

Waihi School Newsletter



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Weeks Ahead...

Term Four 2024

WEEK ONE

Sat 19 October

Cricket starts today

Aoraki Schools MTB (Mt Hutt)

Old Boys' Cricket game

WEEK TWO

Mon 21 October

Medbury Summer fixture (away)

Tue 22 October

Whole School, Cultural, Sporting photographs

Wed 23 October

Timaru Community Visit (Hector Blacks)

Thu 24 October

Christchurch Music Festival

Ashburton Community Visit (The Fine Lion)

Sat 25 October

Cricket games today

Sat 25 October –

Sun 26 October

Chess Power Team Nationals (Wellington)

WEEK THREE

Mon 28 October

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY – no school, Pyne House open

Tue 29 October

St Andrew's Summer fixture (home)

Thu 31 October

Waihi School Trust Board Meeting

Fri 1 November

Ashburton A&P Show

Clash of the Colleges (AgriKids) – Y8s at Show
Gumboot Friday

Sat 2 November

Ashburton A&P Show

Jump Jam Nationals (Cashmere High, Christchurch)

Sun 3 November

Y8s depart for Otago Rail Trail camp



WELCOME TO Waihi

Term 4 Finn Anderson 7 EH Prosser

Term 4 Ben Dale 6 TW Orford

Term 4 Baxter Fastier 6 TW Stone-Wigg

Wednesday 16 October 2024

From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents

In a recent assembly, prior to our new students visiting Waihi at the end of term, I reminded our students about *self-reflection*, and the need to encourage each child to see themselves as others do. One context in which this is particularly relevant is when we consider *first impressions*. As a child I remember admonishments from the adults around me to 'smarten up', not high on a young boy's priorities, as I was about to meet someone *important!*

As adults I am sure that we can all think of times when we are conscious of the need to create a good first impression in a business or social situation, but whether conscious or not, research tells us that within the first three seconds of a new encounter, we are evaluated... even if it is just a glance. There are certain activities such as an interview or trying to sell a house, where we recognise that spending time on creating the right impression is advantageous, but every day we make and create many *first impressions*.

It is human nature to make appraisals and value judgments, almost instantly, using only the immediate surface clues. Whilst we might all recognise the truth behind the adage, '*never judge a book by its cover*', real-life, unfortunately, is littered with 'unopened books'.

People appraise your visual and behavioural appearance from head to toe. They observe your demeanour, mannerisms, and body language, and even assess your grooming and accessories! Within only three seconds, you can make an indelible impression, pretty scary really.

As parents we try to encourage our children to reflect on their actions or words. We try to help them understand the value of empathy and of how they are viewed by those around them. This is not just about creating the 'right' *first impression* but more importantly about improving their personal and social skills of mutual understanding and interpersonal communication.

At the Board's recent strategic planning day, we also discussed some first impressions of Waihi from an outsider's perspective. Whilst it was acknowledged that there are areas in which we can make a positive improvement, and these are issues we are in discussion about, there are certain *first impressions* that really stand out for our visitors and are commented upon:

- The attitude of our students. They are keen, enthusiastic and each day want to learn both inside and outside of the classroom

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- ❑ The strong support of parents and families, past and present, for Waihi
- ❑ The excellent teaching staff who are prepared to go the extra mile to make this a very fine school
- ❑ Our school grounds – are magnificent and well-managed and cared for both Graham Sharp and his team
- ❑ Pyne House is a top-class boarding facility, and it is complemented by a boarding staff team in whom I have every confidence to care for each child as if they were their own
- ❑ We have the physical space to create new learning environments
- ❑ I am fortunate to have an admin team who create the right *first impression* with all visitors to the school
- ❑ Sport and Cultural opportunities at Waihi – we really do punch above our weight in every area
- ❑ There is opportunity for the students to be involved in a wide range of non-academic pursuits
- ❑ Waihi is a very welcoming place. New students are quickly made to feel part of the family, as are new staff and their families
- ❑ Our *tradition*. The Waihi culture and tradition is palpable. The students very quickly gain a sense of belonging and have great respect for the school, its history and for being a Waihian
- ❑ The students are great ambassadors for Waihi. They are well-mannered, respectful and understand the importance of graciousness, service and humility.

