



WISDOM

Wainuiomata Intermediate School
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Kia ora koutou e te whānau o te kura,

Term 2 has felt long at 11 weeks and the frosty mornings don't help! Again we have experienced wild weather and flooding, luckily no damage to the school this time. A lot of whānau either kept students home on Friday or picked them up early. Generally, if there is a Red Weather warning we will close the school - Red means there is risk to life, so it's an easy decision. Orange we have to be open, but with so many staff living over the hill - and lanes often closing in floods, we are not going to question whānau who keep their children home. Smaller numbers on those days help us stay open if staff can't make it.

So, despite the weather greatly affecting attendance this term. The government have had a focus on having more than 80% of students attendance, being above 80% by 2028. We are currently **81.8%** which is amazing! Thank you! Also in Term Two we have had 28 students who were here 100% of the time! 16 of those haven't missed a day all year! They will go into a draw for a prize.

Our opportunities to try something new have not diminished and since the last newsletter we have had students: Win prizes at Showquest Regionals and Toi Regionals, Our Year 7 Boys Basketball Team won their division, Our Kapa Haka group performed at Hutt Fest, We won the Teams Award at the Inter-Intermediate Spelling Competition, and Cultural Exchanges with Naenae Intermediate, Avalon Intermediate and Konini Primary.

Today we have our Fun Colour Run to raise money to replace books and furniture damaged in February's storms. Thank you for your help in raising sponsorship. The hard part starts now with collecting it all. There will be prizes for the students and classes who have collected the most and if your business is in a position to donate anything we could use as prizes we would be grateful. Apologies in advance for the state the students come home in today!

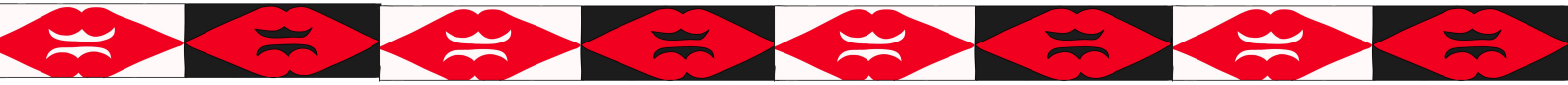
Mid-Year reports are live on the Hero app tomorrow. These will give some information on where your child is currently learning against the new curriculum. These reports are intended as a starting point for the conversations we will have at the learning conferences early next term.

Due to the timing of the school break we miss Matariki. Which is a great learning opportunity. If you wish to do something as a whānau the main themes of matariki are: **Remembrance (Matariki Hunga Nui)**: A time to honour family members who have passed away since the last rising. **Celebrating the Present (Matariki Ahunga Nui)**: Gathering together to share a feast and give thanks for the harvest. **Looking to the Future (Matariki Manako Nui)**: Making plans, setting goals, and looking forward to the new year.

The calendar on the following pages should help plan your Term 3. From our whānau to yours ngā mihi o te tau hou, manawatia a Matariki!

Ngā mihi nui,

Craig Sharp
Kaihautu/Principal





Week Two July 27 - 31

Mon 27: Vanuatu Language week

Tue 28: Open Evening

Wed 29: Young Athletes Program

Week Three August 3 - 7

Mon 3: 1:30 - 4:30 Learning Conferences

Tue 4: 1:30 - 4:30 Learning Conferences

Wed 5: 1:30 - 4:30 Learning Conferences
WRISSA Netball
Young Athletes Program

Thur 6: 1:30 - 4:30 Learning Conferences

Week Four August 10 - 14

Wed 12: WRISSA Rugby
Young Athletes Program

Week Five August 17 - 21

Mon 17: Tongan Language Week

Wed 19: Young Athletes Program

Thur 20: Intermediate Rocks Band Showcase

Week Six August 24 - 28

Wed 26: WRISSA League
Glow Show
Wearable Art
Young Athletes Program

Fri 28: Science Roadshow

Week Seven Aug 31 - Sept 4

Wed 2: Young Athletes Program
AIMS Jersey Presentation

Thur 3: Waiata Mai Choir Showcase

Week Eight September 7 - 11

Mon 7: AIMS Games

Tue 8: AIMS Games

Wed 9: AIMS Games
Young Athletes Program

Thur 10: AIMS Games

Fri 11: AIMS Games

Wiki Iwa Mahuru 14 - 18

Mane 14: Māori Language Week

Wenerei 15: Young Athletes Program

Paraire 16: Māori Moment

Week Ten September 21 - 25

Wed 23: WRISSA Volleyball

Fri 25: End of Term 3

School Term 4: October 12

Our School Values - “That’s how we do it here”

All of our “rules” at Wainuiomata Intermediate School are based in our school values, or tikanga. These were developed in conjunction with our community and embody the expectations we have for all of our students.

We teach them and then look to catch our students going “over and above” displaying them. They are:

Kaitiakitanga - Guardianship, Protecting, Nurturing

In our school we are the guardians, protectors and nurturers of all things and the connections between them.

Manaakitanga - Kindness, Respect, Service

In our school this means showing genuine kindness, care and respect for the good of self, others and the environment. We value and care for others through our words and actions. We use our gifts and talents for the good of others.

Rangatiratanga - Leadership, Team Building, Collaboration

In our school we lead, guide and keep people together.

We also have the ability to lead others to their own rangatiratanga by nurturing them, empowering them and acknowledging their mana.

Whanaungatanga - Relationships, Community, Family

In our school we honour who we are and where we come from. We create a safe learning environment, where we all discover our strengths and interests, and we take calculated risks to make progress.

Our Values - Ngā Tikanga

Whanaungatanga, Kaitiakitanga, Rangatiratanga, Manaakitanga.

Our school values are about knowing where we are from, that we belong here, that we create an environment where we all feel safe to learn and grow in, and that we use our talents to give back to our community.

Showing Whānaungatanga - WIS School Uniform

It’s great to see so many of our new and returning students wearing the school uniform with pride. Thank you to all our whānau who made that happen. For us, wearing the proper school uniform is one way that we show whānaungatanga as all our students feel part of a collective team and no one feels left out. It is for this reason that we ask that you continue to help your child wear the correct uniform each day...especially as the weather starts to change. Please name your uniform to make it easier to find.

If you are having trouble finding any lost uniform item, please contact our office.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the office of any change of phone, email or address details.

PARENT PORTAL - Hero

Please scan and download the Hero app to receive your child’s learning goals, progress, notices, absentees and written reports.



ABSENCE

Please advise the office if your child is going to be absent. Messages can be left:

- Hero app
- Text 021 02824544
- On the school answer phone 939 1970
- Email absences@wis.school.nz
- School website www.wis.school.nz