

# Te Waka Unua School

Week 4, Term 4



## **Important Dates**

TEAM WEKA TRIPS TO  
ANTARCTIC CENTRE  
Thursday, November 3rd.

YEAR 8 TESTING FOR LINWOOD  
COLLEGE  
Tuesday, November 8th, 9:30am  
at Te Waka Unua.

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
Thursday, November 10th.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING  
Thursday, November 10th.

**ANNIVERSARY DAY HOLIDAY**  
Friday, November 11th.

YEAR 7 & 8 BIG DAY OUTS  
November 14th, 15th, 16th.  
Each day a group of our Year 7 &  
8 students will fly to Wellington  
and back visiting Parliament,  
Capital E studios and Te Papa.

WILLIAM PIKE SURFING DAY  
OUT FOR YEAR 7 & 8  
Thursday, Nov. 17th

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**  
Friday, November 18th

PARENT MORNING TEA -  
READING WITH YOUR CHILD  
Friday, November 18th.

WILLIAM PIKE QUAIL ISLAND  
ADVENTURE/DUATHLON FOR  
YEAR 8 STUDENTS  
Tuesday, November 29th.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING  
Thursday, December, 1st.

PARENT MORNING TEA -  
2 December - Christmas  
Theme

## **From the Principal**

An exciting time for Te Waka Unua School!

The building project continues to progress forward at an exciting pace. Over the next two weeks the refurbished playground will be completed and ready for our students to start exploring. We have also just received the full master plan of our site with the landscaping plans which include some really exciting features to really allow us to use the outdoors as an extension of our teaching spaces. The students are all taking the changes and developments in their stride and seem to be enjoying all the activity onsite. It is exciting to think that this time next year we will be nearing the completion of the full site development. Remember to keep an eye on the school website for plans and developments as they become available.

Term 4 is a busy term full of loads of learning, assessing, reporting and goal setting. We look forward to sharing the successes of your child's year with you later in the term through our formal written reports and our celebration prize givings.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Janeane Reid

## **PTwakawaka Swimming**



Last week Team PTwakawaka went to Pioneer Pools for a short series of swimming lessons. This would have helped lots of them gain confidence in the water before the upcoming summer season.

## Notices:

### SUNHATS FOR TERM 4

In Term 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear an approved sunhat when outdoors, as we are a Sunsmart school. Hats can be purchased for \$12.00 through our school uniform supplier, Aly Mclean or through the school office.

### END OF YEAR DATES

The end of year school prizegiving will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th**, with Junior prizegiving in the morning and senior prizegiving in the afternoon.

**School will officially close for the 2016 school year at 12:30pm on the 15th of December.**

## Our Bearded Dragon



Jaba, the Team Kererū Bearded Dragon, shed his skin last week. This is a sure sign that he is happy, healthy and growing! Read more about him on the Team Kererū blog at <http://kererutewaka.blogspot.co.nz/>

## TE WAKA UNUA CHOIR

On Wednesday 26th October the Te Waka Unua choir performed at Horncastle Arena in the Christchurch Schools Music Festival, with other schools that were performing as well. We sung well throughout the music brackets. A favourite song was Octopus Garden. Our top choir students were Logan Daines, and Sarah Finlayson. We left at 9:15 AM, and returned back at 12:30 PM for practice, and left at 6:45 PM and back at 9:30 PM for the performance that night. We had a wonderful time and look forward to doing it again next year.

Written by Logan Daines



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### WOOLSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OPEN DAY

Saturday, October 29th 12pm - 3pm.  
Free sausage sizzle, displays & demonstrations.

### WOOLSTON DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**SELF-ESTEEM FOR WOMEN**  
1st & 8th November, 10:00 - 11:30am. \$20.00 per person.

**SURVIVING CHRISTMAS**  
15th & 22nd November, 10:00 - 11:30am. \$20.00 per person.

Both programmes to be held at the Woolston Development hall, 497 Ferry Road.  
Contact Bev on 3894448 to register.

### COMMUNITY FITNESS FUN

For all ages and all families. **FREE ENTRY.**

**Saturday 5th November join us at 56 Kearneys Road, Linwood at 9:30am for a fun family workout.** Let's stay around longer for our families by staying healthy. **FAMILY IS THE FUTURE**

**THERE WILL BE GIVEAWAYS AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE.  
SEE YOU THERE**

## **Building Update** **Stage 1 Completed!**



Stage 1 of our building project was opened on the first day of the term. The new learning space was blessed by Matua Justin Tipa at the beginning of the day.

## **Stage 2 Commences** **New Learning Spaces and a Hall**



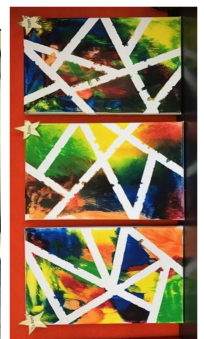
The Hon. Minister Hekia Parata visited Te Waka Unua last week to officially turn the first sod to mark the start of Stage 2 of our build - a new 8-class learning space and multi-purpose hall.

## **Staffing**

Appointments have been confirmed for next year and we look forward to sharing the staffing organisation with you in due course. We have some fantastic people coming on board who we are confident your children will love learning alongside.

We have received resignations from three of our permanent staff members. From Team Ruru - Whaea Rere will be moving back up north at the end of the year, and Whaea Michaela will be travelling overseas with her partner, starting with mahi in Canada in March. Mrs Rachael Kearns who has been teaching at the Te Waka Technology centre will also begin her much deserved retirement in 2017.

We wish them all the very best with their future endeavours.



## **Touch**

This term we have entered 8 touch teams into the Bromley Park competition and 2 teams into the MacFarlane Park competition. Our teams have had a very successful start to the season with lots of wins and awesome attitudes.

## **Basketball**

We have 1 Year 3-4 basketball team entered into the Cowles Stadium League this term. The team played their first 2 games last week and won both of them!



## **Events to look out for:**

- Every Tuesday night we have Year 0-8 students play touch at Bromley Park from 4-6pm.
- Every Wednesday night our Year 7-8 boys and girls touch teams play at MacFarlane Park from 5-6pm.
- Weekly on Thursdays we have our junior basketball team play at Cowles Stadium
- 1st November 2016 Te Waka Year 5-6's are playing in a Kiwi League tournament at South Hagley Park
- 16th November 2016 our Year 7-8 Kiwi Flag team are playing in the yearly tournament defending their title.
- 24th November the Year 7-8 Multisport team is playing off in the Youthtown Super 10's tournament
- 1st December 2016 Primary Sport Canterbury Triathlon (See Kate Manch if your child would like to enter)..

## **Youthtown Outdoor Education Day**

We would like to thank Youthtown Sport for providing 30 of our Year 7-8 students archery lessons and teaching them a range of leadership/team-work games. Our students loved the opportunity to get outdoors and represented Te Waka Unua School extremely well. We look forward to working with Youthtown again to set up some more exciting opportunities.

