

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS!

- Thursday 11 February at 5 pm - Family BBQ and Meet the teacher evening.
- Monday 15 February at 7pm - BOT meeting
- 15-26 February - School swimming
- Friday 19 February at 2pm - Full school assembly at the Events Centre



WAIKOUAITI PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10 February 2010 Term 1 Week 2

Nau mai Haere mai

A very warm welcome to the 2010 school year. It is lovely to be here in your wonderful school. All our classes are busy inquiring into our big question for the term 'Why does our National Anthem have two languages?' Classes have been reading an amazing little book called 'The Tree Hut Treaty' in which neighbouring children have to solve their conflict over who owns the tree. This has related well to finding out about the Treaty of Waitangi and its significance in our lives today. I thank you all for the very nice welcome to Waikouaiti, and look forward to meeting up with you at tomorrow evening's barbecue.

Warm regards
Dorothy Butterfield

CLASSROOM NEWS

ROOM 1

Nau Mai Haere Mai – Welcome to Room 1. What a great start to the year we have had in Room 1, getting to know each other and making friends. We welcome Greg and Jack to the school and hope they have fun. Our focus for Room 1 this term is Social Science, looking at biculturalism and "Why does the National anthem have 2 languages?"

We have just finished our classroom treaty. Swimming starts next week. I have an open door policy so feel free to catch up with me after class.
Na Miss Thorne

ROOM 2

Kia ora from Room Two! What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Room Two. The children have adapted very well to new routines and we are well under way with this year's learning journey. This Term's topic question is "Why does our National Anthem have two languages?" We have begun by taking a look at the Treaty of Waitangi and making our own Room Two Treaty. You are very welcome to come and have a look at our Treaty and the steps we took in making it.
Louise Ritchie

ROOM 3

Kiaora from Room 3. We are already into week 2 and the children have been doing some great learning and activities. For the past week we have been learning about the Treaty of Waitangi. We have completed a number of activities related to this including making our own classroom treaty. Our theme for this term is a Social Science inquiry on 'Why does New Zealand's National Anthem have two languages?' The children have begun the process of finding out what they already know and we will be also researching some Maori traditions, Marae Protocol and learning our Mihi. In Maths we are learning how to investigate and gather and sort data in Statistics. The children are learning a number

of ways to display this on different charts including bar charts, pictograms and tally charts. We also have our portraits well underway and hope to have these completed by the end of week. Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you at the meet the teacher barbecue on Thursday.

Miss Burgess

ROOM 4

It has been a pleasure to be in Room 4 for the past week. The children are delightful, polite and very capable. I look forward to a productive year. Room 4 is settling into routines and the children and I have been getting to know each other. We have begun our Maori unit which incorporates aspects of Tikanga, The Treaty of Waitangi and exploring why the National Anthem has two languages. In maths we are working on addition and subtraction and basic facts. For maths strand we are exploring geometry. In language we are studying how to write a recount. Looking at the Who, What, When, Why and How in writing about personal experiences. Spelling words are given out on a Monday. Work is done on these during school time but children are also expected to practice these at home during the week. Homework goes home on a Monday and returned on a Friday. In reading we are reading Myths and Legends of different cultures. Our swimming time next week is 10-15am - 11.00am Mon and Wed. 10.45-11.15am Thursday. I look forward to meeting you all on Thursday at the meet the teacher evening.

Cheryl Neill

ROOM 5

What a blur the last two weeks has been for all of us here in Room 5. We have been extremely busy creating a learning environment that is supportive and caring whilst also getting as much of the necessary testing underway and out of the way. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know all of the students and some of their parents and I look forward to meeting the rest of you as the year progresses. This term we will be investigating the many different reasons 'Why our National Anthem has Two Languages' as our big question and we have some very interesting and exciting things planned for this. Swimming is coming up quickly in weeks three and four followed by a visit to a Marae in week 6. I have a sneaking suspicion this term is going to fly past faster than I'd like but the last of our classroom routines is finally set up so all should run fairly smoothly from here on out (fingers crossed). We will be looking at measurement this term in maths with ongoing work on our numeracy skills and in writing we will look at Recounts. Keep learning, keep smiling.

