



# WAIKANAE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4

24 February 2020

## CATHERINE CLARE TO MATERNITY LEAVE

As of 3pm Thursday 9 April 2020, Catherine Clare will be on maternity leave. As a school, we are very happy for Catherine and the Board of Trustees is supportive of her leave application. At this stage, her period of leave is for 3 terms, through until the end of 2020. The leave period will be reviewed later in the year and maybe extended into 2021. In order to cope with this situation and to provide the best possible learning opportunities for your child we have employed Ms Shannon Duffy. Shannon is working in Canada and will return to NZ in mid-March. When Shannon returns to NZ we envisage a practical transition period with a 'double teaming' of both Shannon and Catherine for the last week or two of Term 1. Shannon comes to us with impeccable references and is an experienced and talented teacher. I have every confidence in her teaching ability and I feel confident that she has the skill set to take your children successfully through until the end of the year. This reorganisation is effective as of Tuesday 28 April 2020. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

## 2020 TERM DATES

- **Term 1 2020**  
Monday 3 February (Meet the Teacher Day)-  
Thursday 9 April
- **Term 2**  
Monday 28 April -  
Friday 3 July
- **Term 3**  
Monday 20 July -  
Friday 25 September
- **Term 4**  
Monday 12 October -17  
December (TBC) at  
12.30pm

## THREE TEACHER ONLY DAYS IN 2020

Over the next 3 years, primary schools throughout New Zealand will be able to close for up to eight Teacher Only Days without lengthening the school year. This situation has come about with the settlement of the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement in June/July of 2019. The provision of these days enables the government and teacher unions to address 'workload issues' without any extra salary costs.

Waikanae School will, therefore, be sourcing T.O.Ds from two separate pools.

**POOL 1.** Primary Teachers Collective Agreement. Eight T.O.Ds over 3 years with no extension to the school year. Waikanae School will always hold these days during week 8 or 9 of Terms 1,2, and 3

For 2020 these days are on the following dates

SCHOOL CLOSED...Friday 27 March 2020 = Teacher Only Day 1

SCHOOL CLOSED...Friday 26 June 2020 = Teacher Only Day 2

SCHOOL CLOSED...Friday 11 September 2020 = Teacher Only Day 3

Kapiti's #1 O.S.C.A.R Provider Within Schools

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As per MoE requirements, the days will be focused on one or some of the following points...

- Refreshing and deepening teacher knowledge and practice around the local curriculum (within the context of the removal of national standards)
- Teachers strengthening their understanding of the use of assessment tools for learning and teaching;
- Teachers responding to the recommendations of the education work programme in the Curriculum, Progress and Achievement (CPA) Report
- Teachers familiarising themselves with curriculum work changes that will become available over the term of the collective agreements.

**POOL 2.** Traditional T.O.Ds. These days are required to be made up and are taken out of the teacher's holidays. They are known in the trade as 'Call Back Days'. We deal with these days by either starting the school year earlier in Feb or closing later in December

The net effect of these two pools is that we will probably close during term time for up to four Teacher Only Days a year (1 per term) with the school year being shortened by 2-3 days per year.

Two of these days have already been held, Thursday 30 January and Friday 31 January.

**It is our intention to...**

- Give plenty of notice to parents via Calendar, Newsletter, Facebook, School Website, School App and Linc-Ed.
- Make all days either a Friday or Monday to give parents the option of taking a long weekend.
- Link with neighbouring schools so that schools are closed on the same date.
- Ensure Funzone are available for parent-funded childcare.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 4 MARCH**

Our monthly Board meeting is being held on Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome. Reports are available from the office after Friday 28 February. A reminder that these are public meetings and everyone/anyone is welcome to attend.

