

Te Waka Unua School

Week 3, Term 4, 2018



Important Dates

Week 4

Nov 05 - Year 8's at Linwood College

Nov 06 - SE Zone Athletics- Hansen Park

Nov 07 - BoT meeting

Nov 10 - Te Ranga Ihi / Haka competition

Week 5

Nov 14 - **Potential strike day - school may be closed**

Nov 15 - Kī-ō-rahi Team Ruru

Nov 16 - Canterbury Anniversary Day holiday

Week 6

Nov 19 - Can Sail Experience - Year 7/8

Nov 21 - Tough Kids Challenge

Nov 23 - Nutcracker Ballet at Isaac Theatre

Week 7

Nov 26 - Year 8's at Linwood College

Nov 27 - Toroa Cansail experience

Nov 29 - Year 7/8 Surfing Trip

Dec 01 - Amplify School of Music End of Year Concert

Week 8

Dec 07 - Youthtown Tournament

Week 9

Dec 11 - Year 8 Graduation dinner

Dec 12 - BoT meeting

Dec 13 - Puāwaitanga evening - Team Ruru Whānau hui

Dec 14 - PRIZE GIVING - Last Day Children expected to attend

Feb 04 - Term 1, 2019 begins

From the Principal

Term 4 has started with a plethora of activities for our tamariki, and there is a lot more to pack into this short 9-week term.

With only 6 weeks to go before the end of the school year, we have a busy calendar as well as assessments to complete for end of year school reports.

Keep an eye out for communication of upcoming events via notices home, the school app, SeeSaw posts, twitter, and the school website.

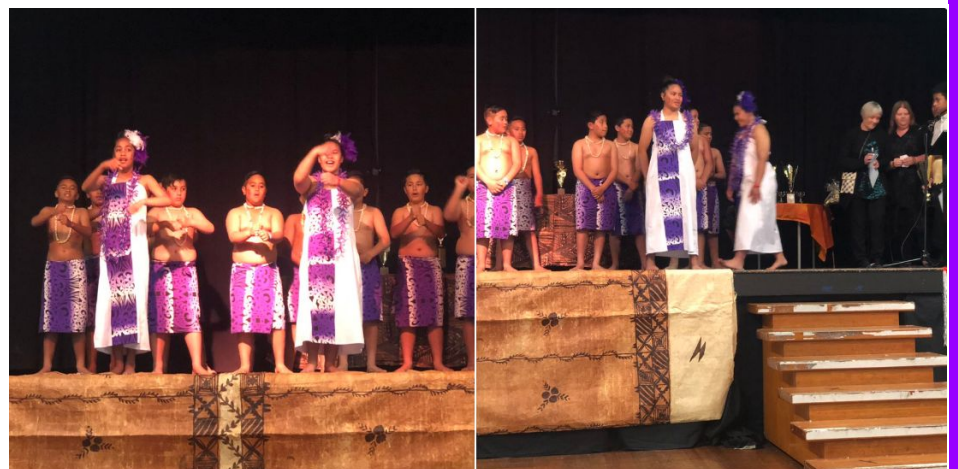
School is definitely a busy, but fun place to be for our students, with lots of diverse learning opportunities. It is important that our children are at school every day, and on time to make the most of these opportunities. Every day counts!

Ngā mihi nui,
Janeane Reid

Pasifika Awards Evening

On Thursday, October 18th, Linwood College held their annual Pasifika Awards evening to acknowledge the accomplishments of many of our Pasifika students. This year, local primary schools from our Kahui Ako were invited to attend and also perform at the event.

We were very proud of the Te Waka Unua students who represented us. Congratulations to Lambano Uili and Semisi Kavainutuu who were voted as our award winners on the night for their leadership skills, commitment to school, and participation in a range of school activities.



Every Day Matters!

Having our students present is vital for their success at school and later in life. The research tells us that the fewer days students are at school, the less chance they have of achieving. Missing school isn't just about missing learning, it's also about all the other opportunities that are missed - every day matters!

Visiting Storyteller



The storyteller from the Story Telling Vending Machine visited classes on Thursday. He creates spellbinding stories based on audience suggestions. Lots of fun!

Environmentalists



Some children from Team Pūkeko learnt about rubbish and how it is harming our environment. This lesson was completely student interest led and when they were finished, this amazing group went around our school grounds and picked up all of the rubbish they could see! We are very proud of how much they care about our environment.

School Enrolment Zone

Te Waka Unua School has an enrolment zone. If you live outside the designated zone, you will need to apply for your child to gain an out of zone placement, even for siblings of students who are currently enrolled.

We advise you to apply for the ballot two terms before your child is due to start school as ballots are held in week 5 of each term, for students starting the following term.

Yoga in Team Pīwakawaka



Tuākana Tēina – Team Ruru



It was great to spot these guys outside reading together on a recent fine day. Koia kei a koutou!

Team Weka

Team Weka has a science focus this term. They are learning lots about all sorts of science, including the Water Cycle, water density, chemical reactions, etc.



Floating egg Experiment



Glasses filled with flour, sugar, water and salt

SUNHATS FOR TERM 4



In Term 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear an approved sunhat when outdoors, as we are a Sunsmart school.

Hats can be purchased for \$14.00 through our school uniform supplier, Aly Mclean.

Drumming

Whaea Litia has been teaching lots of classes across the school how to play the drums. The students have really enjoyed learning to use the drumsticks and to keep in time with the beats.



Technology Taster Day



Last week, while the Year 7 & 8 students were out at camp, our Year 6 tamariki were able to attend technology classes at Phillipstown for a taste of what they will learn next year.

Tuesday Touch at Bromley Park

Te Waka Unua has nine teams participating in the Bromley Touch Module every Tuesday after school. We have around 90 students playing in teams entered in the following categories: Year 0-2 Mixed, Year 3-4 Mixed, Year 5-6 Mixed, Year 5-6 Boys, Year 7-8 Mixed. It is fantastic to see so many of our tamariki out enjoying themselves with all the whānau support.

Thanks to all the staff and parents who help to make this possible.



Year 0-2 Te Wakamons



Year 5-6 Te Waka Purple



Year 3-4 Te Waka Tigers



Year 0-2 Te Waka Leopards

Our School Kiwican Programme

Our Kiwican programme teaches values such as integrity and respect, and delivers fun-filled learning for our students. Currently our students are learning to 'keep calm and in control to help us reach our goals'.



Year 7/8 School Camp

Our Year 7 & 8 students headed out to Waipara for three days last week. Despite some rain, they had a lot of fun and had many new experiences.

