

Waikaka School Newsletter ~ published fortnightly on Friday

Friday 3rd May 2024 ~ Term 2 Week 1

SCHOOL MOTTO - LEARNING FOR LIFE

Waikaka School cultivates a culture that inspires all to achieve beyond what they thought possible
E hara taku toa i te takitahi, he toa takitini
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective

Co-operation - Noho Tahi Be compassionate and respectful to each other

Collaboration - Mahi Ngatahi We're in this together, work as a collective

Competition - Tauwhāinga By giving your all, your excellence will show



Privet (привет) Hello in Russian - Welcome back to Term 2 everybody!

I hope you have all managed to spend some time with your family and friends over the last couple of weeks. Spending time with our loved ones is so important!

I want to thank everybody for 'Grandparent's Day' which was held on the last day of Term 1. It was an absolutely exceptional turnout. We had around 70 visitors! In all my time teaching I have never experienced a 'Grandparents Day' and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Seeing the children interacting with their Grandparents and whānau / family was heartwarming. This day truly captured the essence of Waikaka (I believe)... which is unity, people coming together to show connection and to learn from one another.

Anzac Day was spent remembering those who lost their lives in the war. It was a honour to attend the Waikaka service this year. You will be very proud of a group of our Year 7 / 8 children who represented our school at the service by laying a wreath, reciting a poem and reading out the names of lost soldiers. It was also great to see many other Waikaka children and community members in attendance, representing local organisations.

Currently our children are enjoying their lunch orders from the local Waikaka Hotel. Thank you so much for having the cash and orders to our school office by 11am on Wednesdays. I know that this can be a frustrating situation for you as caregivers... as sometimes you may not have cash etc. Please know that this procedure has completely streamlined our lunch orders and made it less time consuming and easier to track money, than it was previously.

School interviews are next week on Wednesday the 8th of May. Children will be going home at 12.30pm on Wednesday. **Buses will be leaving at the same time.** This is to allow time for teachers to organise themselves for 1pm interviews. The interviews will provide information about how your child is settling in and goal setting. Please book a timeslot for an interview. This can be done through Skool Loop or by contacting Helen in our office - office@waikaka.school.nz

It is going to be another busy term with many events coming up. Have a wonderful weekend, all the very best for duck shooting weekend and be safe. Check out FACEBOOK for some pictures of our dress up 'Duck shooters' day today.

Kia ora rawa atu. This means 'Thank you very much' in te reo Māori.

Nicola Millar Principal / Tumuaki

Nga Mahi ~ Thank you

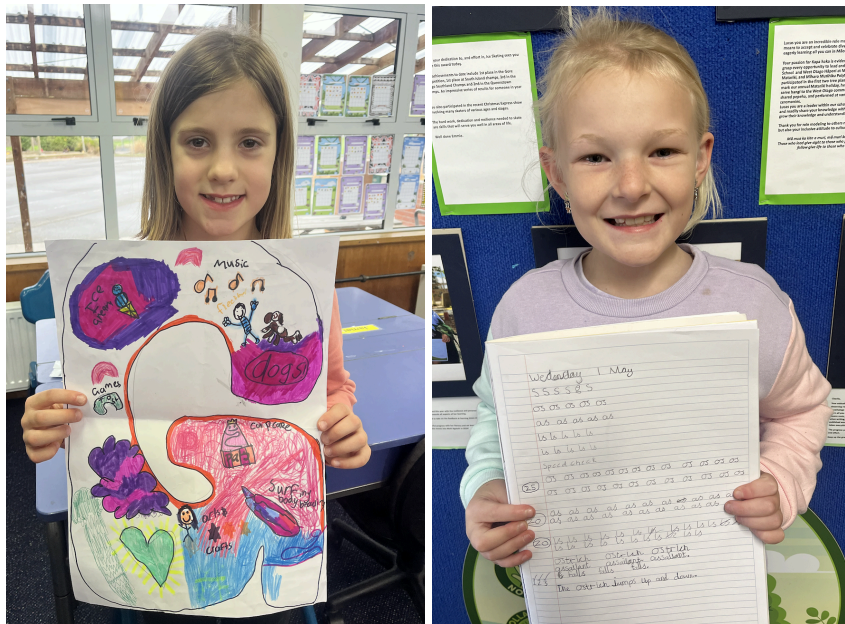
- To all of our wonderful Grandparents and special guests who attended Grandparents Day last term.
- To the Waikaka Cricket Club for paying the students subs for last year and this year into the Super Smash competition. Thank you very much.