## **STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL TOO EARLY**

It is very early in the year to be raising this issue with parents and whanau but we have a large number of families sending students to school before 8.30. As a result the school is considering keeping all classrooms locked until 8.15am. Our official opening time is 8.30 am and there is no supervision offered before this time. The only exception to this are the students arriving on the Peka Peka and Reikorangi school buses. This is a major Health and Safety issue and we cannot reasonably be expected to take on this role until 8.30am. We remind parents that an Out of School Care Service operates in the school hall every morning. 'Funzone' is the company that offers these child care services and their rates are very reasonable. It is likely that I will be ringing individual families whose students are arriving too early. The school is not a child care service so please either do not send your child to school prior to 8.30am or make use of the Out of School Care Service available.

## **FOURTH NEW ENTRANT CLASS TO BEGIN WEEK 5 TERM 2**

We will open our fourth New Entrant class for the year on Monday 25 May. This is the earliest that we have ever opened our fourth class. In fact, we are a whole term ahead of previous years and it is highly likely that we will need to open a fifth class later in Term 3. Mrs Moira Titchener will be teaching the class. As we have 21 out of 21 classrooms currently full and two new classrooms to be built during the year we actually have no classroom spaces to put either of these New Entrant classes. Our solution to this problem is to close the Library until the two new rooms are completed. By mid Term 3 the Library space will be hosting a collaborative teaching/learning space with two teachers and 20-30 students. The teachers will be Mrs Moira Titchener and Mrs Lisa Geraghty (upon return from Maternity Leave).

## **INFORMATION EVENINGS**

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our recent successful information evenings around Te Aramoana, Linc-Ed and Emergency Management. The Kindergarten Scooter Evening and the Te Wararua picnic were also fantastic events. It is great to see our school community involved and taking part in these activities.

We plan to hold further evenings later in the year so keep an eye out for further dates. And please do complete the survey on our website to let us know how we can help you, as well as how you can help us!

## **Need a hand 'growing your kids?'** **Want to connect with other parents?**

None of us are perfect and neither are our children. But we all try to do the best job we can with no training or instructions; no pay; on call 24/7; acting as nurse, mentor, teacher, role model, cook, taxi driver, melt down manager, stress reliever, etc.

We have to make tough decisions and act like we know what we're doing when sometimes, we may be feeling a little out of our depth.

Everyone needs some support from time to time to navigate through this journey.

Come along for a cup of tea and to hear from Mary Willow a parenting specialist from Plum Parenting.

**Tuesday 3 March**  
**6.30-8.30pm**

Light refreshments available

**A FREE CRECHE is available** in the library where children will be looked after by an experienced teacher aide and watch a movie with popcorn.

**Please RSVP** at the school office asap.

Check out our approachable speaker, Mary Willow from Plum Parenting on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/PlumParenting/posts/>

### **Testimonial comments**

Straight talking Engaging Informative Inspiring

Entertaining Mind Blowing Priceless Tactics

Parent Whisperer

I cannot recommend her highly enough

## NETBALL

Below are the start dates. We will have registration forms available from next week at the office. Please join our Waikanae School Netball Facebook page where all the updates are posted.

**Y1 & 2** - MotherEarth FutureFerns has started.

**Y3** - MotherEarth FutureFerns starts on Wednesday 6 May for 10 weeks.

**Y4** - MotherEarth FutureFerns starts at 8.30am on Saturday 2 May for 10 weeks. Uniform will be supplied from the school.

**Y5 & 6** - MotherEarth FutureFerns starts on Saturday 2 May with game time either at 8.30am or 9.30am . Uniform will be supplied.

**Y7 & 8** - MotherEarth FutureFerns rounds start on Saturday 2 May, trials this week on Thursday 27 February 3.15pm on the turf. Please be prepared with the correct gear and a water bottle.

Thanks

Tori

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## TOUCH RUGBY

School vs School Tournament: This is on Sunday 22 March at Mazengarb, we are in need of players for grades U8's, U10's, U12's and U14's, thank you to those who have already put their names down, but we still need more to make at least one team for each grade. Please let your manager or coach know if your player can play.

We also have a Waikanae School Touch Rugby Facebook page that has all the updates.

