



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



1st February 2018

Tena Koutou Katou

Nga Mihi Mahana - (greetings)

NEW STUDENTS

I would like to welcome Charlie and Lilly Christensen to Centennial School. Charlie and Lilly have recently moved to Waimate from Southland and they have come to us after a short time at Makikihi school. We wish you all the best here at Centennial School.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Welcome back to the new school year. I know 2018 will be an exciting year with lots of great teaching and learning going on for your whanau.

I am looking for someone with experience or an interest to help me apply for funding through charities and organisations. I see this person's role as putting applications together and working with the BoT, FAST, Principal to raise funds for specific projects at Waimate Centennial School.

Whakatauki

He waka eke noa

A canoe that we are all in with no exception

This whakatauki is a metaphor for a journey that we are all taking part in.

The waka or canoe was a traditional means of transport. The early Maori arrived from distant parts of the Pacific Ocean in these vessels. There has been suggestions that these were two way voyages. Explorers came and found Aotearoa and then returned for their whanau.

These waka required many people to help move them between destinations. There would have been paddlers and helms people who steered and moved the waka forward. There might have been craftspeople who could make repairs to the waka over the long journey, Tohunga who were experts in navigation and medical aide if someone was to become ill on the journey.

There was a lot at risk with travelling in this way and people would not have used this unless they had some certainty that they would end up where they wanted to go and of course that they would arrive safely. They would also have to work together to come up with solutions to a whole range of new problems that they would encounter in the new places they arrived at and the wild travel they undertook. Trust would be very important in these relationships. When the people got on the waka they would have to trust that the people on board would be able to do their jobs for the good of the whole crew.

At Waimate Centennial we are on a journey to create an environment where students gain skills that they will need to be successful. I believe that our own brand of an Innovative Learning Environment where students have choices and opportunities to work on their own learning pathways is the next stage of our journey.

As principal I recognise that everyone has an essential part to play in the journey. We will make more progress if everyone is engaged and passionate about where we are going. I trust the other people on our waka to move us forward. I want the skills that our teachers, parents and students bring to be used to create the new environment and to solve the problems we will encounter along the way.

We are all on this waka and without exception we are all required to do the best we can to make it work.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Waitangi Day holiday
6th Feb, school closed.
- FAST meeting 7th
February in the
staffroom at 5pm
- Life Education Van 21st
-26th Feb
- EOTC week 5-9th
March
- School Fair 17th March
- Duffy Theatre 26th
March
- Good Friday 30th
March
- Easter Monday and
Tuesday school closed
2nd-3rd April
- End of term one 13th
April

KIWICAN

We have a new Kiwi can leader working with Shardous across the whole school in 2018. Here is a note from Gemma.

My name is Gemma O'Connor, I am a 29 year old mother of 2 boys who are 8 and 11 years of age and attend Waimataitai School.

I have a background in Early Childhood Education, Home Based Education in both Early Childhood and OSCAR, Program Management and supervision of the Safe Kids in Daily Supervision Program providing an after school and holiday program for primary aged children, Teacher's Aide at Waimataitai School and Community Support Work for Idea Services.

I am looking forward to adding our own personal flare and providing a high quality, high energy Kiwi Can Program to the students alongside Shardous.

SCHOOL MUSIC

So far the "school of music" concept from last year is still in the planning stages. I have heard that it is hard to access tutors for the instruments we are wanting. Ryan Luckman who is organising the school for us is asking that we hold off until the start of term two to begin. I will be in contact in plenty of time.

SWIMMING

All classes will be swimming again at the start of term one. Please have your child bring their named togs every day. If they are not used they can be left on their coat hook. If your child is unable to swim for any reason could you please send a note along to let the school know.

EOTC

Education Outside the Classroom is here again. Week 6 of this term March 5-9th classes will engage in outdoor pursuits. Some of these activities will be here at school and others will be off site. Information from your child's classroom teachers will be coming home soon.

CREDIT POLICY

As a school our funding is limited and our ability to offer credit is restricted by the Ministry of Education guidelines and legislation. Please don't ask us to extend credit because we are unable to. We do however offer a layby system where you can pay the goods off while we store them for you.

PARENT TEACHER CALENDAR APP

This is one of the preferred ways of keeping in touch with the school. Have a look at this App and try it out on your phone or other device. Please note there has been a change in name:- "The Skool Loop App"

SUBWAY

There has been an increase in prices for Subway. Lunches will now be \$6.00 for a 6 inch and \$9.00 for a footlong. Please put your order on the outside of the envelope with the correct money inside as this goes directly to Subway. Dates for term 1 are as follows:- 13th & 27th February, 13th & 27th March and the 10th April

Please Return: I have received and read this newsletter () (tick)

Family name _____

Are you interested in playing U11 Girls Rugby?

New Competition, Girls Only!!

Join us on Wed 28th March for a "Have a Go Day" from 4pm - 5.30pm. A fun afternoon of Rugby at Alpine Energy Stadium.

Bring: Mouth Guard Boots (if you have them) or Gym Shoes Water bottle

More information please contact Caro Rhodes 021 399 465 or caro@scrfu.co.nz.

The Bedford School of Music and Performing Arts NZ is back at your school in 2018 and better than ever.

We are currently offering Guitar, Piano, Singing, DRUMS and Percussion, Ukulele and Bass.

Individual lessons for a 10 week term are \$242 for a 30 min class and group classes are \$100 a term.

We have a new drum tutor who is keen to teach in schools this year

Dance and drama only available at the music school. 17 Itchen street. Sign up now while there are still slots. Tbsom@live.com 0274182136

www.thebedfordschoolofmusic.webs.com



P.S...We've changed our name!

The Parent Teacher Calendar App

Is now... **The Skool Loop App**

Same fantastic app and service, smart new look.