



Bula Vinaka, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Kia ora Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau,
Special Newsletter 2023.

Congratulations 'Mrs A'

I have created this special newsletter because I want you to know some wonderful, but sad news. Mrs A has won a new job in Feilding at Manchester Street School as the new Assistant Principal . We are very proud of her for achieving this. It is a real celebration in recognition of her strengths in leadership and management.

Congratulations Mrs A. We thank you for your 13 years of service to Somerset Crescent School/Te Kura o Wairau. You have made a positive and marked difference to our students and staff and our community. You will be much missed.



Te Kura o Wairau

Whaea Xueping

We thank you very much Whaea Xueping for being part of the Te Kura o Wairau whanau this year. You have supported our youngest students in our kura with much pride and aroha. We are thankful and grateful for your service and for your care.

Whaea Nia

Thank you so much Whaea Nia for supporting our kura and in particular Room 4/Room 6 students. Thank you for being part of the team who looked after these students, and for being present during the ups and downs. We are also grateful for the sports support and motivation you provided our students.

Isaiah Pritchard - New Teacher at Te Kura o Wairau

Next year a new teacher joins the Te Kura o Wairau whanau. The students who are in his class next year will meet him next week at the 'Meet the 2024 Teacher'. Welcome to our kura Isaiah. We look forward to you joining our awesome team and becoming part of our community.

First 'Te Reo Maori Bilingual Class' at Te Kura o Wairau

From the feedback you gave us it showed that you were interested in bilingual education for your child/ren at our kura. Because of this we have been able to offer bilingual education in a Year 2/3/4 class with Whaea Darnielle for 18 students. We had 31 students' names put forward for consideration in the bilingual class. Those students who were successful in getting into the bilingual class next year will have this attached to their report. For those who were not successful this year we will keep your name on the waiting list and revisit the options for 2025 at the end of next year. This is incredible news whanau because this is the first time in history that Te Kura o Wairau has offered bilingual education.

Whaea Breanna

For the next 2 years Whaea Breanna is going to be completing her Masters Degree in Te Reo Maori. We wish her well for her study ahead and congratulate her for successfully being chosen for this. Whaea Breanna will continue to be a staff member at Te Kura o Wairau next year teaching in the bilingual unit alongside Whaea Darnielle 1 day a week.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Tonight (Friday 8th December from 5:30-8:30pm) we are having our Mexican Themed evening with our Year 6 students in our school hall. Can you please support your child by ensuring they are able to get to and from this event safely.

Whole School Prizegiving

Monday 11th December we are having our whole school prizegiving from 1:50-2:55pm in the school hall. You are more than welcome to join us and celebrate some of our students' achievements, within classrooms and across the school.

Reports

Your child/rens reports will be coming home on Monday after school. In the envelope with the report will be a slip of paper telling you what classroom and teacher they will have in 2024.

Teams in 2024

Next year we will continue to have 3 Teams across the school. In the Kowhai Team there will be our New Entrants and Year 1 & Year 2 students. Whaea Lynn will continue to be the Team Leader of the Kowhai Team. In the Rata Team there will be Year 2, 3 & 4 students. The bilingual class will be part of the Rata Team. Whaea Lisa will continue to be the Team Leader of the Rata Team. In the Kahikatea Team there will be Year 4, 5 & 6 students and Mrs Day will be the Team Leader of the Kahikatea Team.

Meet the 2024 Teacher

On Tuesday 12th December our students are going to spend the afternoon with their 2024 teacher. This first 'meet and greet' is the beginning of the teacher and students relationship. It is a really important time and one that the kaiako try to make special and memorable.

Lost Property

During next week we will display the lost property along the court area in front of our hall. Please come and have a look to see if your child/ren have any belongings in there that need to be returned to home.

Leavers Assembly

On Wednesday 13th December we are having our Leavers Assembly in the hall from 11:30am-1pm. This is where we will be celebrating our Year 6 Leavers and any staff who are also leaving us. Please also know you are very welcome to this celebration.

Shoebox Christmas

On Wednesday 13th December from 1:50-2:55pm we will be distributing the shoebox Christmas gifts to all of our students. This community initiative is by far the most exciting for our students. On behalf of us all here at Te Kura o Wairau we thank those of you who are part of this, so very very much.

Last day of 2024

On Thursday 14th December we finish our 2024 year at 12noon. Thank you everyone for your loyal support of our kura, of our community and of your children. On behalf of all the staff we wish you a very Merry Christmas, a safe holiday and fun with your whanau and friends.

First Day of 2024

Te Kura o Wairau is starting the 2024 year on Monday 29th January.

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