



# NEWSLETTER August 2022

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## Principal's message

Tena koutou katoa,  
Welcome to term 3! It's great to be here!

Our theme for the term is Aotearoa New Zealand and in particular we are focusing on famous/well known New Zealanders along with our athletes competing in the Commonwealth Games. Our visual Arts focus is geometric art and silhouettes based on our theme. Our Edible Gardens for Kids (KEGS) programme will be up and running and our first task will be to get the shade house back in action.

**Carving-** On my arrival I noticed a fabulous carving at the entrance of the school. I have yet to find out the story behind it. If you were a pupil/parent when the carving was installed or know someone who was, and can share any information at all, it would most appreciated. It's a mystery to be solved.

**Tiger worms-** The school has a fabulous hungry worm bin that will provide us with valuable worm wee and casings for our garden and to sell. If you have any tiger worms to spare, we'd love to be able to increase our worm population.

**Ski trip-** The whole school annual ski trip has been booked for the 23rd/24th and 25th of August at the Rainbow Ski Area, Nelson Lakes. Please pop the dates on your calendar now. This is a fabulous Waitaria Bay School tradition and one I'd like to honour and uphold. Although the timing will be tight, I will get further details out to families in a separate newsletter as soon as possible.

**Principal's contact number-** my work cell phone number is 022 302 4896. This is the number to text me on when you are trying to get a message through. Please note that when I'm teaching, I'm fully focused on the students in front of me so I may not get back to you immediately, it will either be during the lunch break time or after school. This week my teaching days run from Thursday 4th through to Wednesday 10th August.

**Covid-** while we have been fortunate so far, Covid is affecting our families and community. Thank you all for keeping your child/ren home if they are unwell, observing the 7 day isolation period and undertaking RAT testing when needed. Please remember to inform the school if you have a positive case/and or have family members self isolating. The staff are wearing masks while indoors for their own protection and the protection of others. We are monitoring our air quality and ventilation and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces etc. The school has ample RAT to share with families. Please also be in touch if you need further support.

**Weetbix-** The school has an abundant supply of Weetbix. While we will keep some on hand for hungry children we'd love to share them out among our families. If you are driving past feel free to pop in to the staffroom and grab a box or 2 or 3, alternatively email the office and we can send them home with your child/ren.

**WANTED- A local artist-** Waitaria Bay School would like to partner with a local artist in 2023 by applying for funding through the Creatives in Schools initiative. Should our application be successful, our students would work with the artist and the artist would be funded through the Ministry of Education. The deadline for

applications is 21 August 2002. and we would need to work on the application as soon as possible. If you know of a local artist who might be interested please send them our way. More information is available via the link, or just come and chat to Bard or Tineke.

<https://artsonline.tki.org.nz/Teaching-and-Learning/Creatives-in-schools>

**Annual Calendar Fundraiser-** Now is the time to send in your fabulous photos for the annual calendar. Please email them to [office@waitariabay.school.nz](mailto:office@waitariabay.school.nz) and be in touch with Agi for further details.

**Social Fridays-** I understand that Social Fridays are an opportunity to build community and raise funds for the school. At this stage I have not committed the school for 2022 as I'd like to know how many families would like to be part of organising the Social Fridays on behalf of the school and how often during the year. In the meantime I am clarifying some of the finer details with the Hall Committee Executive. Please let me know if you would be keen to be part of this group.

**Absences-** Please inform the office if your child is going to be absent, either through a voice message on the school phone, an email or by texting 022 302 4896. This is a parental responsibility and ensures that we know that our students are safe and that we can report accurate attendance data to the Ministry of Education. Unexplained absences are noted as truant.

## School Term Dates for 2022

Term Three: 25 July 2022 to 30 September 2022

Term Four: 17 October 2022 to 16th December 2022

Week	Date	What	Where	Who
<b>Week 2</b> <b>1-7</b> <b>Aug</b>	4 August	Nominations close for School Board	Via email or paper copy from the office	Returning Officer Everyone
<b>Week 3</b> <b>8-14</b> <b>Aug</b>				
<b>Week 4</b> <b>15-21</b> <b>Aug</b>	15 August 21 August	School Board Meeting Creatives in Schools Applications close	Office Office	Board members Tineke
<b>Week 5</b> <b>22-28</b> <b>Aug</b>	23rd/24/25th ski days	Whole School Ski Trip	Rainbow Ski Area	Everyone
<b>Week 6</b> <b>29-4</b> <b>Sept</b>	1 Sept	Manaroa Official Litter Survey		
<b>Week 7</b> <b>5-11</b> <b>Sept</b>	8 Sept	Pig Bay Official Litter Survey		
<b>Week 8</b> <b>12-18</b> <b>Sept</b>	12th September 13th September 14-16th September	School Board Meeting Marlborough Principals Assoc Mtg. NZPF Conference	Office Kaikoura Christchurch	Board members Tineke Tineke
<b>Week 9</b> <b>19-25</b> <b>Sept</b>				
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## Playgroup & Pre School 2022



Playgroup/Pre School is weekly, **on Wednesdays.**

This year we have arranged for the preschoolers to be up in the top classroom with us so that we can all enjoy working on activities together. Come along and join us, every Wednesday in term time, **10.00 am start - 12.00ish finish time.**

