

# Waikaia School



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## Newsletter 15 February 2019

Kia Ora

Konichiwa, our year 7 and 8 students; Luke, Thomas, Sam and Mitchell have begun learning Japanese, along with their peers from the Country school's programme- Knapdale, Otama, Te Tipua and Waikaka. This term they meet on Tuesday's at Otama School.

We welcome Martin Hazelwood (Year 6) and his family to Waikaia School, along with a new teaching staff member Mrs Michelle Houghton. Michelle will support Miss Bailey Burr in the Junior Room one day a week as a beginning teacher mentor. Mrs Victoria Buchanan is helping with our Waiata practice for the Matura Cultural Festival (7th March)

We would like to thank Mrs Brenda Thompson for her service as our school cleaner, and wish her the best for whatever she chooses next. (see advert to the right)

Parents will have received a bombardment of information on school sores (Impetigo) this week. It is vital that we are all super vigilant checking for this highly contagious infection, as it spreads so quickly and can only be treated by antibiotics. Children who have already had impetigo are more likely to be reinfected. Many of our students contracted school sores over the christmas break.

Next week the school parents prepare for this years major fundraiser- The Waikaia School Family Trail Bike Ride. Held at Glenaray on the 23rd and 24th February. All hands on deck! As a small school it is important we all share the load. Please contact Megan Horrell or Stacey Cunningham for more information on ways you can help.

Ka Kite  
Joslyn Henry

### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

#### Term 1

21 Feb	Trail Bike Ride Main Set-up – PM
23-24 Feb	Family Trail Bike Ride Fundraiser
27 Feb	Home & School Meeting
1 Mar	Waimea Athletics (postponement date Mon 4 Mar)
7 Mar	Matura Cultural Festival
15 Mar	Life Education Bus
15-26 Apr	School Holidays

### **Waikaia School Cleaner Vacancy**

Our wonderful school is on the look out for a daily cleaner to join our team (after school hours).

Please contact Principal Jos Henry for any information regarding the cleaners position and a copy of the cleaners job description either by phone or emailing [principal@waikaia.school.nz](mailto:principal@waikaia.school.nz)

Applications close 3pm  
Thursday 21 February 2019.



#### School newsletter update February 2019 – It's Time/Kua Tae Te Wā

You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with government in January, our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry. The Government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for a quality public education for every child. We believe that winning more time to teach, a significant pay jolt to attract and keep people in teaching, and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. These meetings will be held during school time and we will advise you nearer the time about how this will impact on our school community.

Public polling has showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. Parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

### **Meet Martin**



Martin came from Woodend, North Canterbury. He came down for a change of scenery. He turns 11 in March. He has a little brother called William. Martin plays rugby and, he likes to ride his motorbike. He also likes to fish and hunt. He is quite fast and enjoys sprints. His dad has a couple of dogs. Martin is looking forward to the School Motorbike ride.

**SAVE THE DATE NOW!**

**2019 WAIKAIA SCHOOL FAMILY TRAIL BIKE RIDE**  
23-24 February

Glenaray Station, Piano Flat Road, Waikaia

**FAMILY TRAIL BIKE RIDE**  
Specifically designed for riders 18yrs and under & suitable for the whole family!  
REGISTRATIONS FROM 8:30-1:00PM and TRACKS OPEN 9AM-4PM  
\$30 entry per day (5yrs+) | \$10 entry per day (under 5)

**FREE OVERNIGHT CAMPING**  
Make the most of this 2 day event and spend Friday and/or Saturday night amongst the stunning scenery!  
BBO lunch available to purchase both days!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DETAILS  
www.myrides.co.nz | Waikaia School Family Trail Ride | Tina Mann 027 562 9915

**No Quiz this month at the Waikaia Hotel**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

- Saturday 16th February 2019
- Riversdale Community Centre
- Doors open 6.15pm
- Quiz Starts 7.00pm
- \$20.00 per team of 4

Cash bar available

Come along to help raise funds to send our Riversdale School year 7 and 8's to school camp in Dunedin.

Any prizes for the raffle table would be greatly appreciated.

**Gore Chimney Cleaning**

Doug will be in Waikaia and the surrounding district carrying out the yearly clean and check of Wood/Coal fires.

Dates: Monday 25th Feb to Friday 1st Mar 2019

Contact: Doug or Robyn 03 2081122 Home  
Doug 02102301236 Mobile

**Mobile Library Timetable**

Waikaia School

Thursday 21 February 2019

9am - 10.30am

**Please return all children's books back to school or send a note to renew them.**

**WAIKAIA RECREATION CENTRE MEETING**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 8pm  
Waikaia Recreation Centre

All new members are welcome to attend  
The Treasurer's position is currently vacant  
Come along and help to ensure we make the best of this great community asset  
Any questions/apologies, please contact:  
David McKee  
202 7874

**Fun Day Out**

LEUKAEMIA & BLOOD CANCER NZ FUNDRAISER WAIKAIA  
SATURDAY 16TH MARCH  
MAIN STREET WAIKAIA FROM 11AM

Six Waikaia Volunteer Fire Brigade members are participating in the Sky Tower Stair Challenge 2019. Help them raise money for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer NZ