

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

PASSION PROJECTS FOR TERM 4

Since 2019, Waitati School has proudly run Passion Projects, a vibrant initiative that champions child-led learning and amplifies student voice.

This program empowers children to explore their interests, collaborate with peers, and take ownership of their learning journey. This term, we're building on our Enviroschools kaupapa, and our learners are diving into a rich variety of passions, including:

Technology, sports, gardening, drama, weaving & art.

A special thank you to Moira, Marama and Sheena for stepping in and leading projects this term.



SENIOR ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our tamariki aged 8 and above who braved the wind this week in Palmerston. It was a full day of athletics. Here are the results:

Hurdles: Atawhai 2nd / Benji 3rd

Sprints ; Atawhai 2nd / Benji 2nd / Corbin 3rd

800m: Atawhai 2nd / Benji 2nd / Olivia 3rd / Ardie 3rd

Long jump: Magenta 3rd (2.3m) / Corbin 3rd (2.6m) / Benji 3rd (2.78m) / Polly 4th (1.94m)

Discus: Benji 1st (16.2m) / Ardie 2nd (13.95m) / Polly 2nd (13.95m)

Shotput: Rosa 1st (4.9m) / Cherish 2nd (4.85m) / Benji 2nd (7.21m) / Dot 3rd (5.5m)



Thanks to all the parents for your support, we really couldn't do it without you.



COMING UP THIS WEEK!

Monday 27 October

- **SCHOOL CLOSED - Public holiday**

Tuesday 28 October

- **SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher only day**

Wednesday 29 October

- Tech at DNI for years 7 & 8
- Blueskin Cafe Lunch delivery

Thursday 30 October

- Fundraising meeting 3-4 pm
- Piano with Brenda 11am-2pm
- Blueskin Cafe Lunch delivery
- Ceramic lunch club with Stephen

Friday 31 October

- Halloween dress up day. Party 2-3pm
- Guitar and ukulele with Che, 9-9.30am.
- Passion Projects 11am-2pm

NEW DATE FOR PHOTOS Wednesday 5th November



Sinead is coming back to photograph all those who missed out in October.



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY & PARTY AT SCHOOL! FRIDAY 31 OCT

Bring baking and cash for the bake sale.

Dancing and games from 2-3pm.



Congratulations to this week's Manaakitanga champions.
Asher, Magenta, Edi, Benji, Sapphire, Ruby & Freddie.
Your caring and kindness is appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Mon 27 Oct** - School closed for Labour Day (public holiday)
- **Tue 28 Oct** - School closed for a Teacher Only Day
- **Thu 30 Oct** - Fundraising meeting 3-4 pm
- **Fri 31 Oct** - Halloween dress up day (and party 2-3pm)
- **Thu 06 Nov** - Junior Athletics all day in Palmerston
- **Fri 07 Nov** - Dunedin Symphony Orchestra at Waitati School
- **Tue 11 Nov** - BoT Hui, 5.45-7.45 pm
- **Thu 27 Nov** - Afternoon tea for volunteers 2-3 pm
- **Fri 28 Nov** - Orange Day Road Patrollers Fun Day
- **Tue 02 Dec** - BoT Hui, 5.45-7.45 pm
- **Fri 05 Dec** - Reports going home
- **Mon 08 Dec** - End of Year Celebration for Year 6-8 Programme 4-6 pm
- **Thu 11 Dec** - End of Year Celebration Hui at Waitati Hall, 1 - 3 pm. All families are welcome from 12.45 for a 1 pm start
- **Fri 12 Dec** - Last day of Term 4 (Half day)
- **Tue 03 Feb** - **First day of 2026!**



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IMPORTANT FUNDRAISING DATES!



Please come along and support our fundraising efforts — your presence makes all the difference! We're a small but mighty team, and we can't do this without you. Whether you can lend a hand, share ideas, or just show up, we'd be so grateful.

Thursday, 30 October - Fundraising Meeting

🕒 3:00–4:00 PM 📍 School Kitchen: Let's gather after school for a catch-up. We'll brainstorm and plan for the next 6 months — your input is invaluable!

Sunday, 2 November - Waitati Market Fundraiser

🕒 9:00 AM–1:00 PM 📍 Waitati Market: We'll be out there raising funds and spreading good vibes. Please stop by, lend a hand, or just cheer us on — every bit of support counts.

NOTICES



SUN SAFE

All children need to bring a sun hat every day in term 4 and 1.

Please apply sunscreen before school and remind your tamariki to reapply at lunchtime. We have sunscreen available in the school office.



BLUESKIN NURSERIES' LUNCH MENU TERM 4

Place your order at the cafe by midday on Tuesdays for delivery at school on Thursdays.

Extra order forms are available in the office or at the cafe.



GROUNDSKEEPING AND DIY HELP NEEDED!

Our caretaker, Pete is busy making the school house shine—but the jungle outside needs taming!

Join our temporary Groundskeeping Club to help mow, weed, and tidy the grounds.

Prefer tools over trimmers? Bex has repair jobs ready for anyone with some DIY skills.

Whether you've got an hour or an afternoon, your help makes a big difference.

If you are interested then contact Bex or Willie directly, or let us know in the office in the usual ways.

office@waitati.school.nz / 03 482 2888

WEEK 4 30th October	COST
Chunky Fries	\$4.50
Raspberry Marshmallow slice (gf)	\$4.50
TOTAL MONEY	

Toothbrushing Tip!



Spit Without Rinsing

After brushing your teeth, spit out your toothpaste and leave your mouth unrinsed.

The small amount of fluoride toothpaste left around your teeth will help protect them.



Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Community Oral Health Service

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Otago Cricket Modified Programmes - INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

GIRLS SMASH!

- GIRLS ONLY
- Years 3-6
- Softball Cricket Games




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SUMMER SMASH!

Begins 3rd November
4 week competition
4pm Logan Park

For all the info & to register scan the QR codes or contact Jaiden@otagocricket.co.nz