

Te Waka Unua School

Week 9, Term 2, 2018



Important Dates

Week 10

July 02 - New Entrant Parent Meeting
July 03 - Ruru 5 Pet Day
July 03 - Dancing With The Stars Performance
July 04 - Team Ruru Whānau Hui
July 05 - Ruru - Winning Kāhui Kura Celebration
July 05 - Kea Art Exhibition
July 06 - Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Week 1

July 23 - First day of Term 3

July 25 - School Disco

Week 2

Aug 01 - South East Zone Winter Tournament

Week 4

Aug 15 - Orana Park Zoofari Trip

Aug 15 - Board of Trustees Meeting

Week 5

Aug 20 - Swimming Lessons Year 1-4

Aug 21 - Swimming Lessons Year 1-4

Aug 22 - Swimming Lessons Year 1-4

Aug 22 - Social Chess Competition

Aug 23 - Swimming Lessons Year 1-4

Aug 24 - Swimming Lessons Year 1-4

Week 7

Sep 07 - Cultural Festival Performance

Sep 19 - BoT Meeting

Week 10

Sep 28 - Last day of Term 3

Kia ora koutou,

Te Waka Unua has had another fantastic term with so many exciting things happening in the school for our students. You will have all had the opportunity this week to meet with your child's key teacher to discuss the progress they have been making in their learning this term. If you were unable to attend, please make contact to reschedule. These conferences are really valuable opportunities for our teachers, parents and students to discuss individual learning pathways. The teachers are always willing to make a time to meet with you at anytime so please don't wait for formal report times if you have any questions.

It has been great to hear so many positive stories, from families supporting their children to continue their learning at home, to feedback received from our wider community. The facilitators of a recent 'What Now' focus group held at our school were blown away by the energy and respect they felt from our tamariki. Keep up the great work!

Janeane Reid (Principal)

Matariki/Space Celebration Evening

Last week the junior Pīwakawaka and Pūkeko Teams shared their learning with their whānau. It was great to see so many parents come along to see what their tamariki had been learning this term. There were lots of fun activities to share and songs to help us celebrate the evening.



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.



Sāmoan Speech Competition



Last week eleven of our students took part in our school Sāmoan Speech competition. It was a very high standard with seven of our students making it through to the regional competition. Congratulations to Lambano Uili (Year 8), Amaleila Tiatia (Year 7), Melania Misipati (Year 7), Bernard Luaufui (Year 6) and Amasio Tiatia (Year 5) who were successful in the regional competition and will go on to deliver their speeches at the national competition in Porirua, Wellington, on Thursday, August 2nd.

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:03-9417923) to book in for a class);
2. Addington.net on the first floor at [1 Penbury Street, Sydenham](https://www.addington.net) (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.

Dancing Like the Stars

Toroa students have been working hard to learn their ballroom dancing routine for their performance in 'Dancing Like the Stars' next week at the Isaac Theatre Royal.





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



Teach Your Child To Be Alert

The police would like to give families a timely reminder to have discussions around behaviours and actions that are inappropriate from others or that make a child feel uncomfortable, rather than concentrating on the types of people that could harm them.

They want kids to be able to identify behaviours that make them feel uncomfortable, unsafe or scared and take action, remove themselves from the situation and tell someone.

They actively encourage people to tell children and young adults to report anything that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. This can be to a trusted adult, a teacher or the Police. Anyone who has an immediate concern for their safety should call 111 immediately.

Tots to Teens Magazine

The latest issue of Tots To Teens Magazine is out, and has a fantastic new phone and computer-friendly digital version for parents to view.

Be the first to read about the latest way to connect with your kids by "love bombing", go beyond books to ramp up children's reading, feed your kids 5 healing foods that are easy on the pocket, teach kids how to spot a frenemy, become a gut microbiome expert, and discover 9 playful ways to teach children mindful breathing. Here is the link to this free digital resource <https://readymag.com/TOTSTOTEENS/Canterbury>

Holiday Music Programme

The Christchurch School of Music are offering a holiday programme for children aged from 7-12 years as part of the Kidfest programme from 16-20

July in their Music Centre at 60 Ferry Rd. The programme will run from 9am-3pm each day. It's going to be a holiday programme with a difference as it has a strong musical theme. Children will be able to learn an instrument, play in an ensemble, participate in singing games and rhythm activities and complete musical themed art activities.

Find out more and enrol at:

<http://www.kidsfest.co.nz/event/magical-musical-mayhem/>

Chess Competition



Four of our students competed in the Canterbury Interschool Team Chess Competition this week and were placed 5th equal out of 16 teams

Well done to Byson Kereopa, Rangitohiora Paringa-Dallas, Elijah Barrow and Te Koringo Hutana-Tahana for representing Te Waka Unua School so well.



Team Kea Artists Hard at Work

Team Kea preparing for their art exhibition next week



Learning about the work of other artists