Mr Cowan

FAMILY BARBECUE
MEET THE TEACHER EVENING
THURSDAY 11 AT 5:00pm

We are looking forward to meeting all our families at tomorrow evening's barbecue. Come along at 5 o'clock for a sausage and bread, and then onto the classrooms at 6 o'clock, when teachers will talk about their class programmes and expectations.

If you are unable to make it tomorrow evening we would like to remind you that we are always happy to find time to talk with parents. Just pop in and arrange a suitable time.

HATS

With summer here at last it is a timely reminder about the wearing of sunhats. Everyone is required to wear a hat if playing outside on sunny days. New school hats are available from the school office at a cost of \$9.00.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Everyone will have received information about our swimming programme, which takes place over the next fortnight 15 - 26 February. Thank you to families who have returned their permission slips and a reminder that we would like these back by the end of the week. The school has employed Cherie Oldham to coach all class sessions and we feel very fortunate to have Cherie working with us. There will be two teachers at each swimming session as well, so our children should definitely benefit from their swimming lessons. Payment for transport to swimming should be paid to the school office. \$18.00 for Room 3 (six swimming sessions) and \$21.00 for Rooms 4 & 5 (seven swimming sessions). If your child is in Rooms 1 & 2 and you are available to assist with transport, please let us know.

SCHOOL VALUES

Throughout the year our school values of

- Excellence - Hiranga
- Integrity - Pono
- Curiosity - Pakiki
- Community and Participation - Whai wai-tanga

will be encouraged, modelled and explored by our students. During term 1 we will have a particular focus on Curiosity (Pakiki) with staff encouraging our students to be eager to know and learn something new in our learning experiences this term.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the rodeo breakfast on Sunday. It was a successful morning raising over \$600 for the school, to go towards the purchase of literacy resources.

ASSEMBLY Friday 19 February

All families are invited to join us for our first assembly for 2010. 2:pm at the Events Centre.

2010 SCHOOL FAIR

If you would like to be on the Fair Committee for October this year, there will be a meeting on Monday 15 February at 10:00am in the school library. Any queries, please see Sonya Billyard or Loraine Clearwater.

WAIKOUAITI SCHOOL 150th REUNION

The Waikouaiti School 150th Reunion is planned for Labour weekend this year. Our next meeting is on Tuesday February 16th at 7.00pm. (Next Tuesday) in the school Library. **We need more help.** (office bearers have been appointed). All the basic planning is in place and registration of interest forms have been circulated. More of your time will be required nearer to Labour weekend.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees triennial elections take place on 7th May 2010. Shortly before 15th March I will call for nominations for 5 parent representatives and 1 staff representative, so please give this your consideration. In the meantime I am updating the school database with names and addresses. All parents or immediate caregivers are eligible to vote, so **PLEASE** advise the school office of any change in your address and contact details as soon as possible.

office@waikouaiti.school.nz 4657 225 or pop in and let Pam know.

Jill Brocket - Returning Officer

EASTERN JUNIOR RUGBY

Eastern Junior Rugby AGM is to be held at the Waihemo Lodge meeting room, at 7.30 on Wednesday 17th February. If you have an interest in your childrens rugby, please come along. Any enquires phone Christine 4651 681.

Any Eastern Junior Rugby Jerseys must be returned now. If you have a rugby jersey at home, please bring it to your school office for collection.

Thank you for your co-operation

Christine Ollerenshaw
Secretary

ONE FISH TWO FISH THREE FISH

Judith Cullen and Aaron Cooper

Fillet cook and Prepare Local Seafood

Support St Clair Surf Life Saving Club Team

Travelling to Nationals at Whakatane Mar 12,13,14

Kings High School Auditorium

Thursday 25th February

7 pm Tickets \$20

For more info contact stclairslsc@xtra.co.nz

Tickets Available from Jo Silich 4657776

HOUSE TO RENT

Three bedroom, sunny home with carport. Available soon.
Phone Karen 0272 595 087

HIP HOP DANCING

Age: Primary school children

When: Thursdays (school terms)

Time: 5.00—5.45pm

Where: Waikouaiti Events Centre

Cost: \$5 per class

Classes start back on Thursday 11 February. If you would like more information please phone Megan Webb 0276 344 393

SWIM CLUB

Swim Club started on the 2 February. Please contact Cherie if you have any queries. 4657 996