff to manage scooters and bikes separately and a lot more safely. Friday for bikes, scooters Monday to Thursday please.

With the weather cooling at night the swimming pool has certainly lost its appeal with the children. We will close the school pool this Sunday, for the winter. Thank you to community members and families for being responsible, and also making the most of this precious resource over the summer.

Have a lovely weekend

Karen O'Donnell

WAIRAU ROOM



Last week Wairau Room had the poem of the week '**10 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed**'. They practiced the poem and took part in the acting out very enthusiastically. Rachel came up with the idea of bringing the bed from sick bay and acting it out! Here are our little monkeys jumping on the bed!

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Our school is taking part in the Fuel for Schools Programme which is run by Southfuels. We have been nominated by some local business'/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels and every 2 litres of bulk fuel they purchase 1 cent is donated to Wairau Valley School. When we reach our \$1000 target we get to choose items from Sports or Technology packages. We recently had a visit from Maisie Davison who delivered our chosen donated items to us. We received a Touchscreen Chromebook and a Ki O Rahi Kit (sports equipment).



CHALICE ROOM

The students in Chalice Room had a lesson with Sarah Henderson on mixing colours with pastels. The results are fabulous and can be seen in the office foyer!



On Tuesday the children in Chalice Room were learning about The America's Cup with Sarah Henderson. They enjoyed trying to make floatable boats and testing them in the swimming pool.

Our learning focus this term has been extending our reading and comprehension using our Plus 5 and 7 reading programme. During math - we have been rearranging two

or more sets that can be redistributed without changing the total number of objects and also doing our daily basic facts warmup. For writing we have been working hard on improving our independence with editing our own writing to make sure it makes sense. During swimming we have been working on our water confidence skills.



Our Kiwi Can Super Stars



Chalice Room is thriving on the Kiwi Can experience. Dan and Cerys definitely know how to keep us engaged and focused.




Respect
Whakaute

Means treating people, things and places as important.

The Kiwi Can Corner



"Respect - think it, do it, show it" ♥

As we learn more about respect for our community this week, we'll be practising *showing* respect for people in our community, and exploring more about how *we* can contribute to our community. Our older students will be learning more about the qualities of respectful people and *identifying respectful figures* in our community too.

Some conversation starters for this week:

- ★ How do you show respect to places in *our* community? (Think about what you do and say when you go to places like the library, the pool, the park or your school. Think about the way you interact with the people there, the things and the place itself)
- ★ What's a 'good deed' or random act of kindness *you've* done lately?
- ★ Who is a respectful person *you* know? What are some qualities that they have that *show* their respect (for people, things or places)?



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FISHTAIL ROOM

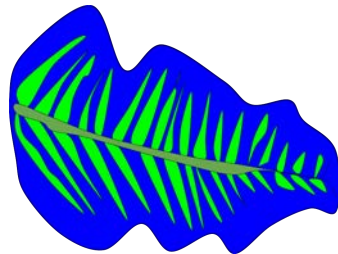
Digi-Art

In the Fishtail Room we have been using our digital learning skills to create digital art. Our aim is to turn sketches we've made of native trees into digital representations that can be used as logos and shared. We have had to learn how to use Google Photos and hone our skills using Google Draw.

Here are some of our sketches and our digital representations.



Sam Anderson



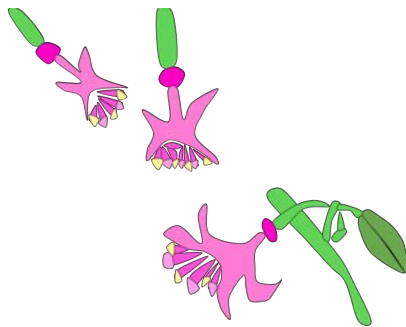
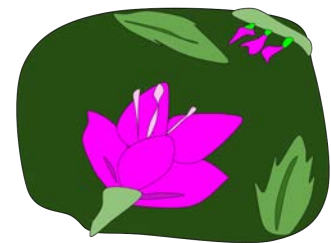
Connor Jobe



Mia Lasenby



Ivy Hale



Manaia Mita



Ruby Leov



Isabella Griffiths



PTA NEWS

Thank you again to the parents and teachers that baked and contributed to the PTA catering of the dog trials. We made around \$500 thanks to your wonderful help.

We have a PTA Meeting scheduled for this Friday 19th March in the school library at 7.30 pm.

Thank you to Ken McLeod, Joe Blakiston and Greg Lyons from PGG Real Estate for being a sponsor for our Sausage Sizzle.



EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle is slowly filling up - thank you to those parents who have donated, it is much appreciated!

Have you sold your raffle tickets yet?

All tickets/money to be back by 9th April please.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

The BOT Election forms have now been sent out to eligible parents via email. Please see Lisa in the school office if you would like a paper copy of the Nomination Form or if you have not received this via email. Nominations to be received before 3rd April.

NOTICES

Contact Details

Parents please remember to let us know if any of your contact details change. If you have a change in phone number, email or address, please contact the office. This is particularly important for our COVID response plans.

School Pool

The school pool is officially closing as from 21st March. If you have a Pool Key, please return this to the school office. Thank you.

Important Dates Term 1

- **Last Day of Term** - 16th April
 - First bell 8:50 a.m.
 - Finish time 2:45 p.m.
- **Public Holidays:** Good Friday - 2nd April / Easter Mon 5th April / Tues 6th April
- **Year 7 & 8 Combined Sports Event:** 26th March
- **Year 4-8 Camp:** 7th - 9th April

Warm regards
Wairau Valley School Staff