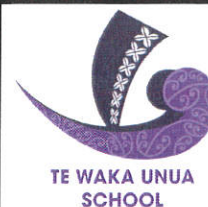


# Te Waka Unua School

Week 3, Term 3, 2016



## Important Dates

Kererū Trip to Isaac Theatre & Margaret Mahy Playground  
Monday, August 15th 9:30am - 12:30pm

LIBRARY VAN VISITING TEAMS PŪWAKAWAKA & WEKA

Thursday, August 25th  
Remember to bring library cards

PARENT MORNING TEA

Friday, August 19th -  
Preparing your child for secondary school

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING ON DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Tuesday, August 23rd,  
5:30-6:30pm

PRIMARY SPORT CANTERBURY HIP HOP COMPETITION

Wednesday, August 31st at the Elmwood School Auditorium.

CULTURAL FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE

Thursday, September 1st  
Note, this year we have a matinee performance at 12:30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Friday, 23rd September

## From the Principal...

*E te whānau whānui o Te Waka Unua  
Ngā mihi manahau*

Welcome back to another busy term at Te Waka. It has been great to see the students come back with big smiles and excited about getting into the learning programme.

Last week it was impressive to see how many of our Year 4 -8 students, parents and caregivers came to the three way conferences to hear about the students' progress. It makes a huge difference having home and school working together to improve outcomes for our children.

This week we will see the school playground being closed and taken out to be upgraded ready to be reinstalled later in the year. You may hear your child talking about some of these changes as most teams will be doing some learning about and planning for future developments.

*Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.  
Home and school working together for our tamariki to thrive.*  
Janeane Reid

## PAYING IT FORWARD - RURU GALA

At the end of Term 2 Team Ruru held their Mini-Gala to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House and the Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue. The tamariki worked extremely hard and raised a fantastic total amount of \$2630! Thank you all for your support of this kaupapa!

In Week 2 of Term 3 a group of representatives visited Ronald McDonald house to hand over the money raised, and see for themselves where the money was going. The tamariki proudly presented their cheque and enjoyed learning new ways they can continue to Pay It Forward.





### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our newly elected Board of Trustees is:  
Dave Turnbull - Chairperson  
Christine Nijdam  
Angelina Craven  
Andre Konia  
Michael Reynolds  
Ruth Stuart - Staff Rep.

### **3-WAY CONFERENCES**

3-Way conferences for our Year 4-8 students were held during Wednesday and Thursday last week.

We had a very good turnout and were pleased to see so many of our families keen to find out how their children were progressing and discuss ways they can support them with their future learning.

If you were unable to attend your child's conference last week, please contact the school to make a time with your child's key teacher.

Parents of Year 1-3 students will be contacted at each child's anniversary date to report on their progress.

### **We welcome Interns from the Grad School for the term:**

- Luke Harding and Emilia Bannan in Piwakawaka
- Katie Blockley in Weka
- Jordi Bell in Ruru
- Nina Young in Toroa

## Junior School Cross Country



**Year 1 Placegetters**



**Year 2 Placegetters**



**Year 3 Placegetters**



**Year 4 Placegetters**

In the last week of Term 2 we ran our Junior School Cross Country. Boys and girls from Year 0 to Year 4 participated and ran around the school grounds and Woolston Park. All the children involved tried their best and we were very proud of their efforts. First, second and third placegetters were awarded with a medal and certificates at our awards ceremony.

Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer on their tamariki.

**Explore, Innovate, Collaborate, Empower**



## **Notices:**

### **Cultural Festival**

This year our school Cultural Festival group, combined kapa haka and Pasifika, is performing at the matinee session on Thursday, September 1st at 12:30pm at the Horncastle Arena.

You are welcome to come along and support our tamariki. Tickets are available through Ticketek, however they often sell out, so purchase your tickets early. For those who have purchased their tickets through the school, we will send them home next week.

All Te Waka students will be attending the show which includes different schools showcasing their singing, dancing and creative arts talents. A newsletter will be sent home next week with more details. There will be a cost of \$5 to cover our bus and ticket costs.

What a fantastic experience for our tamariki.

### **African Drumming**

Our Year 7 & 8 students have been having weekly lessons learning how to beat out some rhythms on a set of African drums. They have been having lots of fun!



### **Building Update**

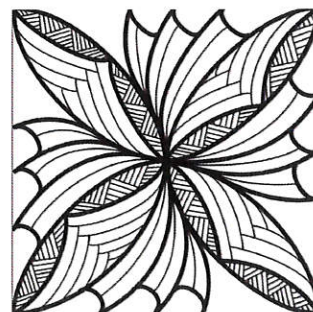


The builders are making good progress on the new block. The refurbishments on the inside of the Weka block are getting closer to being finished and we are hoping to get the use of these spaces by Week 6. The students are enjoying watching the progress and are excited that they will have new and improved learning spaces soon.

### **Sāmoan Speech Competition**

On Thursday, August 4th, three of our students, Kate Onosai, Amaleila Tiatia and Lambano Uili flew to Auckland to represent Te Waka Unua School at the National Sāmoan Speech Competition. The girls all did very well and made us very proud.

A huge thank you to Seira Sio who flew to Auckland with the girls and to our parent supporter, Jason Tiatia, who also travelled with them.





# Sport at Te Waka Unua

## Hip Hop at Te Waka Unua

Over the past two terms we have had Loren Sila teaching dance to students from Years 1-8. Three crews were selected and they recently had their first competition. All crews impressed the audience with their charisma and skill. We received some pleasing results. Our Year 7-8 mixed crew (Mayhem) came first in the competition and have been selected to represent Canterbury at the NZCAF national competition. Our Year 4-6 crew (Rebellions) placed 3rd and the Year 7-8 girls crew (Flawless) came 4th.

We would like to thank Loren for all her hard work and wish her all the best in Las Vegas where she is competing in the Hip Hop World Championship over the next couple of days.



## Zone Winter Tournament

On Wednesday six teams went to Hagley Park to represent Te Waka Unua in the Zone Winter Tournament. All teams had a great time and had some awesome results! Congratulations to the Senior Rugby Team who came third overall.

