

# Te Waka Unua School

Week 7, Term 4



## Important Dates

### SUPER 10'S TOURNAMENT FOR YEAR 7 & 8'S

Thursday, November 24th

### WILLIAM PIKE QUAIL ISLAND ADVENTURE/DUATHLON FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Tuesday, November 29th.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

Thursday, December, 1st.

### TEAM RURU MANU KŌRERO

Thursday, December 1st  
9:00am start

### PARENT MORNING TEA -

9:00am 2nd December -  
Christmas Theme

### NOHO MARAE FOR RURU TUĀKANA

Wairewa Marae  
Wednesday, December 7th -  
Friday, December 9th.

### RURU TĒINA DAY TRIP TO WAIREWA MARAE

Thursday, December 8th

### FIAFIA EVENING FOR SĀMOAN STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Friday, December 9th, 6pm  
start

### SENIOR (YEAR 5 - 8) REPORTS GO HOME

Monday, December 12th.

### RURU PUĀWAITANGA

Tuesday, December 13th  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

### PRIZEGIVING

Wednesday, December 14th  
Juniors - 10:00am  
Seniors - 12:00pm

## From the Principal

With only 32 sleeps until Christmas and 16 school days until Prize Giving we are fast approaching the end of the school year. There are loads of exciting learning opportunities still crammed into the last few weeks of the school term so the students will be busy up until the very last day of school. Staff are currently assessing students and gathering evidence of student achievement to provide end of year data on both progress and achievement. We have finalised our staffing for 2017 and I am confident we have an outstanding group of educators on board to lead the learning in the New Year. We welcome a number of new staff to our Primary site team including Helena McAllister, Delwyn McGrath, Laura Heenan & Leah Haggitt. We are also extremely excited to have James Souter working full time next year in the Senior Leadership Team as an Assistant Principal focusing on Pastoral Care, Student Wellbeing, and Special Learning Programmes while still being a key teacher part-time for our Year 7&8 Students. Before the end of the school year we will send home information about the team your child will be working in next year, key staff and the spaces their learning will be based from. We look forward to seeing you all at prize giving to celebrate the successes of the 2016 school year.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Janeane Reid

## Playground Update



Our new playground should be open later this week once it has passed the inspection.. Unfortunately there was a costly setback to this project last week when the matting was vandalised before it had cured and had to be re-poured.

## School App



Download the school app on your smartphone for instant updates and alerts for school trips, events, etc.

The **school website** is another good place to check in on what is happening at school

<http://www.tewaka.school.nz/> as well as links to the team blogs.

## Special Award



Te Waka Unua School has been selected as the top recycling school in our region for the Fonterra Milk in Schools programme. Te Waka Unua was chosen as being the best school in the region for the draining, flattening, folding and recycling of the school milk pack.

Well done to our students and the teachers who help our tamariki to recycle these milk packs which can then be used as building tiles.

## Year 8 HPV Vaccine 2017



### **2017 Year 8 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme**

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can lead to cervical cancer, genital warts and other types of cancers later in life. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting these diseases.

Starting 2017, **both girls and boys** in Year 8 will be offered free HPV Vaccination through the school based programme. A new updated version of the vaccine (Gardasil 9) will cover more strains of the virus, providing cover with 2 doses rather than 3 with Gardasil 4.

The vaccination will continue to be available within the GP Practices, however, we encourage you to participate in the school based programme. Girls and boys who have partially started the process with their GP will have the option to complete the course through the school based programme.

To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information during the first weeks of term one. Please check with your child or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack.

For more information about the vaccine, contact Public Health Nursing Service at 03 383 6877 Ext. 99469 or 99698, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or visit [www.health.govt.nz/hpv](http://www.health.govt.nz/hpv).

## Community Notice

On Sunday 27th November, the **Bromley Monthly Market** will be held at the Bromley Community Centre, 45 Bromley Road - 11 am til 2 pm.

Free mystery prize draw - Christmas themed - lots of goodies !  
Food, crafts, gifts, coffee, and more



## Building Update



*Foundations for the new multipurpose Hall*



*Part of the foundations for the new learning space*

Due to the recent quakes, king tides and wet weather, the building site is full of water, so work was halted last week. The builders are, however, fairly confident we can still proceed with the proposed methodology and get the site dry, inspected and pour site concrete with the excavation team onsite later this week or early next week to excavate the Hall foundation beams.

Fingers crossed once we get going with fine weather we can get some good forward progress.

### Six ways to help Canterbury children worried about earthquakes

1. Retain routines; do what you normally do.
2. Turn media off, repetition of disaster scenes adds to anxiety.
3. Be calm and loving; and don't talk about your adult worries with your children.
4. Keep normal disciplinary boundaries - the world is unpredictable enough without the rules changing.
5. Give reassurance but don't overdo it. Too much reassurance means there is something to be worried about!
6. Let them talk about it, but don't let it take over, use distraction and play to get their minds off it.



## ASB Summer Starter

ASB are sponsoring a group of our Year 7 & 8 students to participate in the Summer Starter 4km race as their Yellow Team ambassadors. Students who sign up to do this will receive an ambassadors kit which will include free entry, and a team t-shirt.



**DATE:** Sunday, November 27th

**TIME:** Students need to be at school, ready to leave on the bus by 8:45am.

The race starts at 9:45am at Ti Rakau Reserve and finishes at Redcliffs Park.



# Sport at Te Waka Unua

## **Athletics:**

Our Year 5-8 students recently competed at the Zone Athletics Competition. Our students represented our school extremely well and we have a number of students who have been selected to represent our zone at the Canterbury Athletics competition in Ashburton. Well done to all those who took part and we look forward to seeing the results from the Canterbury competition.

## **Kiwi Flag:**

Te Waka Unua School recently played in Canterbury Rugby League Kiwi Flag Tournament. We selected two teams to represent our school (one Year 5-6 team and one Year 7-8 team). Both groups played extremely well and were well matched against the top teams. Congratulations to both teams who made the playoffs and came 4th overall. Awesome effort!



## **Touch at Bromley and MacFarlane Park:**

Our touch teams have been doing extremely well this season. The junior teams have made huge progress in their skills and game sense and some of our senior teams are top of the table in their age group.

## **Junior Basketball:**

At present we have one Year 3-4 basketball team entered in the Cowles Stadium competition. Our team is doing fantastic this season. The energy of the team on and off the court is awesome and the students are all dedicated to learn and try new things in the game.

