

Wairau Valley School

“Managing Successfully in a Complex World”

Term 1, Week 9

Thursday 27 March 2019



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou,

Message from Principal:

Hi everyone,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year. We are delighted to welcome our new students and families to Wairau Valley School. Our school roll is currently 42 students.

The teaching staff remains the same this year, however, senior teacher Briar Meek will now be teaching Monday to Wednesday each week, with myself teaching the seniors on Thursdays and Fridays.

The school pool has been well utilised in the hot weather, the students are swimming most days in the afternoon. We will let you know when the pool is closing due to cold temperatures, historically this is mid March.

The school is beginning practice for our much anticipated school production in term 3. The children have been given their parts to learn, and we hope to share a copy of the songs with parents to play at home or in the car (you'll know *all* of the words to sing along with us). Our production will be a fundraising event this year. More details will be made available as they develop.

This term we have had the opportunity to provide soccer and cricket sessions to the students on a weekly basis. Ti Paulo from Renwick rugby will also be joining us for a few days this term also.

Thank you to those parents who attended our Parent Information Meeting on 18 February. It was lovely to see you all and have a chance to share information with you directly. We are very appreciative of your support.

On the 5th of March there was a fire at the Golf Course which also entered our school boundary. We were very lucky that this was dealt with swiftly and there was no significant damage. Thank you to our local firefighters, staff members, parents and community members who did such a great job of containing the fire and keeping the children safe.

At the end of last year our senior room sailing trip was cut short and postponed. With good weather on our side, the class will hopefully be sailing again on the last day of this term - April 12. More information and requests for assistance will go out next week.

Regards

Karen O'Donnell

WAIRAU ROOM



The Term has been progressing very positively, the children have been settled and definitely getting into the swing of things. The recent visit from Life Education Trust had us focusing on the different food groups and staying healthy. We will continue this theme later in the term by cooking once a week (once swimming has finished). We will have some fun making different lunch food.

Homework: Bookbags come to and from school each day with spelling to practice. We have made some changes to our reading programme, there will be no reading book coming home until the end of Term 2. More information will come home about this later.

Library: Every Monday

During swimming time, we have been practising rolling our togs and towels up. This is a great motor skills activity—and the children love it.

Lisa McDonald



Thank you to our Caretaker Richard Craddock for the watermelon feast.



Life Education

We had a visit from Genevieve and Harold this term. Harold has helped us learn about:

- Different kinds of food
- How to stay healthy and give ourselves energy
- Nutrition
- Wonderful water
- Always, sometimes, and occasional food

Thanks Genevieve.



Writing - Fishtail Room

Fire

I felt scared as the fire was creeping up to us
I wonder if the fire will burn the school down
I see burnt grass, all black and dark
I hear kids panicking
I think the fire is going to burn the school down
I feel so scared as I see the fire creeping up the tree like a spider
I see the fire department and the truck with its lights.
By Manaia Mita

Fire

Feeling buzzing in my head
I imagine flame beneath my eyes
A tree burning as my eyes scan across the
golf course
I feel faint as my family enter the school
I ask myself, "Where would we go?"
Light in my head, police, firemen, more
police
I don't like the feeling that is felt
Today as we still stand, there is still burnt
grass
Still fire engines checking the golf course
Still smelling the ashes
Lucky there was no wind
By Ivy Hale



Fire

Wednesday 6th March 2019

Yesterday there was a fire that started at the golf course. We smelt the smoke and quickly reported it to Mr Livingstone. We heard fire alarms while the fire fighters were whizzing across our community. After school I went up and had a peek. It smelt really bad and it was just less than an inch from the court itself! The next day we saw the top of the trees were burnt. Poor trees! Also, the spiky pine leaves looked like they had been in an oven for a long time. Later on, the police came to investigate. I wanted to help, we could be partners in crime fighting!
By Brooke Dow



We had a successful trip to Lake Rotoiti school last week to compete in a combined schools Triathlon. Congratulations to all of our students and thank you to all parents able to provide help and support on the day.

We appreciate the feedback we have been given from participating parents and we will take this into consideration for any future Education outside the classroom events.



A very warm welcome
to all new students this year

Moeraki Boulders by Katie Griffiths

Smooth round boulders emerging from the soft golden sand
Black and white lace dresses elegantly gliding along the beach
Seagulls group together to discuss their next attack
Cracks forming around the boulder's hearts
Aging over the years
Companies buy to build on the precious land around them
Pollution grows
Companies grow
The ocean fills with plastics and poisons and everyday objects.

NOTICES

REMINDER

- Please no students at school before 8.15am
- School finish time is 2.45pm if you are picking up children
- Bus students must wear a high vis backpack cover provided by the school
- Bus students please ensure you are at your bus stop on time in the morning.

**Wairau Valley Playgroup has changed from Monday to Thursday mornings at 10am at the Community Hall
Everyone welcome!**

If you or anyone you know has under 5's please join us we would love to see some new faces

Any questions contact Hayley 5722923

Technology Centre Dates for 2019 (Afternoon bus delayed by 15 minutes)

Term 1: 1 April 8 April

Term 2: 29 April 6 May 1 July

Term 3: 22 July 29 July 5 Aug 12 Aug 16 Aug-(Friday) 19 Aug

Term 4: 3 Nov-(Wed) 6 Nov-(Wed) 11 Nov 18 Nov 25 Nov 29 Nov-(Yr6) 2 Dec

2019 Term Dates:

Term 1: 29 January — 12 April

Term 2: 29 April — 5 July

Term 3: 22 July— 27 September

Term 4: 14 October— 13 December

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Kind regards,

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