

Te Waka Unua School

Week 6, Term 3



Important Dates

HPV VACCINATIONS

Tuesday, September 6
For Year 8 Girls with consent.

ENVIRONMENT INVESTIGATORS

Tuesday September 6th, 1pm
Selected Year 7 & 8 students
visiting the Heathcote River for
Whaka Inaka- IOS ecology.

PAID UNION MEETING

Wednesday, September 7th
There will be no formal
instruction after 12.30pm.

UNDER 19'S BASKETBALL GAME

Wednesday 7th September
We are taking 20 students to
watch the New Zealand Tall
Ferns vs China Under 20's

RURU LIBRARY VISIT

Thursday, September 8th,
10:15am

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, September 12th
World traveller Diana Queenin
will speak to students.

TEAM WEKA VISIT MARGARET

MAHY PLAYGROUND

Tuesday, September 13th,
11:30am

NZCAF HIP HOP COMPETITION

Our hip hop crew Mayhem will
travel to Dunedin on September
16th to compete at the National
competition.

SUPER 10'S TOURNAMENT

10 Year 7/8 student will
represent the school in the
Youthtown Super 10's sports
tournament

ASB FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

On the 21st of September ASB
will run a football festival for the
whole school.

From the Principal

With the start of spring we are benefitting from some stunning weather allowing our teaching programmes to better utilise both indoor and outdoor learning spaces. In my recent readings about the education system in Finland there is a great deal of reference to using the outdoors for learning as much as the indoors and you will see in our new school property updates that we are making much better use of connecting our indoor learning spaces with the outdoors. The Finnish system makes strong reference to there being no such thing as inappropriate weather for outdoors just inappropriate clothing for outdoors. This concept is certainly something we will ponder as we rework our curriculum to best meet the needs of our students. Please have a look on the school website for updates about the building projects as we are about to enter Stage 2 of the works over school holidays which will see some quick and exciting developments over the coming months. www.tewaka.school.nz

Notices:

PAID UNION MEETING

Wednesday, September 7th

We are reluctantly asking all parents to pick up their child(ren) on Wednesday 7 September at 12.30 p.m. We will have a skeleton staff of non-union staff who will keep the school open and children safely supervised until they are picked up but there will be no formal instruction after 12.30pm

Attendance and Lateness

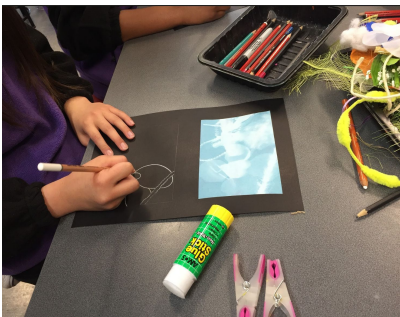
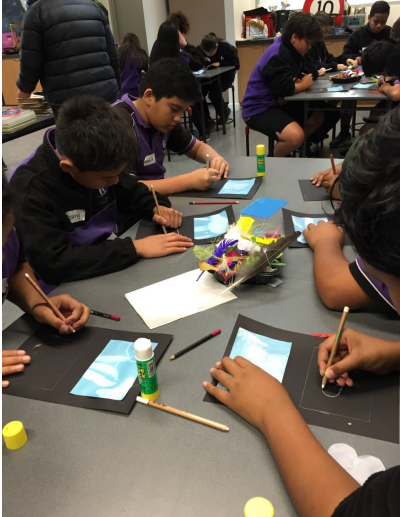
Te Waka Unua School is committed to ensuring that all of our students get the most out of their education, and wants to support our students to maintain regular attendance. Students who attend school regularly learn more and achieve better results.

If students frequently miss school without an explanation being provided, we will be contacting parents to request a meeting and to work with you to encourage better attendance. If the unexplained absences persist, we will send a formal warning letter, and may involve other agencies, such as the District Truancy Service, to follow up on the reason for the absence.

Please work with us to ensure that your child attends school regularly this year. Attendance is important and every day counts.

Art Gallery Trip

On Thursday, August 25th our Year 7 & 8 students visited the Christchurch City Art Gallery. They began with a tour of the Fiona Pardington photography exhibition, and then learnt to create their own photos without a camera!



Cultural Festival



Waiting to perform backstage



Yesterday our 140 strong kapa haka team took the stage to open the Thursday matinee session at the Cultural Festival.

They performed with energy and enthusiasm. They sounded fantastic and looked absolutely amazing.

A huge thank you to all those who helped to make this happen. We are very proud of all of you.