This is indeed a fine platform upon which to build.

Kind regards

Allan Short
Headmaster

Headmaster's Thought for the Week

“You Never Get a Second Chance to Make a First Impression.”

It has been attributed to Oscar Wilde and Will Rogers, although nobody really knows for sure!

STAFF UPDATES

We are welcoming...

Miss Anne-Maree Reith

Kia ora koutou,

I am very excited to be joining the team at Waihi. I come from a background in farming and have been living locally for the last twelve years. My family also live and work locally. I have taught at Hinds School for the last three years.

My interests include netball, horse riding, te reo Maori, arts, anything outdoors and physical education.

I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know you.

Nga mihi nui, Anne-Maree



We are sadly farewelling...

Mrs Sabina Turner

It will be with very mixed emotions that we farewell our long serving, and much-loved staff member, Sabina Turner, at the end of the year. Sabina has been a fixture in the Waihi catering team for the last 16 years and her breakfasts for boarders are legendary! Having given so much to the Waihi whanau for so long, Sabina has finally decided to retire and we all wish her the very best as she plans out how she will be spending her time moving forward.

Whether travelling, visiting family or enjoying more time with her grandchildren, we know that a piece of Waihi will be with her always. We look forward to saying a more formal goodbye to Sabina at the end of term, but for now all we want to say is "Thank you Sabina, you will be missed greatly."



WAIHI NOTICES

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SUMMER UNIFORM Term Four 2024 / Term One 2025

The start of Term 4 sees the return of our summer uniform. If you require any extra uniform items, please place an order via our school website and these will be processed in the usual way

<https://waihi.school.nz/uniforms>

The wearing of Waihi School caps / hats is compulsory for both these terms.

Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4)

Boys: Blazer, light blue Aertex shirt, light grey shorts, jersey, black/brown sandals

Girls: Blazer, white short-sleeve blouse, summer check skirt, jersey, black/brown sandals (can be T-bar sandals), check scrunchie/hair band

Can you please check all your child's uniform during the school holidays for any extra items that may not be theirs. We would appreciate it if any clothing you find not belonging to your child could be returned to the School Office at the beginning of the term.

It would also be a good time to check that all your child's uniform is still labelled. With wear and tear the name labels on clothing can come off unnoticed. It is imperative that all boarders clothing has labels so we can ensure these are returned to the correct child after washing. Likewise for day students, if clothing is left lying around school unlabelled there is no way of knowing who this belongs to.

Note: All day students are to wear their [Blazer](#) and [Tie](#) when travelling to and away from school - this includes the school bus services as well as private transportation.

Some leniency will be given in weeks 1 and 2 as we settle into the new term and ensure all students have all Summer uniform items required.

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Whole School Photographs

Tuesday 22 October 2024

All Whole School, Cultural, Leadership, Summer and Winter sports team photos will be taken in Week 2 of Term 4 2024.

All children to be in their **number one uniform, with clean shoes**
for this school day.

Formal Uniform (Number Ones)

Boys: Blazer, white shirt, tie, dark grey shorts, long grey socks, black leather shoes

Girls: Blazer, white long-sleeve blouse, tie, winter tartan skirt, long navy socks or tights, black leather shoes, tartan scrunchie/hair band

Team photos will be taken with children in their relevant sport uniforms – please ensure they have these kits with them to change into,
including the correct socks for each of their sporting codes.

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If you do not wish to order any (or all) of these additional photographs which your child will be appearing in (cost of \$17 each), please email Kat on executive@waihi.school.nz to advise prior to this photo session.

Library Book Returns

Please could all Waihi library books be returned to the School Library
before **Thursday 14th November 2024**.

All books are to be returned to the return box in the library or handed to Mrs Cunningham directly please, not placed back on the shelves.

Any library books unaccounted for after EXEAT will be charged to your student's account, to allow the book to be repurchased and replaced.

