

Childrens University news



Last week our Childrens University students had their first Massey University Discovery Day alongside 4 other schools. Their highlight was the learning in the Vet Science Labs and running the Amazing Race with Massey students.



Papatuanuku Awards

Room 1 - Kare & Micah
Room 9 - Deklin, Jah, Destiny,
Lesh-May, Michael & Tiki
Room 12 - Sylus

Tane Mahuta Awards

Room 1 - Mercaedee & Jaeda
Room 9 - Te Ahumairangi, Yinale
& Karen
Room 12 - Maycee & Gloria

Wairautanga Awards

Playground: Isla Rm 1, Nevaeh Rm 7,
Malia Rm 8, Arihaana Rm 1 &
California Rm 9
Classroom: Jaeda Rm 1, Peyton Rm 8,
Taniela Rm 1, Maddison Rm 9 &
Lesh-May Rm 9

Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Gloria & Ebenezer-Grace Rm 12

Star Staff Award

Mrs Day received the Star Staff Award for all the work she continued to do for the Rata team while she was home unwell.



Top Cat Class

Room 7



Talofa Lava Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau,

New School Values Mural

On the last day of last term we had our brand new Values Mural installed on the side of the hall. It proudly shows our Nga Atua (Papatuanuku, Tane Mahuta, Tangaroa and Ranginui), and our Tohu, Values, Whakatuaki and Guiding Principles on it. We all love this mural, and especially the learning and teaching that can be achieved from it. We feel very proud of all the hard work it has taken to achieve this milestone in our kura. A huge thank you to Ms Etuale who designed our Nga Atua. They are stunning

Te Kura o Wairau School Sign

In our hall, above the stage hangs a huge new school name and tohu banner. This was woven and created by Mrs Alefaios' Mum. She weaved this by hand in Fiji and sent this over to us. It is such a beautiful taonga that we all get to admire as we walk into our hall. We are very grateful for this.



Flags in our Hall

When you next visit our hall you will see 25 Flags hanging on the hall walls. They represent and acknowledge our students' cultures at Te Kura o Wairau because 'Culture Counts' at our kura. We will be able to add to these flags as we learn of other students' cultures. Everyone at our kura should feel like they can find some of their culture within its environment. We also have a flag pole system set up on our stage so we can now raise and lower flags inside our hall.



Greeting Signs

On the front of our stage hangs 4 greeting signs that represent 4 of our cultures in our kura. Each of them has a hand painted image on it that links to that culture. They are beautiful.



Celebration Assembly for Mrs Alefaio

In the first week of this term we had a whole school celebration assembly for Mrs Alefaio. We got to congratulate her alongside her family, and officially welcomed her to her Deputy Principal position. Each team sang a song and performed an item for Mrs Alefaio. Thank you to our 2 roopu He Haupihi ki Hine and Pasifika Pride for performing 2 special brackets for Mrs Alefaio. It was a lovely celebration to start off our term.

Cook Islands Language Week

In our second week of this term we got to acknowledge and celebrate Epetoma o te reo Kuki Airani Language week by having our flag raising ceremony outside, learning about the Cook Islands throughout the week, and then concluding with a flag lowering ceremony in the hall. We were invited to take part in learning activities at the Pasifika Centre in Bill Brown Park. Pasifika Pride performed for the Pasifika Matua group, and we were interviewed and filmed by Te Karere and then featured on the Te Karere news.

Whole School 'Zoom Assembly'

Last week we celebrated many of our students because they have been displaying their Wairantanga behaviours at our kura and in our community. There were a big number of uara vouchers in our containers and lots of uara certificates handed out. I am very impressed with the outstanding manners, respect and behaviours shown during our zoom assembly. Ka pai tamariki ma.

Te Akatea Maori Principals Conference

This week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs A, Mrs Alefaio and I went to Auckland to the Te Akatea Maori Principals Conference. We learnt more about the importance of our whakapapa, our language and our identity. How to keep building our confidence and abilities as teachers, leaders and whanau in our community so you (our students) have a rich, equitable future. We learnt how to enhance your mana, your success and your achievement both culturally and academically. There are exciting, transformational times ahead for Te Kura o Wairau, and its community. The past 5 years have been about building a foundation so that you can flourish within this kura's environment, but more importantly so you can flourish when you leave it.



