



# WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL

31st January 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa  
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

## Kotahitanga for Waimate Centennial School

**Definition:** Unity, togetherness, solidarity, collective action.

**Vision Statement:** Learning will be enhanced in flexible, collaborative environments where students are supported by quality teaching and whānau engagement to take responsibility for their learning.



## Waimate Centennial School Strategic Plan 2019-21



### Strategic Aims

#### Well Being

Teachers will introduce, develop and maintain wellbeing processes that support students, teachers and then the community.

#### Attainment Equity and Excellence

Students will reach the highest levels of attainment in education possible.

#### Innovative Learning Environment

Develop school environments to be challenging and engaging, leading to increased student agency.

### Hauora and Manaakitanga at Centennial School

The New Zealand Curriculum guides our work starting with a vision of young people who will develop the competencies, to go on to realise their full potential and contribute positively to society.

The Waimate Centennial School community understand that by pursuing an Innovative Learning Environment across the school we are enhancing wellbeing and providing educational success for all students.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Teacher Only Day - Community of Learning 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - no school
- Waitangi day 6<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Life Education Van visit 20<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Duathlon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb
- EOTC week 4-8<sup>th</sup> March
- Maths Professional Development Launch 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Road Safety and Safe Walking March
- Keeping ourselves Safe April
- Home and School Lunch 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Last day of term four 12<sup>th</sup> April

The Waimate Community Garden is fundraising - the movie 'Celia' will be playing at the Waimate Regent Theatre on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 530pm. This is a very interesting story about the lifework of Celia Lashlie who was the first female prison officer and managed Christchurch Woman's prison.

Welcome to 2019

### NEW STUDENT

I would like to welcome to Centennial, Penny Lane and Ashley who bring their family from Highfield school in Timaru. Ricky has started in Takahe, Iziah has started in Kakapo and Kayla has moved into Weka to begin the year. Kayla is very interested in Kapahaka, Iziah is a great sportsperson and Ricky has been really keen to get to school at last. I hope you feel welcome and you all enjoy your new home and school.

I know already that this is going to be an exciting year at Centennial School. Some of the new things we will focus on this year include:

- Teachers are learning about 'well being'. Eventually they will be able to help students to be less anxious and more comfortable in their surroundings.
- Renovating the Senior and Middle school areas.
- Developing areas of the playground for Play Based Learning.
- New and exciting camp in Dunedin for year six.
- Mrs Moragh Sutherland teaching in Pukeko this year.
- Mrs Tania Swatridge working with the Davis Dyslexic Learning strategies across the whole school.
- Teachers will be learning about new and exciting ways to teach Maths
- Students will be using the Graduate Profile to help them understand their own learning.

The 2019-21 Charter has been completed. I have included the front page above. This has the three strategic aims that will be the focus of everyone for at least the next three years. The first major event in the plan is the Teacher only Day this Friday where we will learn about 'well being'.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION  
KIWICAN

Yesterday I met the new leader for Kiwican who will be helping Gemma to teach all the Centennial classes in 2019. Levi used to live in Waimate and she went to Main school. She has a very good understanding of Waimate and we welcome her to the team. I am excited to hear that they will begin the year with a games day so that Levi can get to know the students in all the classes.

This term the Kiwican team will focus on instructing the students about respect. The first three weeks are about respect for self. The next three respectful communication and the last three weeks are about respect for others. Gemma and Levi told us about Kiwican becoming the official charity of the All Blacks. This has meant that the All Blacks will be working with Kiwican and just maybe students might get to meet some of their rugby heros.

Changes to the timetable

This year Kiwican will share Mondays with our Te Reo classes. During the first 5 weeks of term one while we are trying to swim every day this will be a busy day. The reason for this change is that teachers are trying to get some days of the week where they have no distractions and can focus on core teaching and learning within their own classes. Tuesday will be the day for singing and Kapahaka starting at 2:30. On Wednesday teachers will focus on topic and thematic study as the year progresses.

On Friday the big change will be that we are trialling assembly every second week. During the other week students will come together in their Whanau groups and learn with the support of their big buddies. We are still encouraging parents and whanau to come along each Friday afternoon to see what students are doing and maybe join in.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Early this term we have the Life Ed van coming to Centennial school. Harold will be with us from the 20th Feb for about a week. During this time parents will be invited to come into the van to meet the educators and hear about the programme.

EOTC

Outdoor Education Week is in week 6 this term. Teachers will be sending newsletters from the classes explaining what the programme will look like for each class. There will be opportunities for parents and whanau to be involved in the activities and we hope many of you will come along and join us for this exciting part of the school year.

SWIMMING

The pool is up and running and every class will be trying to get into the water every day. Please remember to bring togs every day. If the weather is not suitable togs can remain at school for the next day. If they are wet they should go home to be dried. The swimming pool is usually open until the weather becomes cooler. Most years this is about the beginning of week six. We will advise if and when the pool is due to close.

GRADUATE PROFILE

Centennial teachers have worked hard to develop our new graduate profile. This is a document that outlines many important skills that people should gain to be able to contribute successfully in society. We hope this will give students, teachers and parents a guide to student learning during their time at Centennial. Each student will have their own copy of the Graduate Profile stored in their files. I want students to use this document often through the year to check off the milestones they reach and the skills they are developing.

You will note that there is no direct mention of reading, writing or maths. One of the reasons for this is that there are many skills we possess as adults that enable us to be great citizens who contribute successfully in our communities every day. Sometimes these are broader than just the core curriculum.

I challenge you to discuss your child's position on the profile with your child and their teacher. When the Student Led Learning conferences come around at mid year I am anticipating that some of the discussions students have with their parents will include the graduate profile, which is attached to this newsletter.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is held in the school hall every morning from 8.15-8.45, all welcome.

SUBWAY

Subway will be on the 12th February and fortnightly thereafter. Please put your order on the outside of the envelope with the correct amount of money inside.

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