Waikaka Wonders

Mrs Millar was walking through Waikaka School and found...



A group of Noho Tahī children who were busy learning how to write, read and say the letter M. Magnificent mahi, munchkins! Mrs Millar was amazed!



Georgia Hall who was designing a beautiful piece of art using the first letter of her name as inspiration. Georgia was very proud of her work. It's amazing Georgia!

Laura Chittock who wanted to share her handwriting. Laura explained how she has progressed in her learning. "My handwriting is so much tidier and easier to read now". Great stuff Laura!



★ Anzac Day! ★

★ WAIKAKA COMMUNITY, 2024 ★



Grandparents Day!
WAIKAKA SCHOOL, 2024

****Knitting****

Mahi Ngatahi (Room 4) want to introduce the wonderful skill of knitting to our students. We are looking for some wonderful community members that may have some time to give on Mondays and/or Tuesdays between 11am-12:40pm, to come in and give our students knitting lessons.

Knitting is a great way to improve focus, memory, fine motor skills, pencil grip and a fantastic activity to do during these cold winter months.

All knitting needles and yarn will be provided. Our aim would be to create a class peggy square blanket.

If you are able to lead a hand, please get in contact!

HAY DAY

14th June 2024

Mark this date on your calendar now!

**Any group wishing to assist with the running of Hay Day as a fundraiser please contact Frances Calvert paulandfrances@xtra.co.nz
Thank you**

Events Calendar

8th, 15th & 22nd May Year 7 / 8 children to Māruawai College for Tech

14/05/24 BOT Meeting Staffroom 6pm

08/05/24 Children picked up at 12.30pm for School interviews

08/05/24 School interviews 1pm - 7pm

17/05/24 Pink Shirt Day

17/05/24 Week 3 Assembly - Library 2.15pm

17/05/24 Week 3 Newsletter

24/05/24 WCD Cross Country

27/05/24 Year 7 / 8 Country Schools programme hosted at Waikaka

29th, 30th & 31st May Country Schools camp to Borland Lodge

30/05/24 Week 5 Newsletter

31/05/24 Teachers Only Day - School closed

03/06/24 King's Birthday - School closed

06/06/24 Eastern Cross Country - to confirm

12th, 19th, 26th June and 3rd July Year 7 / 8 children to Māruawai College for Tech

14/06/24 Week 7 Assembly - Library 2.15pm

14/06/24 Week 7 Newsletter

27/06/24 Kāhui Ako Mauri Ora Festival - Tapanui

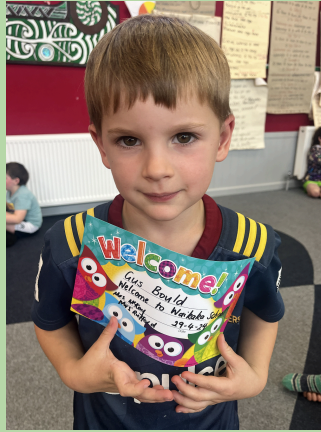
27/06/24 Week 9 Newsletter

28/06/24 Matariki - School closed

05/07/24 Last day of Term 2

Welcome to Waikaka School

A big welcome to Gus Bould in Noho Tahī. We know you are going to love it here!



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[Facebook](#)

School Loop App

Nicola Millar

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Text an absence 027 2072027

Lucky Book Club

Order forms have gone home this week, please have all orders done by Monday 13th of May.

SAUSAGES

We are selling sausages and saveloys again this term for Friday lunches. Please have all orders to the school office by Thursday lunchtime with your money. They are \$3.00 per sausage / saveloy.

For Sale

2014 Kia Cerato Hatchback

134,000km

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\$9000

Ph: Faye Anne Lamb 0274827022

Eggs for sale

\$8 dozen, call Tanya 027 389 0970.

