

Te Waka Unua School

Week 6, Term 2, 2018



Important Dates

Week 7

Jun 12 - Pīwakawaka to Matariki at South Library

Jun 12 - Ripper Rugby Tournament

Jun 14 - Ruru - Te Pihinga library visit

Week 8

Jun 18 - Whakaari / Court Theatre He Kura Kōrero

Jun 21 - Samoan Speech Competitions

Week 9

Jun 25 - St John visiting Team Ruru

Jun 25 - New Entrant Parent Meeting

Jun 26 - **SCHOOL CLOSING AT 12:00 PM**

Jun 26 - 3 Way Conferences Year 4-8

Jun 27 - 3-Way Conferences Year 4-8

Jun 27 - BoT Meeting

Week 10

Jul 03 - Dancing With The Stars Performance

Jul 05 - Kea Art Exhibition

Jul 06 - Last Day of Term 2

SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY JUNE 26TH

School will close at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, June 26th to enable Year 4 - 8 teachers to do 3-Way conferences, and to allow our Year 1 - 3 teachers to attend the paid union meeting.

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Kia ora koutou,

The weather is certainly showing us that the Winter season is upon us. We are so lucky that all our classroom spaces are well heated and warm when we arrive at school each day. This time of year presents lots of challenges for families getting their children to school but we encourage families to arrange plans to get their children to school regardless of bad weather. It takes an extreme weather event for schools to be closed and in all other cases despite the miserable conditions non attendance due to bad weather is recorded as truant. We do have access to raincoats and shoes through KidsCan if this is a need please come and see someone in the office.

We know many of our families love to see all the exciting things happening in the school and we have lots of ways you can stay in touch with information and events.

Current sources of information and communication you may want to look at:

- **School Website** for general school information and includes links to team blogs and websites
- **School APP** - Important information sharing - Short simple reminders or updates
- **School Newsletter** - Fridays Weeks 3,6&9 - Hard copy to all homes with a mixture of 'feel good' updates and important information for families
- **SeeSaw APP** - Year 1-4 students families have access to the SeeSaw APP to keep families involved in the daily activities of the junior programmes
- **Twitter Feed** - We currently have two twitter feeds that can be accessed either through the twitter APP or linked from the website that share 'feel good' updates and photos of events at the school

As always we encourage you to come and see us if there is anything you would like to discuss. We are always happy to discuss any issues or concerns you may have and work with you to problem solve.

Janeane Reid (Principal)

Pink Shirt Day

At our Pink Shirt Day, we saw a sea of pink at Te Waka Unua and promoted the message that together we can stop bullying.



Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships.

It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of age, sex, gender identity, ability, or cultural background.

Bullying behaviour is influenced by the actions and values of friends, families and whānau, schools, workplaces and whole communities. Real change happens when we stand together, sending a strong message that there is no place for bullying in New Zealand.

Bullying often makes people feel alone, but Pink Shirt Day shows that many people care.

Breakfast Club

Youthtown runs a breakfast club from our school hall every morning from 7:30 am.

Children are provided with breakfast and supervised activities, including games, until 8:30 am.

WINZ subsidy available.

Phone (03) 381 3245 Or email: christchurch@youthtown.org.nz if you are interested.

There are plenty of spaces available across the week.

DREAM IT, DO IT WITH
YOUTHTOWN 

Donation

Last week, Vicki Bretherton from Hotel Montreal came in to donate to us Baby, a 35 year old Cabbage Patch Kid, to join Kea.

Baby was a Golden Oldies rugby team mascot all the way from the UK and was left with Vicky to give to a school that she knew would look after Baby.

To help take care of Baby we were also donated \$300 to feed and clothe Baby.



Spark Jump Modems

GCSN is excited to announce that they are setting up provision with the 20/20 Trust to provide Spark Jump modems to provide low cost internet access to parents of students in Christchurch schools..

The Spark Jump programme is currently available at the Linwood Library.

If you would like to acquire a Spark Jump modem, please contact:

1. Linwood Library in the Eastgate Mall which is offering Spark Jump classes every Monday from 10am to 12 noon (contact the library on [03-941 7923](tel:03-941-7923) to book in for a class);
2. Addington.net on the first floor at [1 Penbury Street, Sydenham](#) (contact Greg Smith or Lynda Sawyers on 03 962 7244 for further details); or
3. For other information about the programme, you can contact Kristina Parbhu at the 20/20 Trust on 0800 27 2020.

ROAD SAFETY

It has been reported to us that students are again crossing Ferry Road dangerously and not on the crossing. Please have a discussion with your child about a safe route to and from school and if you are collecting them please role model and encourage safe road crossing behaviours.



Zone Cross Country

Last week a group of Year 5 - 8 students represented Te Waka Unua at the Zone Cross Country.



VARIETY KIWI KID SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

Kiwi Kid Sponsorship can help to provide a child aged 5-15 years with the basic essentials that their family/caregiver is unable to afford. Items include bedding, clothing, school, swimming, stationery, music lessons and healthcare costs.

To see if your family may be eligible check the Variety website or collect an information sheet from our school office.

www.variety.org.nz

Each application is considered on its merits and allocation of funding is at the decision of the Variety Grants Committee, with the approval of the Board.

If you have questions, please contact the Variety office on 09 520 4111 or email kiwikids@variety.org.nz



On Wednesday we had two players from the Manly Sea Eagles visit our school to promote the values of respect and inclusion.



Sāmoan Language Week

What an awesome week we had last week celebrating the Sāmoan culture and language. A huge fa'afetai lava to Mrs Paulo and Whaea Seira for organising all the activities which included all teams learning a Sāmoan pese (song), visits to local pre-schools by our Sāmoan tamaiti to share their culture, hosting three of our local schools to celebrate the language, dance and games together and a celebration assembly for the whole school on Friday. We were very proud of all our students who were definitely demonstrating the spirit of 'Alofa atu nei, Alofo mai taeao' (Kindness Given, Kindness Gained) which builds on the messages and values we focussed on during Anti-bully week.

