



WAITARIA BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

What a wonderful start we have had to 2022 here at Waitaria Bay School. All of the children have come back with a fabulous, positive energy and have settled in very quickly.

It certainly has been a strange start to the year with the ongoing challenges of Covid, but I have been impressed with the way the children have taken mask wearing and seeing other children and staff wearing masks in their stride.



Staff are putting the finishing touches to home learning materials in case we have a local outbreak and isolation becomes necessary. We are keeping our fingers crossed this won't be necessary but it's better to be prepared.

A reminder that if you were unable to make our parent-teacher meetings, we would love to hear from you about your aspirations and thoughts for your child's learning.

Welcome to Waitaria Bay School

So far this term we have welcomed 3 new students to our Waitaria Bay Whanau. Welcome to Cooper, Ella and Baxter. We are very lucky to have you, and we know that you are going to love your time here at Waitaria Bay School



Upcoming Events

16th February- Weekly music lessons begin with Kristina and Paul

23rd February- St John training for students (gold coin donation)

4th March 2022- Steadfast Sailing trip (permission forms coming home next week)

14th April 2022- Last day of term shared lunch.

KEGs Report by Millen



We have started off our K.E.Gs gardening this term with a huge tidy up of our gardens. We weeded, pruned and composted. We also collected more dry material for our worm farm. We organised our plant shop and checked all our seedlings that Miss Thompson's Mum kept alive over the holidays! We are looking forward to planting our winter crops in the newly dug over gardens. We will also be growing sprouts, making tomato sauce and planting a herb garden this term.



OUR WRITING

SKY

This term we have started off by using our senses to write engaging and fun pieces of writing. Miss Thompson took us to the beach where we listened attentively and wrote about what we could see, hear, smell and how we felt. Have a look at some of our work below:

I can see a small creek
flowing onto the sand
I can hear Emma
chatting to her friends
I can feel dirt under my
feet
I can taste the smell of
the wet grass
I am thinking of school

By Cooper

I can smell the sea
I can see a little creek.
I feel the grass tickling
my toes.
I hear the birds singing
a beautiful song.

By Emma

I can hear the
river bubbling,
I can see the
boats rocking
on the waves
I can smell the
salt water
I feel rocks
under my
shoes.

By Hunter

I see the calm, slow flowing
river meandering steadily
towards the sea.
I smell the fresh but salty air
breeding by,
I hear hundreds of cicadas
loudly beating their wings,
I feel the breeze along my
exposed skin,
I think about stepping on all of
the pipi shells and what a
satisfying noise it would make.
I sit on the cool damp bench
wondering what to write next, I
say nothing as I wonder intently
and focus on my surroundings.

By Amelia



COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL NOTICES

Waitaria Bay School Library

GREAT NEWS! THE LIBRARY IS RE-OPENING FOR THE COMMUNITY!
(albeit with a few rules)

YOU MUST SIGN THE COVID TRACING REGISTER.

Open on a Sunday Only

One family at a time in the library

Please wear a mask and adhere to social distancing



X Picton Football Club Muster day **X**
19th February
10am- 12pm
FREE boots and Football Balls to give away

St John in Schools



23rd February

St John

Lunch box Top Tips

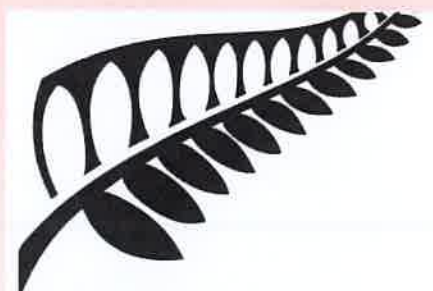
- Involve your tamariki
- Reduce sugar
- Use leftovers
- Have fun



Nelson Marlborough
Community Oral Health
Service: 0800 talk teeth



Please bring a Gold coin donation



**SPORT
NEW ZEALAND**

Please see your email regarding Sport NZ funding if your child is registered to attend a sport this year.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL NOTICES

Waitaria Bay School Board of Trustees By Election

Nominations are invited for the election of 2 parent representatives on the Waitaria Bay School Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office from Wednesday next week.

Nominations close at noon 25.02.2022 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement.

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