

Te Waka Unua School

Week 3, Term 1 2018



Important Dates

Feb 16 - Festival of Nations at Linwood College
Feb 21 - Walk or Wheel Safe to School Day
Feb 21 - EMERGENCY PLANNING DAY
Feb 21 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Mar 09 - HPV Vaccinations for Year 8
Mar 22 - Teachers Union Meeting - School closes at 1:00pm
Mar 28 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Mar 30 - Good Friday
Mar 03 - Easter Tuesday holiday - No school today
Mar 04 - Ruru noho marae
Apr 12 - Toroa Celebration Evening
Apr 13 - Last day of Term 1

Community Notices:

HAVE FUN, PLAY FOOTBALL - Ferrymead Bays Football Club

Check out the Juniors section of www.ferrymeadbaysfootball.co.nz for information about Term 1 programmes, including Girls Only Summer Hub and Skills Centre options, as well as all details for the 2018 regular season. Any queries, please contact Club Captain Ren Cameron at ren-dee@xtra.co.nz or on 021-0661294.



From the Principal...

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou. Kia ora, Namaste, Mingalaba, Sua's dei, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Bula. Greetings to you all.

A friendly welcome is extended to all of our new families and we hope you enjoying being part of the Te Waka family. We have had a great start to the year, with some very exciting learning programmes happening this term.

It is fantastic to have the new court area sealed and building projects finished. Soon the new grass area will be ready for the students to play on and the last of the fences can be taken down.

Last night was a fabulous evening for our Family picnic. It was great to see so many of you attending and enjoying the lovely summer evening while meeting staff, new families and enjoying some games and activities with our children.

Janeane Reid

Kiwi Can Programmes

This year all our students are taking part in the Kiwi Can programme. The programme teaches values such as integrity and respect, and delivers a range of awesome physical, mental and creative challenges - plus high-energy, fun, safe and interactive lessons that reinforce our schools' goals and curriculum.

The Kiwi Can programme helps kids to learn techniques to overcome bullying. Young kids learn teamwork skills, the strategy to cope with life and bullying, teaching them to have a can-do attitude.



The programme is funded by the Graeme Dingle Foundation, so we feel very fortunate to have this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Year 8, 2018 School Based Vaccination Programme

We are pleased to inform you the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. In 2018 the programme has been extended to include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home in Term 1. Parent/Caregivers will need to complete and return the consent form to school.

Music Tuition

This year we are offering music tuition for our students with the Amplify School of Music. Amplify provides affordable music & instrument lessons. Music lessons in school hours will be subsidised by the school.

Costs per 20 minute lessons will be:

\$9.50 for an individual lesson

\$7.50 per student for a group of 2

\$5.50 per student for a group of 3 or 4

Lessons are available for vocals, guitar, drums or piano.

If you are interested in your child learning an instrument through Amplify School of Music, please contact Ruth Stuart.



SUNHATS FOR TERM 1

In Term 1 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.



Bike & Scooter Safety

We recommend that all students who bring bikes or scooters to school also bring a lock so they can lock their bike during the day. We have \$5 bike locks available through the school office.

Children riding bikes **MUST** wear a helmet, and we also recommend those riding scooters to school also wear helmets.

It is Board policy that students in Year 1 - 3 must not ride to school without an adult.



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 your child's absence drops below 95% we will seek to support you to improve their attendance.

95 - 100 % attendance is expected!

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

We will also contact parents/caregivers of students that are arriving late to school daily to discuss a plan to get students to their first lesson on time. Student's that arrive at school late are missing out on an important part of the day.



Programmes Available:

Come join us at – Linwood Ave School Hall
Monday nights – 6:00-7:30pm – 5-13year olds
Our programme is full of games, sport, songs, craft, stories, food & fun! Come along! Our first night is Mon 19th Feb – Fish n Chip Night (Bring the whanau and some fish n chips and see what we're all about)
Cost – gold coin donation Contact person – Jo 027 221 7599



Wednesdays 10am—12pm

Te Mapua Whare, 389 Linwood Ave

A group for all parents/caregivers to attend with their children 0-5 years.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI! COME AND JOIN US FOR PLAY, KAI AND CHAT!

FOR MORE INFO TXT ME 027 204 4939 OR DROP IN FOR KAI AND A KORERO

Ka Kite, Narelle (Whaea Relle)

Family Picnic

Lots of families came along to the Family Picnic last night. It was a beautiful warm evening with some fun activities for families to enjoy. It was great to see mums, dads and grandparents joining in and the kids playing together.

