



WAITARIA BAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2022- End of Term 1

Principal's Message

He mihi mahana tēnei ki a koutou - warm greetings to you all!

Well, here we are, close to the end of what has been an extraordinary first term of 2022!

We have had an exceptionally positive term, with a huge amount of learning, adventure and fun! We have welcomed 5 new students to the school, bringing our role to 19 students, the healthiest it has been in many years.

Unlike all other schools in the province we have not needed to cancel any of our planned activities this term. The students have had a wonderful amount of cross curricular learning activities and events including:

- First aid training by St John.
- Road safety and Online safety education by Josh, our community Police Officer.
- Emergency response training and education from Civil Defence which included education in the earthquake simulator.
- A full day of swim safe training in the school pool with the Stadium swimming instructors.
- We took a thoroughly educational trip on the Steadfast yacht to Kaipupu point learning a raft of information about conservation, sustainability, trapping, predators, sea life and the history of sailing. We also included a short trip to the Picton Foreshore playground in to this trip as a very fun addition to a great day!
- We have completed 2 beach cleans this term, one at Manaroa for Aquaculture New Zealand, this was supported by Amanda from Ocean Grid and parent help, Kelly. The second was a whole school beach clean at 'Pig bay' where we logged the information in the Sustainable Coastlines National database. We will complete this beach clean once a term, to generate, compare and observe a picture of data from this area.
- We've utilised our 'back yard' here at Waitaria Bay, with many walks to the beach for writing, reading, picnics and art. The tamariki love connecting with our local environment and getting out and about to benefit from the amazing location of our school.

All of this, and not to forget the amazing weekly music lessons from Kristina and Paul which are paid through the generous support of the Jack Checkley trust. We've seen so much growth in the children's learning and confidence this term with their music lessons. Watch this space for our school song, composed and performed by our very own Waitaria Bay School students!

I'd like to thank the wonderful school staff who have been resilient and supportive as we continually navigate new health and safety rules, and the uncertainty of potentially cancelled events and trips. Their support of the students is exceptional, and their hard work has been pivotal in the success of the school through this challenging time.

We would like to say a fond farewell to Robbie, and acknowledge her work as a cleaner for the school over the past years. We welcome Mathilda back as our permanent school cleaner and look forward to having her back on the team.

We have been incredibly fortunate that we have not been affected by Covid-19 in the school this year so far. We believe this in part to the excellent safety and cleaning measures we have in place, as well as responsible and vigilant parents who have kept their children home when they are unwell.

New Zealand moves to Orange as of today, so next term masks will be optional in school for students and staff. Students aged 12 and up, and staff, will be required to wear masks on Ministry of Education funded school transport. We will continue to keep all other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of Covid-19. This includes ventilating indoor spaces (please send your child with a warm jersey), maintaining good hand hygiene and ensuring children stay at home when unwell.

It will remain a requirement that parents and visitors to the school site wear a mask on site at this time.

With minimal opportunities for fundraising over the past few terms due to Covid, we would like to thank The Rudkin Family, Aquaculture NZ, and the students(who won \$500 for their sea week activities from the Cawthron Institution) for their generous support of the school. School donations are important for us as a small school, and this money goes directly to support students learning.

We will be looking at fundraising opportunities for the school as the year progresses.

We are very much looking forward to next term and the amazing learning experiences and teaching we have planned.

Have a fantastic Easter! Take care and hopefully enjoy some sunshine and time outdoors.

Nga mihi,
Laura

Check out our Fun Filled Term!



K.E.G's- Kids Edible Gardens

By Keri

It has been a busy term in the garden!

We kicked off the year with an abundance of red tomatoes on our plants, and the excitement that our native nursery had taken off too! We hope that we can grow our own native plants to plant around the school, and also to sell in our plant shop.

Earlier in the term, we made bird scarers out of tinfoil to keep the birds off our apples!

We have grown and eaten our own sprouts and microgreens. We learned about beneficial and non beneficial weeds in the garden as well as herbs and their uses i.e. medicinal, companion planting and insect repelling.

Over the past weeks we have been winterising our garden, collecting the last of the beans, weeding and turning the soil. We have also been making pine cone and nectar bird feeders to help our feathered friends through the winter.

