

Te Waka Unua School

Week 6, Term 1 2018



Important Dates

Mar 12 - New Entrant parent meeting 2:00pm
Mar 22 - Teachers Union Meeting - School closes at 1:00pm
Mar 28 - Board of Trustees Meeting
Mar 29 - Top Team Challenge
Mar 30 - Good Friday
Apr 03 - Easter Tuesday Holiday - No school today
Apr 04 - Ruru noho marae
Apr 11 - Year 5/6 Rugby League Tournament
April 11 - Piwakawaka celebration
Apr 12 - Kea showcase - Game On
Apr 12 - Toroa Celebration Evening
Apr 13 - Last day of Term 1
Apr 30 - Term 2 begins

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.

The first half of the term has gone very quickly and it is great to see the students engaging in so many fun and exciting learning opportunities. I encourage you to check out the Team blogs that are linked to the school website and follow our Twitter feed, (@Janeane_TeWaka) so you can see some of this learning in action.

I would also urge you all to download the school app onto your phone. Just search Te Waka Unua in the app store. It is free and you will then get alerts and be updated to any changes to school programmes, etc. This is our main communication in emergencies.

Janeane Reid



Easter Break

As Easter break falls within a term this year, schools also have the Tuesday off after Easter Monday, so the school is closed on Friday 30 March, Monday April 2 and Tuesday April 3. Children return to school on Wednesday, April 4.

Community Notices:

Highland Dancing classes for Boys and Girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram from 9.30am to 10.30am commencing on Saturday, the 7th April. All information on classes can be obtained by emailing calehighland@gmail.com or colleenscole38@gmail.com or visiting their facebook page - Canterbury Caledonian Society Highland Dancing



CALLING ALL NEW & RETURNING PLAYERS
Linwood Rugby League (Keas) are holding two more junior registration opportunities:

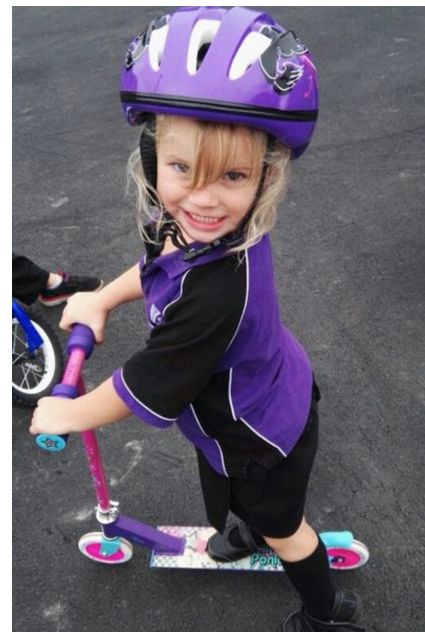
- Tuesday 6 March, 4.30 - 5.30 pm @ 'The Nest' Linwood Park
- Saturday 17 March, 4.00 - 8.00pm @ LYFE (Linwood Park)

All age groups welcome (Nursery - 18s). Please bring proof of ID (Birth Certificate or Passport).
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Scooters and Skateboards

Now that our court has been resealed and the students have a lot more play area, teams are allowing students to bring scooters and skateboards to school for set days and times. If your child wants to participate in their team wheels day or wheels activities, they will need to wear a helmet while in the school grounds. Students are not allowed to borrow or lend wheels for these activities.

Bike locks are available from the school office for \$5 each.



Te Waka Out and About

These amazing young boys played in the little league tournament for RKS under 11 boys softball. They did well and came close to making the playoffs.



Last week Team Ruru Rēina visited Sumner Beach to learn about caring for this environment.

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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.

Some Photos from Our Learning Programmes



Team Pūkeko learning about the world around us and the insects that inhabit our garden.



Observational Painting



YouthTown P.E. Programme



Yoga in Team Ruru



Landscaping outside the senior block is complete and most of the fences are down. There is now loads more space for the our tamariki to play.
There is still some more landscaping to be done over the next few weeks, but this should not impact on the current spaces.

SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND

The school will be closing at 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 22nd, to enable staff to attend a paid Union meeting to discuss and vote on how to ensure we have the time to teach and the resources to meet every child's needs, as well as ways to recruit more people into the profession.

The overall aim is to achieve major new government investment in teaching and learning.

Any students who attend after school programmes will be catered for at school until 3:00 pm.

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.



Kidsfirst Kindergarten Phillipstown currently have vacancies. Suitable for 2yrs -5year olds. Free up to 30 hours. Session times: 8:30-2:30pm or 8:30-12:30pm. [533 St Asaph St.](#) phone 3667 233 or check our website. Dawn Chamberlain (teacher).

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.