

## Student Leader News



We were very excited to take part in Childrens University via Massey University last year. Some of us even managed to graduate with our Bronze Awards. This initiative will kick off again for us in Term 2. More information for any Y4, Y5 or Y6 interested in joining up will come home soon. Pa Wes

### Wairautanga Awards

**Playground** - Atarangi Rm 1,  
Ripeka Rm 1, Izabella Rm 12,  
Mercaedee Rm 1 & Te Ahumairangi  
Rm 9

**Classroom** - Ihaka Rm 1, Samuel  
Rm 4, Mele'Ofa Rm 4, Cyllus Rm 4  
& Arihaana Rm 1

### Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Emon & Muao Rm 4

### Top Cat Class

Room 4



### Star Staff Award

Whaea Ayla for setting up her new classroom, and for being a positive role model in the Kahikatea Team and our Kura.



### **Covid Information - Devices; Learning from Home: Our Healthy School Bubble**

A lot has occurred over the past 3 weeks since our last newsletter. The spread of covid has been felt at our school, and has affected our community. We thank you all for following the public health advice we have been given to support stopping the spread of covid. The phone calls, emails and texts we have received from you informing us of your situation has supported us in getting learning materials/devices to your children quickly. Please continue to inform us if your child tests positive while in isolation as we need to keep a record for the Ministry of Education.

It is really important that the devices are cared for and looked after while students are using them from home. When your child/ren return back to school please make sure the device, the charger, the mouse, and the headphones come back to school in the device box they were delivered in. We reuse the device boxes, and will continue to do so until we need to purchase more.

Work for the students to complete (hardcopy and online), when they are isolating at home is available for our children. The teachers have been supporting their students so they can log into their device, and access the learning resources they need. Please encourage your child/ren to continue to learn from a distance because it helps them keep them in a routine which will support them when they return to school. It also gives them the opportunity to communicate with their teacher and their classmates. The social aspect of online learning is very positive and supports both the students and the teachers. From today onwards (due to the low student numbers) we will be introducing a different teaching/learning model. We will be deciding on a daily basis who will be teaching within each team and who will be connecting with whanau. Your child/ren could be learning from their classroom environment or from another classroom environment.

I just want you to know that we continue to keep our school healthy by having it commercially cleaned every day, by ventilating environments correctly, by ensuring the washing and drying of hands is done well, by providing sanitiser to use, and by continuing to wear masks when inside our environments. Thank you for your support by ensuring your child/ren have a mask and are using healthy practices at school and at home.

### **Facebook & Alert App**

I highly recommend that you join us on our school facebook page and alert app. These platforms are being used especially during times like this, and it would be advantageous for you to join us so you can get alerts and important notices asap. Join today by downloading the school app from School Apps or scan the QR code. See the back of this newsletter for information regarding our school Facebook Pages.



### **Whole School Assembly**

We had our second whole school assembly via zoom last Thursday. We presented our awards to our students for showing Wairautanga. It is so lovely to be able to all see one another as a whole school via zoom. We miss gathering however we know we have to work differently at the moment.

### **Teacher Only Day - Friday 11th March**

On Friday 11th March we took part in professional development called Kia Mana Tu, Kia Mana Ora. We were given teaching tools and systems that will support us and our tamariki with their emotional regulation. The staff really enjoyed the day and were grateful to have such quality PD that supported them to be the best teachers and facilitators they can.

### **Mara Kean & Sia Kaufusi - Congratulations to you both**

Mrs Kean has won a new job at College Street School. Congratulations Mrs Kean. This new job begins in Term 2. A note went home to the students in Room 1, and their whanau, to let them know of this news before it was announced in our school newsletter today. We wish you all the best at your new kura Mrs Kean.

We have employed a new teacher who will take over in Room 1 at the beginning of Term 2. Her name is Miss Sia Kaufusi. Sia joined us at our Teacher Only Day last Friday and got to meet the staff. We welcome you with open arms Sia - Congratulations.

### **Brett Belk - Our New Caretaker**

We would like to welcome and congratulate Mr Brett Belk for winning the Caretaker role at our kura. Brett starts on Thursday 24th March. Please make him feel welcome when you see him around, and lend a helping hand as he navigates his way around our school and his responsibilities.

Ngā mihi,  
Teena Johnson  
Tumuaki/Principal

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome Maisey, Gloria, Tiki, Hakopa, Lee, Katana & their families to the Te Kura o Wairau community.



Room 8 practicing their bike skills

### **Up & Coming Events in Term 1**

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| 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Zoom whole school Assembly  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March | Board of Trustees Meeting - 5.30pm in the Staffroom - All Welcome |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April | <b>Last day of Term 1</b>   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May    | <b>First day of Term 2</b>  |



## Sports

**Cricket: Wairau Cricket** - The cricket team is doing very well, with lots of new skills being learnt every week.

Players of the Days have been awarded to Muao, Jaeda, Mele & Emon. Well done to all of you.

**Netball:** Netball is going well, numbers are down, but we are managing to put a team in most weeks.

### RATA Netball

Player of the Day for the 9<sup>th</sup> of March was Niyah - Rm 8

Player of the Day for the 16<sup>th</sup> of March was Yinale - Rm 9

Well done both of you.

Netball Fees are \$25.00 - Please pay at the office. Thank you to those who have already paid their Netball fees.



Great cricket skills



Pasifika Pride practicing

**Room 1** have been very busy working on some amazing artwork - they were inspired by Hundertwasser, who is a famous artist

who uses the elements of onion domes, floating eyeballs, lollipop trees, rows of houses, teardrops and contoured lines in his work.



**From Room 1** - The waka we created alongside learning how our ancestors came to Aotearoa. We looked at their waka and the latest America's Cup yachts. They are very similar. Our ancestors are very clever and navigated to Aotearoa using the stars and moon.



## Public Health Nurse visits

The Public Health Nurse is unable to visit our school at present as she is involved in the Covid vaccination programme. We can still send in a referral on your behalf if you have any health concerns with your children.

## Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental Clinic is not visiting our school presently. They will be here later in the year. To contact the Dental Team please phone 027 616 6516 or you can call the Dental Unit at The Palms in Ferguson Street - Phone 3547737 or 0800 825583

## School Facebook page

Have a look at our Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea teams facebook pages. Each team has their own page and regularly puts photos and exciting news of what is happening within their teams and around the school. Search for them: [Te Kura o Wairau Kowhai Team](#), [Te Kura o Wairau Rata Team](#), [Te Kura o Wairau Kahikatea Team](#).

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property boxes if you have lost anything. You can find lost property to the right of the entrance to the office (at the back of Room 3). Please make sure you name all your items of clothing.



## JUNIOR GIRLS MODULE 2022



**WHEN:** Monday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March.

**WHERE:** Central Energy Trust Arena, Palmerston North.

**TIME:** 4pm - 5pm.

Click the link above to register.

## Y-Kids April Holiday Programme: 18-29 April 2022

The Holidays are just around the corner. Bookings are now open for our Y Kids programme, with a 10% Early Bird discount for every child registered before 27th March. (Note this discount does not apply to Holiday Camp) Y-Kids Holiday Programmes offer a variety of fun activities ranging from trips, craft as well as sports and games. We hope to see you there!

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**PLEASE** remember to ring us if your child is going to be away from school for any reason.

Contact us on 3543274 or 0800 45 44 44 or download the school app (from School Apps or scan the QR code below) and leave a message.

If you do not inform us when your child/children are away from school, they will be marked as TRUANT.

If you have a change of address or your phone number changes, PLEASE let the office know.



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# Testing positive at different times