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Upcoming Community Visits

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DATE: Wed 23 October 2024

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

VENUE: Hector Blacks

ASHBURTON

DATE: Thu 24 October 2024

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

VENUE: The Fine Lion

WANAKA

DATE: Tue 19 November 2024

TIME: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

VENUE: Bistro Gentil

Everyone welcome. Whether you are a past, current or future parent, we would love to see you when we are visiting your local area.

This is an informal gathering – we would love to discuss with you how we can best nurture success in your child.

Please email your interest to:
executive@waihi.school.nz

These events are being hosted by Christ’s College, St Margaret’s College and Waihi School.

October	November	December	
			Sat
		1	Leavers weekend
		2	Week 8 2019 Reunion
1		3	Boarders Dinner Waihi Board Meeting
2		4	
3		5	
4	1	6	Y7/Juniors Music Perform Awards Assembly Christmas Chapel
5	2	7	Prizegiving 1.30pm End of School Year
6	3	8	Danish Community Xmas Service: Waihi Chapel
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LABOUR WEEKEND

Labour Weekend: School and Sports

We have no school on Monday 28th October, Labour Day, however there are cricket games scheduled.

Boarders over Labour Weekend

Boarders can go home after 3.00pm on Friday 25th and are due back at either 5.00pm on Monday 28th or the beginning of the school day on Tuesday 29th. Please inform Mr Clayson in the usual way.

We expect many boarders will want to go home for this long weekend however we do understand that this will not be the case for all, particularly so soon after the holidays.

If you wish your child to be at Pyne House at any point over this weekend, for some or all of the time, can you let Mr Clayson know asap so that we can have the staffing organised.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION Term 4 2024

Outdoor education in Term Four will see us in the rivers again. We will not have wet children on the school buses as all vehicles are used for our daily bus services.

We will be changing at the river. Please ensure your daughter or son has a change of clothes, and footwear for all OE sessions.

Because we are changing at the river, just a reminder a 'towelling robe' or a large towel to get changed behind is required.

Thanks
Mr Brighthouse

Outdoor Ed Kit List

Term Four 2024

- 1 Pair walking shoes/boots
- 1 Pair shoes/boots that will be getting wet - must have thick solid soles.
Sandals with closed toes are acceptable but these are NOT to be the pair the students wear at school.
- 2 pair shorts/Skortis (1 pair WILL be getting wet and the other pair to change into)
- 2 T-shirt/collared T shirt
(NOT Waihi sports top)
- Wetsuit if you have one
- 1 warm jumper/fleece
- 1 sun hat/cap (Bucket hats preferred)
- Drink bottle
- Rash Shirt short or long sleeve depending on your child's sun tolerance
- 1 towel (changing robe (below) preferred)
- 1 backpack or dry bag (see below)
- 1 Dry bag to put wet/dirty clothes and shoes in
(this will help keeps books, iPad and school clothes dry and safe)
 - You may choose to have a Dry pack (so a Backpack is not needed)
 - These can be purchased anywhere, but below is a list of websites:
 - <https://www.torpedo7.co.nz/shop/bagsnpacks/dry-bags>
 - <https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/nz/steed-waterproof-25l-backpack-p36527.aspx/>
 - <https://www.burnsco.co.nz/boating/clothing-apparel/bags-backpacks/backpacks>
- 1 Changing robe



These can/will also be used for school swimming. This robe gives the pupils the opportunity to change out of wet clothes "When you need some privacy to change into and out of wetsuits and swimming costumes, the Changing Robe has got you covered".

- When off site the pupils will be getting wet and/or dirty. They will not be allowed back on the school bus unless they are changed and dry (this includes footwear)
- These can be purchased anywhere, but below is a list of websites that supply a changing robe:
 - <https://www.wiggle.co.nz/changing-robos>
 - <https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/nz/swimwear-beachwear/changing-robe/>
 - <https://www.curvesurf.co.nz/search?q=poncho+towel>
 - <https://www.surfdome.com/en-NZ/Changing-Ponchos-and-Robes/sdds13797.htm>

PYNE HOUSE

Through the lens of the camera... capturing some activities from Term Three



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