



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



16th March 2017

Hello everyone,

NEW STUDENT:

We welcome Aaliyah Tagiaia and her family to Centennial School. I spoke to Aaliyah as she was dancing with Raewyn in the hall. The Kiwis and Takahas were moving to music and swinging ribbons around. Aaliyah had a big smile on her face and she thought it was fun. Aaliyah thought her friends Poppy, Kiera, Flyn and Indiana were just the best.

EOTC WEEK

Teachers and students have had a very successful week of outdoor activities. Students have been able to experience many of the favourite activities teachers plan and prepare for over this special week in the school calendar. Abseiling, kayaking, tramping, beach visiting, camping over at school were some of these. There were also a number of changes to the routine this year and these have added to the quality of the opportunities. We used the Events Centre climbing wall on Friday. I was amazed at the number of children who were prepared to have a go at climbing and also the number who made it to the top of the wall. Many thanks to the High School for allowing us to use their outdoor pursuits students on Wednesday. Ten Waimate High School students worked with our youngest pupils to introduce them to outdoor activities. These included putting up tents, creating environmental art and building shelters in our native bush area. Thanks to the Waimate High school students and Matt Simonsen who came and worked with us. A special thanks needs to go to all the parents who gave up time to help us last week. We really appreciate the effort you go to. I know your children are thrilled to have you here helping them and it will be part of their memories of a very successful year.

Teachers are looking at what went well and what we could work on to make the week more effective. If you have any thoughts about what we could do in future please have a chat to me or your child's teacher.

NETBALL COACH REQUIRED

The year 6 girls team require a netball coach. If you are interested could you contact Tanya Matheson please. The alternative is that parents will be required to roster themselves to manage the team at games.

WORKING WITH ABLE STUDENTS PROGRAMME

This year we are looking at working more closely with our very able students to try to extend them. We are providing several options for students including learning Chinese Mandarin, Academic quizzes and competitions that extend students and give them accurate feedback on how they are performing along with what their next steps are. So far we have had the year 5-6 students compete in the Kids Literature quiz here at school and we are arranging for another group to compete in the primary research project soon. I know there will be a range of other activities that we will introduce in an attempt to extend and encourage all students to do their best.

SCHOOL DOCS

The Board of Trustees has employed School Docs which is a company that specialises in putting together a site where parents can see our policies and procedures. These spell out what happens and why at Centennial. Each term there are a number of policies that need to be reviewed to make sure we are using the best possible practice. The process is straight-forward and can be done on line. I will be asking you to help us with these reviews. Please go in and look at the site. If you have any questions have a chat with me.

1. Visit the website <http://centennial.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (centennial) and password (Hughes7924).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- School Fair meeting, Monday 20th March 3:30 in Kiwi class
- Week 8 - daily assemblies to show what classes have brought for the fair
- School Fair 25th March
- Superhero Mufti Day 7th April
- Home and School Lunch 13th April
- Term 1 finishes - 13th April



NEW WEBSITE

Waimate Centennial has a new website . <http://centennial.ultranet.school.nz/Home/>.

Board of Trustee survey on how we celebrate achievement and success at Centennial School.

Thank you to those who have returned the forms about celebrating achievement. I have attached it again to request some more of you to fill it in please.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS CLUB ORDERS

Just a reminder that you can order your scholastic orders online at your convenience on the following link:- <https://bookclub.scholastic.co.nz/User/ClassParentOrders.aspx>, under Loop Orders.

South Canterbury Rugby Junior Academy Holiday Programme

April 19th & 20th 2017

8-10 years old, - will be held on Wednesday 19th April. (Age as of the day of the programme)

11-13 years old - will be held on Thursday 20th April. (Age as of the day of the programme)

The programme will run from 9,30am/12,30pm each day, at Alpine Energy Stadium.

Cost - \$15 per day (please pay to the union office)

Each child will receive a Todd Mudie Group Holiday Programme t-shirt and drink bottle, plus there are other prizes up for grabs.

What to bring - Food, drink, boots, running shoes and a mouth guard.

Application forms can be obtained from the school office and need to be sent in before the 2nd April.

Whakatauki

Ko ia Kahore nei i rapu, te kitea

"He who does not seek shall not find"



STANDING TALL

Respect for Self - Macey-Kate Guyton, Dylan Lefeber, Xavier Paul, Fergus Lane

Respect for Others - Heinrich Hutt, Cade Richardson, Xavier Paul, Fergus Lane

Caring/Considerate Class Member - Kasia Rempala, Maia Lawrence

Effort & Progress in Reading - Sasha Harrison, Hare Reihana

Effort & Progress in PE - Lucas Farrell, Alex Wilmshurst

Settling Well into Ruma Kakapo - Caleb Good

Settling Well into Ruma Kiwi - Brock Tupara-Burgess

Effort in all Subjects - Maddy Smith,

Super Homework - Hayley Harrison-Keen, Annabelle Agnew

GOLD BAND WINNERS

Maia Lawrence, Rua Taupo, Ava Bell, Dan Patterson, Ely Ryder-Ennis, Enya O'Donnell, Fabian Knipe, Grace Bell, Grace Herbert, Henry Lucas, Kayla Proudfoot, Lucy Carline, Aaliyah de Wit, Felicity Hutt, Erica Lucas, Arwen O'Donnell, Kasia Rempala, Jack Williams, MacKenzie Young, Micah Roberts, Dylan Lefeber, Evie Anderson, Jade Gilbert, Olivia Carline, Briar Craig, Zaylee Davis, Genna Hargreaves, Lachie Patterson, Amy Wilson, Xavier Paul, Mason Keen, Emmett Knightly, Indiana McKenzie, Zaydee Proudman



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Family name _____