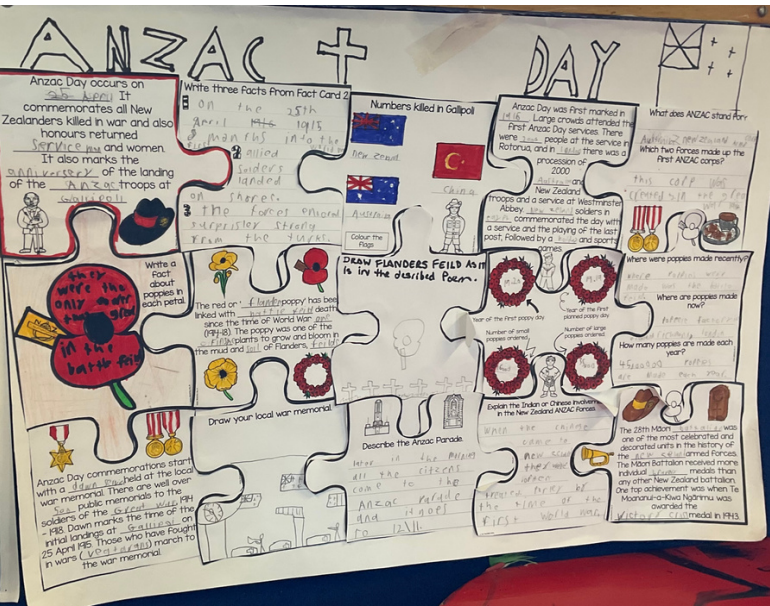
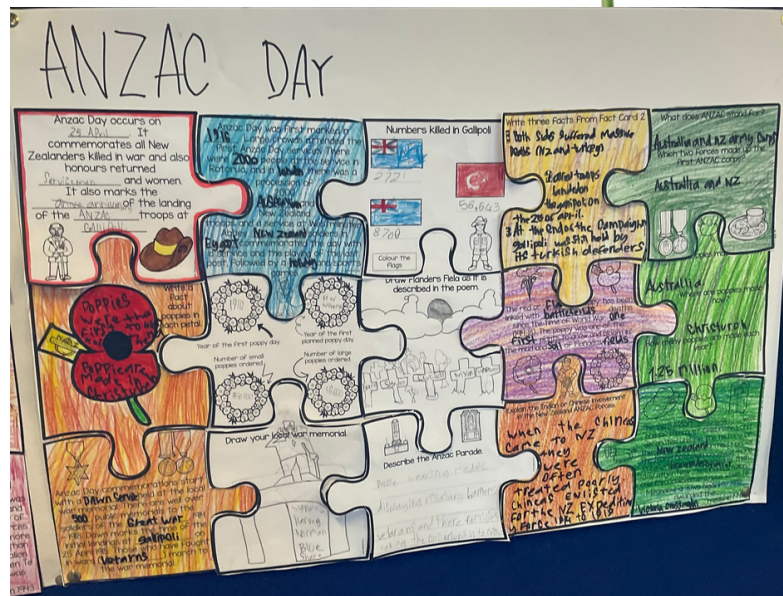
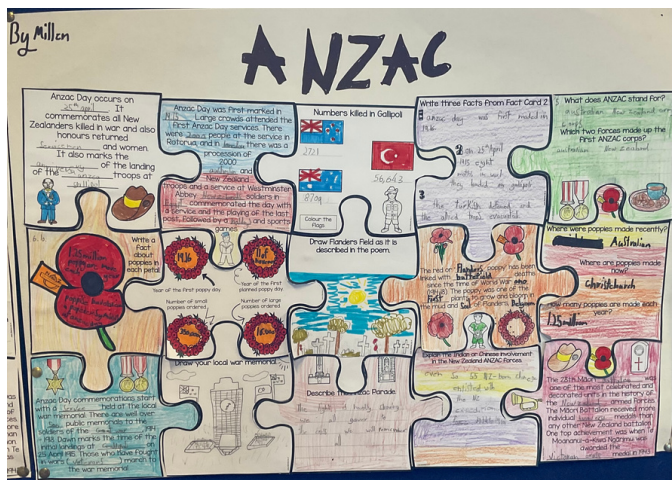
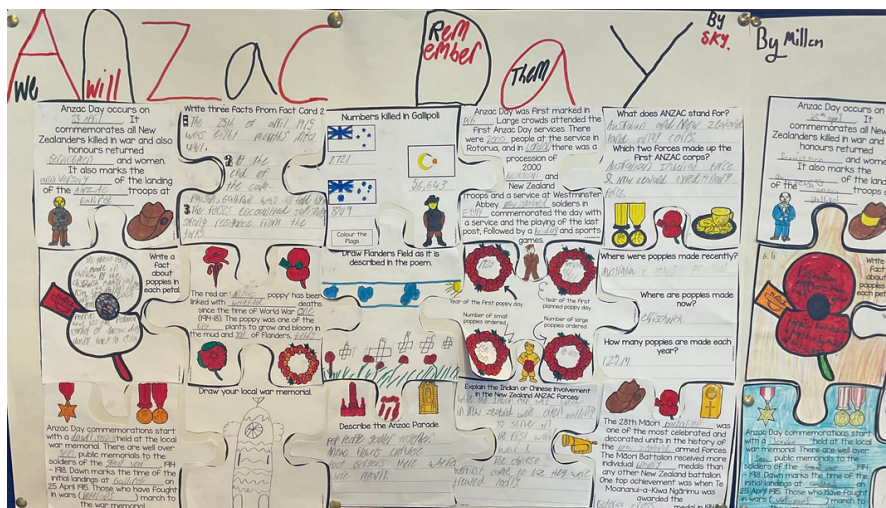
Next term we will plant the garden in winter crops and continue our school wide trapping programme.



Anzac Study

Miss Keane has been working hard with the senior students on a comprehensive study of Anzac day. The students also studied the significance of the poppy, created their own, and put them in place at our Anzac memorial across the road from the school. Head on down to Waitaria Bay and have a look.

Take a look here at some of their amazing work.



COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL NOTICES

Waitaria Bay School Library

Open every day

Upcoming Events

Term 2 Start Date:
2nd May 2022

BoT Meeting
9th May & 20th June 2022

Maud Island Trip 2022
Year 4-8 Students
May 11th and 12th

Pig Bay Beach Clean
2nd June 2022

Field based STEM- Localised Curriculum
8th-10th June 2022.

Matariki Breakfast (TBC)
21st June 2022

Matariki public holiday (school closed)
24th June 2022

Last day of term
8th July 2022



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