We are looking to have our prizegiving at school on Friday 27th March at 4.30pm hopefully on the turf weather permitting but will confirm by the end of this week.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks

Tori

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## **Moving towards Zero Waste at Waikanae School**

Our school is on a mission to reduce the amount of waste that we generate. Throughout the year, students, staff and our community will be given opportunities to engage in a number of experiences based around caring for our environment.

Both students and staff can contribute to our zero waste mission by taking home any rubbish from their lunch boxes. Food scraps from lunches will be sent to our worm farm and compost bins, but all other waste will be put back into the students' lunch boxes and taken home. We encourage families to think of ways to send lunches to school that require as little packaging as possible, and perhaps your child could have a 'nude' lunchbox.

Together we can make a difference.

### **'Read and Feed'**

In order to help with this goal we have introduced a new concept called 'read and feed'. This is when students gather in their classrooms and eat their morning tea while their teacher reads a story. This enables the students to have a decent sized snack and to maximise their 'active' time at morning tea. This along with our supervised lunch eating should ensure that all rubbish is returned home.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

|          |  |
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| 27 Feb   | Whole School Assembly                                  |
| 3 March  | Parenting Support Information Evening 6.30pm Staffroom |
| 4 March  | Board of Trustees Meeting—Staffroom 7:30pm             |
| 11 March | School Photos  |
| 12 March | School Photos  |
| 27 March | Teacher Only Day—SCHOOL CLOSED                         |
| 3 April  | Reunification Day                                      |
| 9 April  | End of Term 1 3pm                                      |

## LUNCHES

We are very happy to have Relish Café providing our lunches through Lunchonline. Lunches are available from Tuesday to Friday and orders need to be completed by 9am. Lunches are delivered to school and are available for collection at the 'staff entrance' to the school. To order go to <https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/>

## SWIMMING SPORTS YEAR 4-8

Waikanae Pool, Friday 6th March

10.30 -1.30pm

Length races ONLY

Entry is not compulsory

Year 4-6 one length

Year 7-8 two lengths



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

### Waikanae Primary School on Weds 11th & Thurs 12th March, 2020

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

**You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.**

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

**Pack A \$40.00**



**Pack B \$35.00**



**Pack C \$30.00**



| <b>Pack prices</b><br>(do not pay now) |       |
|--|-------|
| A =                                    | 40.00 |
| B =                                    | 35.00 |
| C =                                    | 30.00 |
| D =                                    | 20.00 |
| E =                                    | 16.00 |

**Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00**



**Pack E (Class) \$16.00**



**Packs include:**  
 Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class  
 Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class  
 Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class  
 Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class  
 Pack E: Class only

**Complimentary**  
 Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return.  
 A, B & D include complimentary B&W 5x7's.

**Family/Sibling Photos:** Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.



## FREE Dental Checks! (Waikanae School)

The Bee Healthy Dental Mobile will be parked at your school this term (10<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> March). Once seen, your child will be given a letter that will inform you of what happens next. This will be either:

- Your child requires no further appointments this year
- Your child needs an appointment at your local Dental Hub Clinic for further care.
- Please contact us to change this appointment if required.
- Please search your child's school bag!

Your local Hub clinic is: **Paraparaumu Dental Clinic**  
11 Ruapehu Street  
Paraparaumu  
Kapiti Coast

If you have pre-school aged children please call us to arrange an appointment for their annual dental checkup at the Dental Hub Clinic. Family appointments are available so more than one family member can be seen at the same time.

