

February 2019

Year 7 and 8 School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

We hope you had a safe and restful holiday. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and families, and hope you enjoy your time with us at Waikanae School.

For the first few weeks of this term we will be setting up classroom routines, carrying out assessment tasks and getting to know each other.

Our teaching team.

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TERM 1 Overview

Reading

- Shared Syndicate book - The Refugee by Alan Gratz

Writing

- Individual classroom writing covering different text types linked to our inquiry.

Maths

- Statistics
- Place Value

P.E Health

- Small Ball Skills and Modified Games including hockey skills run by Wellington Hockey.
- Daily Fitness

EOTC

- Overnight Camp: Survivor Day - Thursday 11th April

Inquiry

- Sense of Self / Mana ahua ake

TECHNOLOGY

This will be held every Tuesday starting officially on Tuesday, 5th February at the Technology Centre on Hillcrest Road, Raumati. Over the year ALL children will attend the following classes:

Hard Materials (Woodwork), Soft Materials (Sewing), Foods, Process and Production and Electronics.

Technology Timetable

Room 14 and 17 Leaving school at 8.45am, returning at approximately 10.50am. It is vital that students in these classes arrive at school before 8.45am for roll check and to catch the bus.

Room 15 and 16 Leaving school at 10.50am, returning at approximately 12.45pm.

A letter from the Technology Centre has been sent home with your child, outlining safety requirements and the equipment needed. The centre charges each student a fee to cover the cost of materials used to produce the projects the students take home. The cost of consumables for this year has been set at \$60 and has been included in this term's activity fee.

Homework

This will officially begin in week 4 and consist of:

Weekly quiz - Given out on a Monday due back on the Friday of the same week.

Reading - All children should be reading for at least 20 minutes every night.

Maths - online tasks set on a platform called worldseries.educationperfect.com More information about this programme will be available shortly.

Any classroom work that is overdue will also become a homework expectation. We do not want homework to become a stressful occasion for you or your child. If at any stage tasks cannot be completed, feel free to write a note in your child's book.

All students have a photography assignment to complete before week 4. This is linked to our Inquiry Sense of Self / Mana ahua ake.

OVERNIGHT CAMP - SURVIVOR DAY/NIGHT - Thursday 11th/ Friday 12th April

This year's overnight camp will be taking place in the LAST week of the Term.

We are running this in conjunction with a survivor/team building day at school. Accommodation will be a mix of 'build your own' and tents. If the weather is unfavourable we will use the classrooms.

An information/permission letter will be sent home closer to the date. Regular updates will be posted on our Te Poutama closed group on Facebook. **The cost for Survivor Day 2019 will be included in term two's activity fee.**

Water

In order to stay hydrated, all students are expected to have a water bottle in class each day. These should be taken home and washed each night.

Hats

Waikanae Primary is a Sunsmart school and everyone needs to wear their school sun hat in Term 1. This is the only compulsory uniform item at Waikanae School and we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child has and wears the correct headwear. New and second hand hats can be purchased from the school office.

Dates for the Calendar

Wheels Day breakfast - Friday 22nd February

Inter School Triathlon Tuesday - 26th February

Syndicate fun swim and picnic - Wednesday 27th February

School Swimming Sports - Thursday 7th March

Interschool Swimming Festival - Thursday 28th March

Survivor Day - 11/12th April

Term Activity Fee

Dragon Maths books - for use in class, Education perfect (Online maths) ,Technology consumable fee, Small Sticks hockey - each class receives 5 sessions run by Wellington Hockey, Syndicate fun swim and picnic.. Payment details will be sent out from the office over the next week.

Communication Reminders

- Te Poutama [Closed Facebook page](#) is where we post reminders and copies of notices that don't quite make it home!
- School Phone App - Search 'Waikanae Primary School' in the app store and download. You can then go through and create your subscriptions for the year depending on what class your child is in and what activities they are involved with. You'll get important alerts AND it gives the option of letting us know if your child is away without needing to phone the office.

Leadership Opportunities

This year, all Year 8 students will be asked to join at least one Leadership group. Some of this term's opportunities have already been outlined to the children and many have already nominated groups they are interested in.

Year 7's will be expected to support the year 8's across all leadership activities.

Organisational and Self-management Expectations

In order to be life-long learners and fully prepared for college we encourage the children to take responsibility for their learning. This means;

- Getting to school on time. (The school bell goes at 9am)
- Managing their stationery, sports gear, bag and hat
- Being organised with time and manage deadlines.
- Coming to school with a great attitude and a willingness to try their best!

We are looking forward to working with you to continue to provide the best possible education for your child.

Kind regards

Nancy, Lucy, Lisa and Sam