

#### WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL

'Learning for Life'



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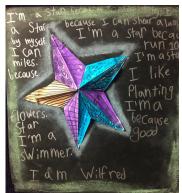
#### **Upcoming Events...**

Thursday 5th July Friday 6th July Friday 6th July Monday 23rd July Noodle Day Year 4-8 Mid Year Reports sent home Last Day of Term First Day of Term 3





























#### Matariki Star Art - Middle Room

This week we have been making Matariki stars. We made these stars by using origami. We then came up with things that make us great and wrote them around our star. Lastly we used chalk to make it look like they are glowing.

Kia Ora Families and Community,

Wow, how fast have the last 6 months gone?! It does not feel like I have been a principal of this cool wee school of ours for that long! I would like to use the last newsletter of the term to thank you all for being such a supportive and amazing community as I have settled into my role. The children at Waiwera are incredible, and are very lucky to have a community like you supporting them.

I seem to start each newsletter with golly gosh we have been busy, and guess what? We have been packing heaps into our last few weeks too. Last week we were lucky enough to have Ireland Jacobs come and talk to us about her research she is doing at Otago University. The children were thoroughly engaged and very interested in the brain and what Ireland is trying to find out about fat mice in pregnancy.

The Middle and Senior Class are currently involved in a Moo-stery challenge, where we have been matched with a mystery class somewhere else in New Zealand. Our focus has been learning about New Zealand and its geography. The students have been working on how to ask Yes/No questions to prepare us for our class chat - Where we get to try to locate our class before they find us. I wonder where our classes will be?

A big welcome to Pacer who has joined the Junior Room, his parents Wiremu and Elisha, and brothers Harley and Dixon. Pacer has moved up from Edendale, it is lovely to have him and his family in our school community. Welcome.

School reports will be coming home for the year 4 - 8's (and some juniors) on Friday, please check your children's bags for these. A big thank you to the staff who have put a lot of time and effort into getting these ready for you.

Next term is looking like it is going to be another busy one, we have some really fun and engaging learning planned. Take time out in the holidays and have a big rest so all the children come back refreshed and revitalised for another term of action packed learning.

Have a super break and we will see you back at school on Monday July 23rd. Hopefully the sun continues to shine.

Ngā mihi nui Kaz Bissett

Have a big rest in the break while we get your next terms learning ready for you.





### LET'S ALL MAKE AN EFFORT FOR PLASTIC FREE JULY!

Some ideas you could try for Plastic Free July

- Use recyclable bags at the supermarket and other shops
- Think about what is going in your lunch boxes
- Buy loose fruit and veggies not prepackaged
- Think about accepting single use plastic
- Buy your own reusable coffee cup
- Refuse plastic straws opt for paper or bring you own

# INTRODUCING PACER...

Last week we welcomed Pacer to Waiwera South School.

Pacer is six years old and came to us from Edendale School. He has settled in well to life at Waiwera and it is fantastic to have him in the Junior Room with Miss Holden.





Well done to Sophia Cambridge from the Junior Room,
David Dalley from the Senior Room and
Hayden Wendelgelst from the Middle Room for
receiving the Key Competency certificates in Assembly
last week. The key competency focus over the last three
weeks has been relating to others, these three students
showed great effort in this.

Well done and keep up the fantastic work.

From now on the key competencies and values certificates are going to be awarded to students who we see showing strengths in any of the areas. There will no longer be a period of focus, as we believe that our students consistently show attributes from all areas - so should be awarded when noticed.



# A Box for Every Maker

#### What is MakerBox?

MakerBox is a new initiative focused towards developing new opportunities for children to become creative and innovative. We're helping children to engage within a new form of technology, all about making, rather than consuming!

# **How to Buy?**

Sign-up for a specific period of time and your child will receive a new MakerBox project in the post every month. Visit www.MakerBox.co.nz

#### What are MakerBoxes?

MakerBoxes are a DIY Box that contain the instructions and materials required to create a specific electronic project. These boxes are designed to encourage creative thinking and experimenting.

# **Introductory Project Box**

The team at MakerBox have developed a fun, creative and innovative project which introduces children to a world of electronics. This box is a great introductory project for children to build knowledge that they can apply to future MakerBox projects.

Special Offer - \$10 (Inc. NZ Postage)

#### About Us...

MakerBox is a Young Enterprise Business and is run by a team of young entrepreneurs from James Hargest College.

Visit our Website to Find Out More MakerBox.co.nz





# Hi I am looking for jobs to keep me busy over the school holidays!

Do you need your garden mulch spread around and would like some help?