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call **0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)**



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES:

- **Pony-Tales Indoor Riding School** Riding lessons, catered pony parties and school holiday programmes. \*Special introductory lessons \$25.00 , all sizes and abilities catered for. Jackie Gilmore 04 2938161 or 021 420071 Julie Caister 021 0587422 jacksgilmore@gmail.com
- **Piano Lessons** available in school. \$10 for 20 minutes one to one. All music provided. Contact Louise 021 108 1863
- **Waikanae Junior Rugby Registrations!** Registrations are now open for boys and girls – Nursery 4-5yrs \* U6 -U7 Rippa Rugby \* U8-U11 RipRugby U8-U13 Tackle Rugby \* Sense Rugby Register online at sporty.co.nz/waikanaerugby For more information please email waikanaejuniorrugby@yahoo.co.nz.
- **After School Program for Yr 6-8 Students.** 4.00pm - 5.30pm every Thursday @ Waikanae Baptist Church Come along, hangout, play games and eat awesome food! We would love to have you there.
- **Kids Boxfit Classes.** Tuesday 4pm at The Stable, 7 Hinemoa Street Paraparaumu, \$10 a session. 0272682529
- **Basketball after school on Fridays!** - Starting Friday 21st February in Waikanae Memorial Hall 4-6pm. Open to 10-13 year olds. Focus on improving skills through games, run by experienced junior coaches. Koha. No registration required. Bring water and snacks. niamhmcmanus17@gmail.com for more info.
- **Basketball Term 1:** Game Time (10-16 years) – Learn the FUNdamentals and play small sided games to help enhance the athletes coordination and movement. Sundays 1.00-2.30pm at @ Paraparaumu College Community Gym, cost \$40 for term or \$10 per session. Run by Kapiti Basketball Association Contactus.kba@gmail.com
- **Basketball Term 1:** KiwiHoops for 5-9 years old - Saturdays 10-11am @ Paraparaumu College Community Gym, cost \$30 or \$5 per session - first session free. FIBA qualified coach and lots of fun! Run by Kapiti Basketball Association. Contactus.kba@gmail.com
- **ON SITE Before & After School Care @ Waikanae School** – Fun Zone Enrolments are now open for 2020! In school hall & open till 7pm! Our fun, safe and friendly 'on-site' Before & After School Care Programme has casual and permanent spots available for Waikanae School students for 2020! Now even easier to enrol and book ONLINE! Check us out online [www.funzone.co.nz/after-school-care](http://www.funzone.co.nz/after-school-care) or contact our friendly Fun Zone Enrolment Team. Alternatively pop into Waikanae School Hall from 3pm for an enrolment form. \*OSCAR Approved – Childcare Subsidies apply\*
- **Would you like to assist your child in their health and well-being using a safe, drugfree, and natural modality?** Bowen Therapy has been shown to help kids over a wide range of childhood & Teenage issues including Asthma, Anxiety and Stress, Autism, ADD/ADHD, Sports Performance, Bed Wetting, Learning Difficulties, Dyslexia, Behavioral Problems and more. For enquires visit [www.timeoutproject.kiwi](http://www.timeoutproject.kiwi) or call Anja 027 516 7075.  
<https://drugfreeadhdnet.wordpress.com/2018/11/27/bowen-therapy-for-adhd/>  
<http://bowentherapyindallas.com/2009/10/18/bowen-therapy-for-children/>
- **Waikanae FC Junior Registration** closes for the 2020 season on the 29th Feb 2020. Please register by going to [www.mycomet.co.nz](http://www.mycomet.co.nz). Spaces are filling up so please register prior to the closure to ensure your space. If you have any questions or issues please email [wfa.jnr@gmail.com](mailto:wfa.jnr@gmail.com)

Waikanae School App is a great way to keep informed about what is happening in school.

To **make sure you only get the Alerts you want** and not those that you don't go into **the Hamburger Menu**, find **'Alert Subscriptions'** and turn on the Alert groups that you want to receive messages from.

Are you a Sports Coach? Would you like to push out Alerts to your Team? If you do, then contact the office so that we can give you the power!





## Opening of the Kapiti Community Sports Bank

### BRING

Unwanted sports equipment in good condition

### Enjoy

Fun Activities for all – Sports Tasters

### LOCATION

Mazengarb Reserve

### DATE & TIME

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2020  
2pm to 4pm

For more information, please contact  
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WAIKANAE LIBRARY – 3.30-4.30

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
ŌTAKI LIBRARY – 3.30-4.30



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