



# WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



2nd February 2017

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to school in 2017 and another exciting year at Waimate Centennial. I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break and you are ready to face the new year with all the enthusiasm you require. By this time of the year students have generally had enough of the holidays and are ready to get back into their learning. We are all looking forward to seeing their well rested faces back in the classrooms ready to learn.

## **Ko ia Kahore nei i rapu. Te kitea**

"He who does not seek shall not find"

You may have noticed that the newsletter has been accompanied by a proverb or whakatauki over the last year. This is a short provocative saying that gives us something to think about or to focus on. This can be a very powerful way for students or the community to learn a skill or lesson. There has been a different proverb in Maori each term.

This term's whakatauki reminds us that if we don't strive we will not succeed. Each person has a responsibility to work their hardest in an attempt to achieve the best they can. From a teacher's point of view this proverb is powerful because we sometimes worry when a student isn't trying to learn to the best of their ability. We worry because we feel they will not reach their potential. When a child does not try to learn or work hard because of some other influence or factor that is out of their control, we are alarmed. Our priority learner groups of students in maths, reading and writing fit into this category. This is when the community must step in to help and make sure that as many of the obstacles are removed as possible so our students "can seek" so they "will find". The focus of my start of year discussions with teachers and students will be around making sure every student has opportunities to understand this whakatauki and put it to work for themselves.

Centennial has a number of people or groups helping to get students ready to live and learn successfully. We have the Breakfast Club to support our students. Kidscan is an organisation that provides us with clothing, health products and lunch foods to help our students to thrive. We are lucky to have the Social Worker in Schools, Jeannie White to work with students and families who need support. Our Health Nurse, Kate Balfour is also on hand to support families and students with needs. Leslie Mcleod, our resident Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) supports teachers and students in the classroom when the way they learn needs to be catered for differently. Kiwi sport facilitator Raewyn Williams and Kidscan's Dom and Ritchie are there to help students realise the importance of their own values and show them how to live by them. These are only a few of the support groups that help our students to be ready to work hard so they can get the best out of their future.

## **NEW STUDENT Eva Jordanovska**

We would like to welcome Eva and her family to Centennial School. Eva comes from Macedonia along with Mum, Dad and Andrea her younger sister. So far Eva has made friends with Diana and Abbi. At the schools in Macedonia there is no opportunity to learn to swim. Eva loves the pool here especially on hot days like we have had this week. Eva is learning to speak English and everyday she is picking up more words that she can use. We know you will be speaking to us all in no time at all Eva. Well done on your first days at Centennial School.

## **EOTC 6th-10th March**

Week six this term all students will be involved in an Outdoor education programme with their class. You will be provided with information about what each class will be doing. You may be able to help out with travel and supervision during some of the events. Your assistance will be appreciated.

## **FOODWARMER**

Just a reminder there will be no food warmer this term, this is intended for the colder months.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Teacher Only Day Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February-school closed
- Waitangi Day 6<sup>th</sup> February-Public holiday
- Meet the Teacher Evening- 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- EOTC 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March
- School Fair 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Term 1 finishes - 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2 begins - 1<sup>st</sup> May

## **SWIMMING TERM 1**

We will have five weeks of swimming this term. The pool will be closed at the start of the Outdoor Education Week. During this time students will have lessons every day weather permitting. Please encourage your child to have their togs ready to go each day so they get into the habit of swimming as often as possible.

There will be swimming sports events this term. These take the form of a swimming demonstration for the junior school and swimming competitions for the middle and senior school. You will be encouraged to come along to support your child.

## SCHOOL FAIR

This year's school fair is on Saturday the 25th March. You will receive details about what you can do to help very soon. In the meantime we are always looking for food and goods to sell. You will be asked for these soon.

## HEALTH TEAM LEADER

Joan Constable will be running the Health Team this year. This is a role that relies heavily on help from the community for its success. This year we are looking for help from the community to organise the health Promoting team here at school. In the past this group has been responsible for projects that make a positive difference around the school, for example the gardens, shade areas and murals. Students opt to belong to this group and they set out a plan to accomplish during the year. We are looking for a parent who might supervise the health team while they worked in the gardens and put together their project of the year. If you are interested please come and have a chat to Andrea, Joan or myself.

## SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

With the beginning of the new school year all Waimate Centennial students will be ready to return to school with their respect for others values front and centre. I will be managing the bus children again this year and will be talking to them about their behaviour on the bus. Please encourage your children to be respectful on all school transport whether this is the bus or parent cars being used for a school trip. If your child walks to and from school the same thing applies. Each of us needs to take responsibility to be doing the right things on the way to and from school. Out in the community it is encouraging for the public to see our students behaving well and I am spoken to about this regularly.

## NEW WEBSITE

Waimate Centennial School has a new website . It can be found at <http://centennial.ultranet.school.nz/Home/>. We hope to be modifying this new site regularly to keep it up to date. If there is anything you would like to see on the website please contact us and we will investigate this for you.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is continuing at school this is the most important meal of the day and thanks to Kickstart Breakfast Programme which is the partnership between Government, Sanitarium and Fonterra, we are able to deliver Weet-Bix and milk to our children at the school.

Breakfast clubs are not just about eating but also it provides an engaging environment that encourages students to develop social skills, take on extra responsibility and grow academically through the wider benefits of breakfast.

Last year we were very lucky to have Anna Clarkson look after the breakfast club for us. Anna would greet the students arriving for breakfast and help them to get their food before the school started. Unfortunately Anna will be unable to help us this year. Currently we are looking for local hero's to help volunteer at our breakfast club. The role of the volunteer is very important to the logistics of setting up the breakfast club each morning but more importantly sharing your stories with the new generation of thinkers, learners and future workforce.

If this is something that you may be interested in, we would love to hear from you.

## MEET THE TEACHER EVENING 22nd FEBRUARY

There will be a meet the teacher evening here at school . The purpose of this meeting is for you to come along and hear from the staff about what the year holds for your child. You will receive information that will enable you to support your child's learning at home. We would like to structure the night differently this year. There will be a BBQ tea where the school will provide sausages, meat patties and a bun. Families can bring along a salad and any other food they would like to eat.

The evening will begin at 5pm on the 22nd February with the BBQ. The classrooms will be open and teachers will be present to answer questions from 6-7pm.

If you have a BBQ we can borrow on the night please let us know.

## STANDING TALL

**Respect for Self** - Jane Bettridge, Blake Dyer  
**Settling well into Ruma Kea** - Che-Cruz Reihana  
**Settling well into Ruma Tui** - Karawheko Ruru  
**Enthusiastic Class Member** - MacKenzie Young  
**Positive Attitude** - Genna Hargreaves, Connie Cousau

## GOLD BAND WINNERS

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**BREAKFAST CLUB IS NOW OPEN**