We use School Docs as a way to manage our policies. Policies are always open to consultation in our school community. Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz - Click search for your school. Start typing Waikaka and select from the dropdown list.

Username: waikaka Password: matheson

You will see which policies are under review and you can respond to them as well.





Duck Shooting! All the best to everyone who is going 'Duck Shooting' this weekend. Today we dressed up as 'Duck Shooters'. There has been a fabulous vibe around the school with mai mai's being built, ducks being called in and stories being told! Whānau (families), thank you for your support with all the dress ups and face paint!

SPORTS NOTICES

New Zealand Football

MILO

FANTAILS

**MILO Fantails
Gore Wanderers**

Monday 6th May (8 Weeks)
4.00pm - 5.00pm,
Hyde Park

Fantails Registration
Contact: gorewanderersafc@outlook.co.nz

Southern Football

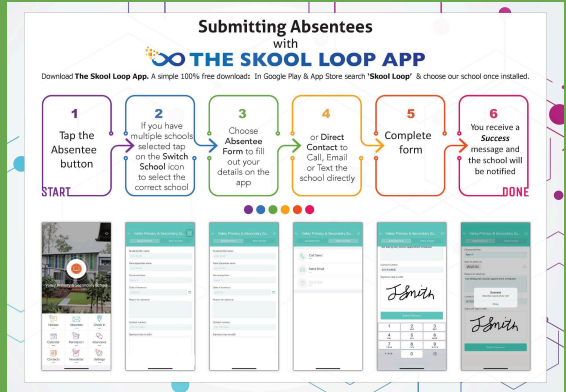
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SCAN ME

Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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AVAILABLE



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St Hilda's Collegiate School

Apr 17 · 🌐

Our St Hilda's Principal, Jackie Barron, Co-Director of Boarding, Robyn McGarry and Tolcarne students, are heading off on their annual Country Visits from 5th - 8th May.

Country Visits are a wonderful opportunity for prospective boarders and their whānau to begin their boarding journey by learning more about both St Hilda's and Tolcarne.

Everyone is welcome. Please register for the location most convenient to you on our website: <https://shcs.school.nz/about/enrolments/event-registration>.

Sunday 5th May - Oamaru
Monday 6th May - Ranfurly & Wanaka
Tuesday 7th May - Arrowtown
Wednesday 8th May - Waikaka & Balclutha



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StoryWalk®



The tree weta burrow is packed to the rafters, but it's much too crowded for one little weta ... she's going to find something bigger and better! Join Weta as she embarks on an mission to find a quiet new home. A letterbox, a kennel, a toilet roll in the outside toilet ... where will Weta relocate?

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

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Gore Town & Country Club
 2 Bury Street, Gore
 on Saturday, 4th of May
 10 am - 3 pm
 Free entry

We'll have a kids corner, where all the cool crafts will be.
 (No cost to your parents.)

Food & Drink Trucks including candy floss, ice cream (and healthy stuff too)

Have a go at:
 weaving, knitting, cross stitch
 pompom animals,
 plaiting rats tails,
 daisy-making

Fibre Animals to meet and pet
 (There will be stuff to keep the adults busy, too.)

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RURAL EDUCATION

Artsy Thursday
 WITH MRS C
 FOR 7-10 YEAR OLD STUDENTS

TO PROVIDE ART TUITION FOR YOUNG STUDENTS WHO SHOW ARTISTIC TENDENCIES IN THEIR DRAWINGS OR CREATIVITY IN THEIR ART MAKING IN GENERAL BUT ARE HUNGRY TO LEARN MORE.

STUDENTS WILL LEARN A WIDE RANGE OF PROCESSES AND TECHNIQUES THAT FOCUS ON DRAWING ACCURACY AND MAKING IT LOOK REAL IN A 3-D WAY BY ADDING SHADING AND ALSO COLOUR THROUGH USE OF A RANGE OF MATERIALS.

TUTOR: VICKI CRAWFORD

THURSDAYS
 30 MAY,
 6, 13, 20, 27 JUNE
 27 JULY

3.30pm - 4.30pm

\$40 per person for 6 weeks

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