

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL

Community Consultation

Every school has a compass. Help us set ours for the next three years. We are designing our 2027-2029 Strategic Plan, and we want it to reflect the true heart and aspirations of our community. Mā te whango ka tū te pā, mā te kāinga ka ruruku. (By the family that built the fort, by the community it is sustained.)

We are at a pivotal point in the year, where we ask for your feedback. What do you love about the kura? What are some things that you want to see? How can we help you stay for Year 7 & 8?

These are all questions in the mind of those around us, and we want to hear your thoughts. Once we have collected feedback, we will collate it into data and this will shape the next three year strategic plan.

There are 3 easy ways to get your feedback in.

1. Use this QR code to complete a quick survey.
 2. Come to Kapuka during the Parent Teacher Interviews to have your say.
 3. Drop your comments into the comment box in the office.
- What you say matters, help us shape the future of Waitati Kura.



Three Peaks Cluster Cross Country

Congratulations to our Year 3 -8 students, who performed exceptionally well at the Three Peaks Cluster Cross Country. All that training this year has paid off!

The qualifying students will go on to compete on Friday, 4 September.

Our Junior's (yr 0-2) Cross Country will be held on Thursday, 3 September at Waitati School, with students from other local schools also taking part.

We wish all of our runners the very best for their upcoming events!



Parent & Teacher Interviews

This year, parent-teacher interviews will be held without children present, allowing time to discuss recent assessments, curriculum changes, and your child's learning.

Bex will supervise children in the Kapuka classroom from 2:00 pm on both interview days. Games and activities will be available, and children are also welcome to play outside. Please collect your child from the Kapuka classroom at the end of the day.

To book an interview, please contact the school office (not teachers directly) on (03) 482 2888 or contact@waitati.school.nz, and let us know your preferred day and time.



COMING UP !

MONDAY 10 AUGUST

- Netball practice at lunchtime
- Music lunch club with Robyn

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST

- Drumming with Jamie
- Netball after school (last week)

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

- Hockey after school (practice at lunch)
- **No Tech at DNI this week**

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

- Blueskin lunch deliveries
 - Piano with Brenda
- School Assembly 2-3pm - All welcome

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST

- Swimming at Moana Pool

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

- PTA Meeting. 2pm at Arc

DON'T FORGET TOGS ON FRIDAYS!



Term 3 Dates

Swimming every Friday afternoon at Moana Pool, 1-2pm

- Thu 13 Aug - School Assembly, 2-3pm - All families welcome
- Sun 16 Aug - PTA meeting at Arc from 2pm
- Tue 18 Aug - Parent & Teacher Interviews, 2-5 pm
- Wed 19 Aug - Parent & Teacher Interviews, 2-6 pm
- Wed 26 Aug - BoT hui 6-8pm
- Wed 26 Aug - Metro Rippa Rugby Day at Logan Park
- Fri 28 Aug - Yellow Day for Cancer Society
- Mon 31 Aug - School Closed for Teacher Only Day
- Wed 02 Sep - Open Day at School 5.30 - 6.30pm
- Thu 03 Sep - Cross Country for Year 0-2 at Waitati School (other local schools competing)
- Thu 10 Sep - Polyfest at the Edgar Centre at approx 11.10 am
- Wed 16 Sep - BoT hui 6-8pm
- Thu 17 Sep - End of Term Assembly, 2 - 3 pm. All families welcome
- Fri 25 Sep - Last day of Term 3
- School Photos in Term 3, (date TBC)

Ceramic Studio Update

As we approach the 5 year anniversary of the ceramics studio, we want to celebrate all the mahi from students and community members.

The Kura loves having this resource available to all, but we are finding that, after 5 years, it needs to be reviewed.

Some of the topics that we are reviewing are:

Cost, how much does the school pay for the upkeep, running and power.

Usage, who is using it, when and what for.

A community wide survey is coming out today so that you can have your say.

We will have a celebration to relaunch the Ceramics shed and will let you know when it is.

PTA MEETING AT ARC

Come and join us at Arc on Sunday 16 August!

Meet us there from 2pm for a drink and a chance to meet other school parents.

At 2:30 pm, we'll spend a few minutes getting the boring stuff out of the way, then we'll get stuck into some fun ideas and plans for the rest of the year.

All parents, grandparents and extended family are welcome!

You don't need to be a PTA member to attend.

We'd love to see as many as possible coming along, meeting other parents, sharing ideas, and enjoying a relaxed afternoon together.

Save the Date!



Otago Polyfest

07 - 11 September 2026
Breeze Arena Edgar Centre,
Dunedin NZ

School Assembly Thursday 13th Aug

Please join us at 2.15pm for a 2.20pm start. Our tamariki are looking forward to sharing their learning with you .

Blueskin Nurseries' Cafe Lunch Delivery

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

This menu is available to download on our website.

WEEK 4 13th August	COST
Sausage Rolls	\$6.00
Vege roll	\$5.90
Cheese scone	\$4.70