Do you need a Babysitter?

Or any other jobs around your place you think I could help you with?

Please phone - Sam Liggett 0273980895 or (03)4157215

# Waiwerian's out there doing it...



#### Esther Whiteside (left)

Here is Esther competing in a gymnastics competition held over the last couple of weekends.

#### Caitlyn Forde (below)

Caitlyn was competing in the Junior Barrel Racing at Telford on Sunday 24th June. She was placed 2nd.







# James Liggett, Ashley Wendelgelst & Hayden Wendelgelst (left)

Here is a pic of the boy's at the Balclutha scouts pinewood derby day on the 1st July at the rec centre. They had to design and make their car/truck out of a block of wood. Cub cars had to be 160g and scout trucks had to be 200g if they were to heavy holes were drilled in them and if they were to light lead was added. James now has the option of going to the final in Mosgiel. The boy's cars are in lane 2.3 and 4.

Please send in any photos and a small blurb about your wee Waiwerian out there doing anything exciting, to Nic via email: <a href="mailto:office@waiwerasouth.school.nz">office@waiwerasouth.school.nz</a>



#### **GREAT BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES**

go to the following special people...

Tuvia Bielski who turns seven on the 6th of July Aleigha Marks who turns thirteen on the 24th of July

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# **Attendance**

As part of our reporting to the BoT we report against attendance, this will also be reported to you in your child's school report. Waiwera South School has a target attendance of 92 % and above. I found this interesting break down when compiling the individual children's attendance rates.

The Ministry of Education outlines attendance rates as follows

Absence Rates across the year:			
Acceptable	95%	=	10 days (2 weeks of school missed across the school year)
A concern	90%	=	20 days (4 weeks of missed school, one month)
Critical concern	85%	=	30 days (6 weeks of missed school, over half a term)
Very serious	80%	=	40 days (8 weeks of missed school, nearly one term)

Another interesting but scary fact - If your child misses one day a fortnight for various reasons, by the time they reach year 10 they will have missed a whole year of schooling.

Absences do have a significant impact on a child's learning, please be mindful of this.

#### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

If you are interested in purchasing an entertainment book, to get thousands of dollars worth of discounts in hundreds of stores - Touch base with Nic at the school office to arrange the details. They are \$60 each and the school gets 20% of all sales.



#### WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL

Fundraising for continued learning resources





FOR SELLING THE MOST BOOKS!

The families that sell the most Entertainment Books will be in with a chance to win the following prizes...

1st Place - 1 Entertainment Book + A bottle of wine (for the parents)
2nd Place - \$25.00 Scholastics Voucher + A bottle of wine (for the parents)
3rd Place - \$20.00 Scholastics Voucher



# Top Team.

Last week a team of our Seniors took part in the second of 4 Top Team events. They played in a Turbo Touch tournament and completed two quizzes. We are eagerly awaiting the results to see how we went.



# LAST CHANCE

via internet banking

# Bonus Ball Bonanza

\$20 per number — draw lasts 5 weeks (10 draws). You have the same number for the 10 draws. Drawn Wednesday & Saturday on LOTTO, starting as soon as all tickets are sold.

If your number is called out that night on LOTTO as the bonus number you win **\$20**!! The number either side wins \$5.

If you would like a ticket text or email Mrs Cleghorn or Mrs

Bissett - first in first served on favourite numbers. You can pay

We still have a few tickets left - we need to get these sold so we can get winning!

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WINTER SPORTING FUN

An exciting three-day holiday programme with skills, coaching & fun games in a range of sports.

#### WHEN:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July It is encouraged children attend all three days if possible 8.45am – 12pm at The Cross Recreation Centre



Years 1 - 8 Primary School children

#### COST:

\$70 for one child

\$60 for second and subsequent children



#### REGISTER:

https://goo.gl/forms/3TvUlKghZPMgi8r23

Registrations are limited and to be completed by Friday  $6^{th}$  July Be in quick so you don't miss out.



#### QUERIES:

Please contact Bryony | phone or text 027 368 0320

Email info@crossrecreationcentre.co.nz







#### DAY TRIP PERMISSION FORMS

We are still one or two students who have not returned their up to date day trip permission form. Please can you fill this in and return to school as soon as possible this form covers all day trips and excursions from school.



# **OVER 150 ACTIVITIES**

**GET YOUR TICKETS FROM:** 

iltkidszone.co.nz - ILT Stadium Southland - Invercargill i-SITE