

Te Waka Unua School

Week 6, Term 3, 2018



Important Dates

Week 7:

Sep 05 - Primary Sport
Canterbury Hip Hop
Competition
Sep 07 - Cultural Festival
Performance

Week 8:

Sep 10 - Māori Language
Week
Sep 13 - YouthTown Super 10s
Tournament
Sep 13 - HPV Vaccinations
Year 8

Week 9:

Sep 19 - Pīwakawaka Show
Sep 19 - Pūkeko Show
Sep 19 - Ruru Evening Show
Sep 19 - BoT Meeting
Sep 20 - Pīwakawaka Show
Sep 20 - Pūkeko Show
Sep 21 - NZCAF Hip Hop Finals
Sep 21 - Taki Rua - Hine
Kīhawai

Week 10:

Sep 24 - Pīwakawaka & Pūkeko
to Inflatable World
Sep 26 - Kea Show
Sep 27 - Weka Open Day
Sep 28 - Loud Shirt Day -
Helping deaf children listen
and speak
Sep 28 - Pīwakawaka, Pūkeko
& Weka to Court Theatre
Sep 28 - Last day of Term 3

Oct 15 - Term 4 Begins

From the Principal...

Kia ora koutou,

Spring is just around the corner and we look forward to the warmer days ahead.

We have recently enjoyed lots of successes with our students. Our three hiphop teams were placed first, second and third at the NZCAF regional competition and our school band was placed third at the Bandquest competition last week.

Next week we have our senior kapa haka and Sāmoan group performing at the Cultural Festival. They have been working very hard to learn and polish their bracket.

Check the list of important dates on the left as we have lots of exciting celebrations happening in our teams towards the end of the term.

Janeane Reid

Congratulations to the T-Rockers

Our school band, the T-Rockers, which was only formed a few months ago, performed at the annual primary schools Bandquest event last week and were placed 3rd overall.

We would like to thank Peter Cairns for his support and expertise in preparing the band for this event.



You can see a link to the band's performance of 'Stand By Me' and 'Just My Imagination' on our school website under the 'Te Waka Unua Celebrates' tab. www.tewaka.school.nz

Well done to our band members!

School Lunches

Wednesdays - Subway can be ordered at the school office or online.



Fridays - Pita Pit can be ordered through the Lunchonline website



Download the school app on your phone for the latest news updates and notifications as they happen.

Junior Swimming

Last week our Year 1-4 students attended swimming lessons at Pioneer Pool. After 4 days of swimming lessons, where the students were grouped by level for a half hour skills lesson, the week finished with a session on water safety, and in particular, what to do if they ever fell out of a boat, how to stay afloat, keep together and keep warm.



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

Congratulations to our Hip Hop Teams

Te Waka Unua entered three teams into the Christchurch NZCAF competition. Te Waka Unua took out 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, with all three teams qualifying for the nationals in Wellington later in the term.

We are currently fundraising to support the teams to get to Wellington. Approximately \$500 was raised from our mufti day last week, with other fundraisers planned over the next couple of weeks. Your support is appreciated.



1st - Mayhem (and most promising group), 2nd - Flawless, 3rd - Rebellions

Weka Trip to Orana Park

At Orana Park Weka saw many endangered animals and learnt about them. They were adding to their knowledge of Africa and learning why these animals are endangered.

They will be writing information reports about some of these animals. They have found out that Africa is an interesting and exciting place to learn about.



Feeding the giraffe.

Hall Design Narrative



These designs which have been painted onto our Hall (Whare Tapere) are based on the concept that the Hall is the Waka Unua. The two front pillars on the front face of the hall will hold the sails. The designs on the sails of the waka represent the rich cultural diversity in the school. The puhoro design represents Ōpawaho and the shark teeth/mangopare design represents the link to the ocean and the mahinga kai of the south-eastern landscape. For Ngāi Tahu, mahinga kai was both the place and the resources gathered there. Mahinga kai is a natural resource. It can be anything from the stones that you would use for fire making and tools, pounamu, the mud you use for dyes and rongoa (medicine) and cooking, as well as for birds and fish.



Celebrate
Te Ara Ōtākaro
- the Avon Trail -
by walking or riding
along the river from
east or west to
Kerrs Reach for a
grand community fun day,
with a regatta, kids
activities, food and
FREE live entertainment:



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www.middle.nz

Arrive Kerrs Reach
for 12pm start
to 3.30pm



Richmond Keas Softball Club is looking for new players of all ages both children and adults for this coming season. To register please go to...
<http://www.sporty.co.nz/richmondkeas/Registration-Form/tab1>



Please take the time to complete the parent survey we are currently carrying out.
The link can be found on the APP or from the school website.