Watch their performance on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgM3tcx-H2g>

Scooter and Bike Safety

Please remember that students in Year 4 or below should not be cycling to and from school without an adult. All students riding bikes to and from school MUST wear an approved helmet. Bikes and scooters should be locked in the school bike stand area. Bikes and scooters are NOT to be ridden in the school grounds.

Uniforms

Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform. If they need new uniform items, these can be ordered through the school office.

Please name all uniform items, as we sometimes have polar fleeces, etc. that get left somewhere and we do not know who to return them to.

Building Update

The extension to the Weka block is nearing completion, with work currently underway on the interior. Team Weka will once again be able to share the same learning space, as that part of the block will be reopened before the end of term.

They will have access to the decks from all learning spaces and also have access to internal toilets within their block.

The remaining part of the extension will be opened at the start of Term 4.



Staffing

We wish to congratulate Nicky McFadzien, who has won a permanent position at Cashmere Primary School starting in Term 4. We thank Nicky for her contribution to the Kererū learning team this year and wish her well in her new position. We welcome Nicky Taylor and Stuart Thomas who will join the Kererū Team for Term 4, both of whom are familiar teachers to our Te Waka Unua students.

We continue to have the expertise of five interns from the Graduate School and two University students working across a number of classes in our school for the remainder of term 3. We appreciate the energy and enthusiasm they bring to our learning programmes.

Weka Tabloid Sports Afternoon **Friday, September 23rd, 1:00 - 3:00pm**

Come and watch your child and join in the fun at our tabloids sports.

We will have a range of family passes as prizes for some of the events.

<i>Egg & spoon relays</i>	<i>3-Legged Races</i>
<i>Dress-up Relay</i>	<i>Tug of War</i>
<i>Bean Bag Target Throw</i>	
<i>Hula Hoop Relay</i>	

Message from Linwood Library

Come join Linwood Library for an hour of fun on a Monday afternoon, 3.30 - 4.30 pm!

Play great favourites like Minecraft, Charades, Connect Four, Pictionary and more.

Learn and develop strategies in new games such as Dutch Blitz, Heads Up, Hand and Foot, and group games!

Bring your friends or meet some new ones; all children aged 8-13 welcome.

No booking or payment required. Mondays 3.30 - 4.30 pm during Term Time only.

Hip Hop at Te Waka Unua

The Te Waka Unua School hip hop crews recently competed in the Primary Sports Canterbury Regional hip hop competition. Both crews did extremely well! Both crews came 2nd in their age group and received great feedback from the judges.



Fundraiser for the Year 7/8 Hip Hop crew



MAYHEM!

Show the Love Feel the Beat!!

Zumba Fundraiser - Join us for a Zumba Fitness fundraising party and support Te Waka Unua School's dance crew to assist with the expense of taking their awesome qualified team to the National Competition from all over New Zealand in Dunedin on 16 September.

WHEN - Tuesday 6 September

TIME - 6-7PM

WHERE - Woolston Club (Top West upstairs)

TICKET - \$5.00

We would love to see you there!

After School Sport Opportunities

Woolston After School Football Hub

Want your child to stay active and healthy after school?

After the hugely successful programme in term 1 2016, Coastal Spirit F.C is excited to launch the After School Football Hub at Te Waka Unua School in term 4 and invites your son or daughter to take part.

During the 8 session programme, every child will be fully engaged, active, develop skills and have heaps of fun with qualified coaches.

The best thing is that it's straight after school on the field (Woolston Park), so you don't have the burden of having to drive for miles. They can walk out onto the field after the bell rings, and our coaches will be there to greet them.

Register here: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=61428>

Or see Kate Manch in Team Toroa (based in The Hub)



COASTAL Spirit FOOTBALL CLUB
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SOMETHING WORTH KICKING AROUND

Coastal Spirit F.C After School Football Hub

For: Boys and girls in year 1 to 8
Where: Te Waka Unua School
Starts: Friday 14th October
Runs: Every Thursday, 3 pm to 4:15 pm (session starts 3:15pm)
Ends: Friday 2nd December
Price: \$35
Rego: coastalspirit.co.nz (juniors – After school)

CSFC AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL HUB

After School Sport Opportunities

Interested in playing cricket this summer?



LANCASTER PARK WOOLSTON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Invites all families to attend their

Junior Registration Fun Day

(Open to Boys & Girls Aged 5+)



- * Cricket Demonstration & Game
- * Free Sausage Sizzle, Drink & Cake
- * \$1 Raffle Draw



All new & returning players welcome!

Date: Saturday 17th September

Time: 1.30 pm onwards

Location: 43 Hardgood Street, Woolston
(On Woolston Club grounds)

Players registered and paid on the day will go into a draw for a
\$100 grocery voucher.
Cash & Epost accepted.



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