

WAINUIOMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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WIS NEWS

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Key Events - February

- ❖ Board of Trustees Meeting
13 February
- ❖ Parent Evening
Wednesday, 14 February
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- ❖ School Picnic
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- ❖ School Athletics
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- ❖ School Photos
Thursday 1 March
- ❖ Konko International School - Japan
19 - 31 March

There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.

Jiddu Krishnamurti

From the Principal....

Mihi nui kia koutou, Warm greetings to you all,

What a great start to the year!

The welcome our Year 8 students put on for our new arrivals and their families was magnificent, thank you to all those parents, old and new who came to support the students and staff on our opening day.

Our integrated study topic this year is culture. A student's own culture, the various cultures they belong to. Not just their ethnicity or nationality but their gender, beliefs, interests and preferences that all have cultural values. We will expand this to look at the culture of being a New Zealander, then focus back in on Wainuiomata and then what culture should we have in our school. The whakatau/welcome was a good immersive talking point to start those conversations.

The Ministry of Education removing National Standards means we go back to our New Zealand Curriculum document, and have the freedom to create a curriculum that reflects our communities wants for their children.

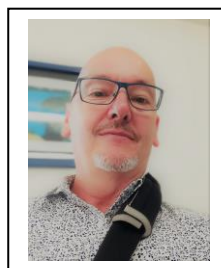
There will be a number of surveys and meetings this year to ensure we get that right.

We have opened with bigger numbers than we expected and as a result there may be some minor shifts of classes as we look to balance numbers and needs across the school. In all cases we will keep you informed and it will be done with the best interests of our students at heart.

Our new staff have added a real energy to the school and bring new ideas and skillsets, I am looking forward to working with them to get the best deal for your children.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us, it is an honour and a privilege to do this job in this valley.

Craig Sharp
Principal



Respect Responsibility Rigour Resilience
Striving for Excellence

School Welcome



Year 8's ready to welcome our new students



Year 7's nervously waiting

Technology, Art, Music and Digital

Technocraft, or Manual as some of you will remember it, is taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays and students rotate around the six groups 3 hours per week.

Topics are:

- Digital Technology (Computers)
- Hard Materials Technology (Woodwork)
- Soft Materials Technology (Sewing)
- Food Technology (Cooking)
- Musical Arts
- Visual Arts

Parent contribution is \$60 per year

Konko International Students

We will be hosting 25 Japanese 14 year olds from March 19 until March 31 (Easter).

They require homestays where they would have their own room and treated like a family member. This can be a rewarding experience and there is a contribution of \$250 per week for families who take part.

Please see me if interested.

For entry in the lucky draw please return.

I have received and read the newsletter.

Student Name _____

Class _____

❖ I like paper newsletters

❖ I would prefer newsletters sent by email

Please circle your preference

A Staff List with names, room numbers and email contact will be attached to this Newsletter

SCHOOL LUNCHES

These are available Wednesday and Friday starting Week 2. Orders to the Canteen by 8.50 please

Parent Evening 14 February (Valentines Day!) 5.00 – 7.00

What better way to spend a romantic evening than to come down to the school and meet staff and other whanau.

A very casual night with no speeches!

Bring a picnic or Fish n Chips and staff will mingle or man the sausage sizzle.

Sports equipment will be available and it is just a casual way to meet each other and put faces to names.

School Athletics Wednesday 28th February

The school athletics day prepares us for the Inter school challenge later in the month. Classes and Areas will compete for bragging rights in the following events:

- 800m, 200m, 100m running race.
- Shotput
- Softball Throw
- Discuss
- Long Jump
- High Jump

Please come and support your child or join in the Parent Event!

Please pick up and drop your child from Konini Street, not the school car park. Thank you.