

Te Waka Unua School

Week 9, Term 4



Important Dates

NOHO MARAE FOR RURU TUĀKANA

Wairewa Marae
Thursday, December 8th -
Friday, December 9th.

RURU TĒINA DAY TRIP TO WAIREWA MARAE

Thursday, December 8th

KERERU MINI GALA

Thursday, December 8th
Piwakawaka, Weka & kererū
bring \$1 to buy a treat.

FIAFIA EVENING FOR SĀMOAN STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Friday, December 9th, 6pm
start

YEAR 4 - 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

2017 Dates

SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office will reopen
on January 18th from
10:00am - 12:00pm daily.

FIRST DAY BACK FOR STUDENTS

Monday January 30th,
9:00am

From the Principal

Thank you all for your support and involvement at Te Waka Unua School throughout 2016. It has been a year full of exciting learning opportunities and successes for the students.

The 2017 school year is set to be another exciting, positive and successful school year. We will also have new classrooms being built during the year and work has begun on the new Multipurpose Hall and Performing Arts building.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to your families returning to Te Waka in the new year.

Meri Kirihimete

la Manuia le Kerisimasi

from Janeane and all the Staff

Ngā mihi nui,
Janeane Reid



Merry Christmas

With Christmas almost upon us we know that this can sometimes be stressful for families. Here are some tips that were given out at our recent parent morning tea, 'Relieving Christmas Stresses'.

Plan ahead:

- Know ahead of time what helps YOU to relieve stress
- Create a 'team' to support you
- List the things you need to do
- Stay within your budget - know when to stop! Decide ahead of time what you will spend on presents (amount per person), decorations and food. Stay within your budget.
- Recognise when you are feeling tired or stressed and take time out or ask for help
- Look after yourself and ensure there are a few treats for you to enjoy
- Make sure there is time to relax and have some fun on Christmas Day
- Plan a list of holiday activities you can do that cost little or no money, e.g. going to

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.

Uniform Orders

Anyone wanting to order new uniforms for 2017 will need to do this by **Thursday, January 19th, 2017** in order for the order to be back in time for the start of the new school year. The school office will be open on January 18th & 19th to process new uniform orders for those needing uniforms for the first day of school.



Class Placements for 2017

Please read to find out what Team your child will be in next year.

New Entrant Students starting school for the first time in 2017 will be in Piwakawaka with Carol Gray and Chloe Williams.

Year 1&2 students will be in Piwakawaka with Debbi Connolly, Ashleigh Duncraft and Carol Melrose.

Year 3&4 students will be in Team Weka with Whaea Bebe, Mrs Maher, Mrs Bligh and Laura Heenan.

Year 5&6 students will be in Team Kererū with Whaea Jodi, Mr Boyd, Whaea Sam and Leah Haggitt.

Year 7&8 students will be in Team Toroa with James Souter, Miss Manch, Whaea Fi and Katie Taylor.

If you have applied for your **Year 2-4 student to be in Team Kea with Mrs Edwards and Whaea Sarah you will receive a separate notice with details of your child's placement for 2017.*

Prizegiving 2016

Date: Wednesday, December 14th

Venue: Linwood College Hall

Junior Prizegiving: 10:00am

Junior prizegiving is for our Year 1 - 4 students throughout the school.

Senior Prizegiving: 12:00pm

Senior prizegiving is for our Year 5 - 8 students.

Please be aware that we are not able to contact parents whose children are winning prizes due to the large number of children receiving awards this year. We encourage as many parents/caregivers as possible to attend.

The school will provide buses for the children to and from Linwood College. The bus for juniors will leave school at 9:30am, the bus for seniors will leave school at 11:30am.

Students may go home with their parents at the conclusion of their prizegiving ceremony, but please do let one of their teachers know before they leave.



