



# Waituna West School

“NOT FOR SCHOOL BUT FOR LIFE WE ARE LEARNING”

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – Term 1 Week 10 Wednesday 3rd April 2024

### Upcoming Events:-

Friday 5th April - Assembly in Room 1 Please be seated by 2.10pm

Wednesday 10th April - Community and School Meeting 7pm

Friday 12th April - End Of Term 1

We hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Easter Weekend. A big thank you to everyone for booking and attending parent/teacher interviews last week. We really appreciate the opportunity to share with you your child’s achievement and progress and get your input in to their future goals.

### Year 7 and 8 Oroua Cluster Manawatu Gorge Walk



On Thursday last week our year 7 and 8 students did the Manawatu Gorge Walk. It was an awesome day with lots of opportunities to make new friends and catch up with our peers from the other cluster schools. Mr Moore ran lessons on bush survival and every student went away with a small survival pack. The day was windy but we were sheltered in the bush. Thank you to Lindsay Will for helping out on the day.

### Term 1 Whakatauki

**Whaowhia te kete mātauranga  
Fill the basket of knowledge**



### Sam Strahan Cup



Congratulations to everyone who took part in the rippa rugby tournament last week. Our players were brilliant in sportsmanship and you all did our school proud. Waituna Turbo’s won with Waituna Cyclones coming third, thank you to everyone who supported this event and very well done.

### Community and School Meeting

A reminder that the next Community and School meeting is being held on Wednesday 10th April at 7pm. The Fat Lamb Competition will be discussed. This is such a major fundraiser for us so it would be great to see lots of families at the meeting to find out how you can help. Everyone welcome.

### Whole School Assembly

Assembly will be held in Room 1 this coming Friday starting at 2.15pm, please be seated by 2.10pm. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

## Principals Conference

Gene is away at a Principal's Conference for the rest of this term. Please contact Ali if you have any questions, require any information about anything, etc.

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## Bikes

It has been so great to see our bike track getting more use over the past few weeks. If you have any bikes or helmets at home that you no longer use (or know anybody who does) we would really appreciate them at school. We need a range of sizes of both bikes and helmets.

We had two days with Inspector Sarah Cree at school last week to give all our students lessons in being 'Bikewise' this was very useful and informative and we hope our students will remember the messages she taught them and will now be safer when cycling and will be able to do basic bike maintenance.



This week we send birthday greetings to Ridge Fitz-Herbert who turned seven on 1st April and Toby England who is turning six on 9th April. We wish them both very happy birthdays and a very happy year ahead.

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This week we welcome Teacher Aide Yvonne Cameron back to school, it is great to have her here with us and we are all very pleased that Bruce is truly on the mend and doing very well following his recent surgery. We have missed Yvonne greatly and we are very relieved that all is now well.

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## Swimming Pool

The swimming pool is now well and truly closed and we would like to thank David Greenfield and Regan O'Brien for keeping the pool maintained throughout the season. There had been problems with leakage but David has now discovered where it was leaking from, with lots of time spent looking for the leaks, and this is hopefully now fixed. It is hoped that the pool will be repainted before being used again next year. Thank you for all the work you have done Dave and Regan!

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## Medicine In School

Can you please inform us if your child is on any medication at any time so that we can administer it when necessary and record that we have done so in a register we hold at school. Thank you for returning the medical forms that were sent out at the beginning of the term, this is now displayed on the wall of the Sick Bay to be used to check for any allergies or medical conditions in case of an emergency.

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## Our Rippa Rugby Players



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