Wairautanga Celebration

Congratulations to you all for achieving the uara 'dojo points' goal of 5000. Today we got to celebrate this by having a PJ/Movie and Popcorn celebration. I am incredibly proud of you all for collectively contributing to this achievement. You looked wonderful and the weather certainly made it easier to be in pyjama's for the day. I wonder what our next goal will be and what celebration we will be having?

Nga mihi
Teena Johnson
Tumuaki/Principal

Welcome

We would like to welcome Rhythm, Shkayel-Honey, Alexis, Aashanti, Ryan, Zyress-Ray, Solomon & their families to the Te Kura o Wairau community.

Sports

Year 3/4 Basketball team

Netball:

The Player of the Day for Wairua for last term **Week 9** was Bailey.

This term - Week 2 the Player of the Day for the **Wairua** team was the whole team.

Last week Wairua Toa played their last game for the season - the whole team was awarded Player of the Day.

Well done everyone!

Basketball:

For **Term 2 Week 10** the player of the Day for **Wairua** was Jaeda.

Player of the Day for the **Wahine** team was Arihaana.

Player of the Day for the **Warriors** team was Ngataka.

Term 3 Week 2 Players of the Day were:

for **Wahine** team was Nancy.

for the **Wairua** team was Mika & Jaeda.

for the **Warriors** team was Isalei.

For **Term 3 Week 3** the Player of the day for **Wairua** was Arapeta.

The Player of the Day for **Wahine** was Sane & Ngataka.

Player of the Day for Week 3 for the **Year 3/4 team - Game 1** was Aniva & **Game 2** was the whole team.

Well done everyone!

Reminder - to please pay your Sports Fees - Basketball Fees are \$45 and Netball is \$25. Please pay at the office. Thank you to those who have already paid their Sports fees.



Last week was the last game for the Year 5 and 6s for the season. All Wairua Toa players were awarded Player of the Day. They played really well and are looking forward to the next season.

Plant to Plate - On Wednesday 17th August, Room 6 had the privilege of experiencing Plant to Plate. The students were split into 2 groups so one half were doing gardening and the other half were cooking, then they swapped. The Plant to Plate volunteers were so patient with our tamariki and we are so grateful for their time. All the recipes were full of fruits and vegetables, easy and delicious! Some wonderful memories were created and important skills were developed throughout the day. Thank you Plant to Plate!



During **Cook Island Language week** we visited the Pasifika Centre at Bill Brown Park. There was a lot to engage in and look at and we learnt a lot about Cook Island culture.



Tirohanga Roadshow

It was such an amazing show to watch, especially to watch a group of kids who I had spent my first practicum with. They never failed to give the audience a spine chilling, heart warming performance by their Kapa Haka group who had been practicing days before at the Marae. You could tell that they were at our kura to perform and to not disappoint. Their show consisted of telling our kids a little bit of their school, their values, what their school had to offer eg sport houses and house competitions, technology, ahuatanga (they go around different teachers and do arts eg Pasifika arts, Maori design and many more).

They also gave out prizes and ended off with another awesome performance from their kapa haka group.

Miss K



Daffodil Day



We are having a
'Wear Yellow Mufti Day'
for Daffodil Day next Friday, the 26th of August.

Children can wear something yellow to school for a gold coin donation – we will forward all contributions on to the Cancer Society.

You can also donate online by going to the Cancer Society website and click on the yellow 'DONATE' button, then search for 'Te Kura o Wairau' to make a donation.

Up & Coming Events

- 26th August Daffodil Day - 'Wear Yellow Mufti Day'
- 31st August Board of Trustees meeting - 5.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome
- 31st August Parent Teacher Interviews - **School finishes early - at 12pm**
- 1st Sept Parent Teacher Interviews

2022 Board of Trustees Elections

Parent Election Results Declaration

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Tony Coffin, Emma Hollows, Rebecca Va'ai-Wells, Tui Mita

Suzanne Irvine
Returning Officer

Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental Clinic is not visiting our school at present. 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.

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.

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.

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.



The Human Brain

Cornerstone Christian School
Palmerston North

Thurs 25th Aug 2022 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz



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](#).



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