

## Newsletter 17 May 2019

### Kia Ora

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving. On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

### Ka Kite

Joslyn Henry Teaching Principal  
Bailey Burr Year One Beginning Teacher  
Jo Smith Principal Release Teacher  
Michelle Houghton Experienced Teacher

### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

#### Term 2

22 May Home & School Meeting  
23 May Waimea Cross Country - Waikaia  
27 May Sports Activator  
29 May Principals/Teachers Strike Day -  
School Closed  
3 Jun Queens Birthday  
6 Jun Northern Cross Country - Waikaia  
21 Jun Southland Cross Country

#### Term 3

22 Jul - 27 Sept (10 weeks)  
16 Aug School Ski Trip - TBC

**Waimea Cross Country - children picked up from school before 12.30 please**  
**Reminder - if home bus is required please let us know by 9am so we can organise bus driver/s**

### Junior Room

This week has been very busy for the Junior room. We are well under way with our passion project programme of making toys. All the children have decided on what toy they want to make and are doing some further research into what this may look like, next week we will begin to figure out what materials we need for this. Very exciting. We have also been doing some art around geometric shapes which is the theme of the Riversdale arts this year, we already know we are going to have some awesome art displayed there. Here is some of the completed art so far, if you want to see more pop in to school and come have a look!



## Board of Trustee Election For Waikaia School 21 June 2019

Nomination forms will be sent to all eligible voters by Friday 24th May.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 7th June and may be accompanied by a signed candidates statement.

The voting roll will be open at the school from Monday 20th May and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates names as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Signed  
Wendy Jane Williamson  
Returning Officer

## GOOD LUCK


To the Waikaia Volunteer Fire Brigade Members who are participating in the Sky Tower Stair Challenge tomorrow.

**GO** Stacey, Jock, Jamie, Scott, Bill and Jake.

### Public Health Nurse Visit


- Thursday 23 May 2019
- Thursday 20 June 2019
- At Waikaia School

Contact Eileen Ryan, Public Health Nurse for an appointment on:  
03 248 7997, 027 446 3707 or  
[Eileen.ryan@southerndhb.govt.nz](mailto:Eileen.ryan@southerndhb.govt.nz)



**Home Based educator**

**Miemie Botes**  
Wendonside, Eilatour, Waikaria South end



**Kia ora!**

My name is Miemie. I am married and we have 2 dogs who are part of our family, we live at Wendonside. I have 5 years experience as a nanny and I absolutely love children. I have a certificate in caring for children and I am also currently studying child and youth counselling.

I decided to become an educator as I want to help children grow their own personality and develop to their fullest potential. To be an Educator is not just a job for me but something very close to my heart and something I absolutely love to do.

**About my home, environment and community**

My home is situated in the Wendonside countryside with a great outdoor play area where there is plenty of room for children to run, play and explore. It is fully fenced and contains 2 dogs and their kennels.

We have a great local Māndy community in Wendonside where we all know each other. Each day is different and exciting with the children whether we are at home or out and about in the community.




My Visiting Teacher Kim Herley visits me regularly to observe the children's progress and supports me to build my knowledge and practice. Kim will update you regularly about your child.

**Starting June 2019 Enquire now.**

To meet Miemie please call  
**Ruth Lishout, Early Learning Consultant**  
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0800 BARNARDOS (0800 227 627)  
[bel.org.nz](http://bel.org.nz)

**Care availability**

-  0 – 5 years old
-  Monday – Friday
-  8am – 5pm

**Learning experiences**

Jacking, arts and crafts, music and singing, free play outdoors.


 I will care your child e. akapaka to whaihu - child's learning w. to you.

**Training and Certificates**

- Barnardos Practice Certificate (2019)
- First Aid cert Waikaria
- Certificate in Care for Children

**Regular Outings**

- Playgroup
- Music
- Storytime
- Playgroup

 Kia ake ai te honga taitamariki ki nga rangi 10835



## Jingo Night

Friday 24th May 2019  
7.30pm  
Riversdale Rugby Club Rooms

**Tickets \$30 per person**

Includes

- 1 card per 4 rounds
- Non Alcoholic Drink
- Nibbles on Table
- Supper

Musical Bingo!

Come along and support  
[Riversdale Playcentre](http://Riversdale Playcentre)

Prizes for the Jingo Winners!  
Raffles sold on the night

To purchase tickets contact  
Nicole on 027 654 9118