



Waikoikoi School - Little School Big Spirit!

NEWSLETTER # 7

THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2022

*Ahakoā he iti he pounamu
Although it is small it is a treasure.*

Kia Ora Koutou,

This term we will not be having a formal night of parent teacher conferences as I am aware that the day will not suit all families. If you would like to meet about your students goal and progress then please email me and we will organise a time. If you are not able to come into school we can meet online. These interviews go along with the written reports about achievement that we send out twice a year.

Changes to the COVID-19 Protection Framework for education - The removal of vaccination mandates for education workers will take effect from 11.59pm Monday 4 April. What does this mean for us?

- There is no change to masks in education settings from the existing Red setting.
- For all New Zealanders, including school settings, masks will not be required outdoors.
- Capacity limits will be removed for outdoor events and activities.
- Indoor capacity limits for extra-curricular activities increases based on being able to remain one metre apart.

The relationship with parents and whānau remains incredibly important to us in the partnership of learning. You are welcome to come to Waikoikoi School. Before or after school is a great time to catch teachers for a informal chat. If you need more time then just send an email and we will sort a time.

I have been informed of a confirmed COVID-19 case of a student of Waikoikoi School.

What you need to do

- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Wear a face mask when out and about.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.

- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth with tissues.
- Please do not send your children to school if they are feeling unwell or exhibiting any of the symptoms.

What we're doing

- We are staying open.
- We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings including physical distancing and ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

Please remember to contact me if you are isolating so I can get some resources to your mailbox for your student and I am here to support if you need anything. We have masks available at school if you would like a box please contact me.

Haere rā
Jacqui Dillon

COMING EVENTS

Term 1 2022	Date/s	Student/Community events
Week 8	Wednesday 30th March Fri 1st April	Whaea Jaki Library
Week 9	Wed 6th April Thur 7th April	Whaea Jaki Sports Activator - afternoon
Week 10	Wed 13th April Thur 14th April	Whaea Jaki Tabloid/Athletics Sports Day 11am Last Day of Term One

Eastern Southland Hockey

You can now register your child for hockey. You can complete the form on sporty or find them on facebook (Eastern Southland small sticks). This is for student in year 1-6

Registrations MUST be completed by the 14th April (Yr 1 - Yr 6) Any registrations after these dates will not be possible.

Click the link below to register - [Eastern Southland Hockey Sporty Link](#)

The students of Waikoikoi School would like to share some of their writing with you this week. Please enjoy the imaginative stories below

The Cricket Game

I went to cricket yesterday and I played with my friend. We played tag until cricket had started. Cricket started and it was really fun. When we played we bowled first and then we batted. We got two runs and the other team got a couple of sixes.

By Mikayla

The Fishing Trip

My Dad and I went camping at Lake Salmon in Canada and had fireworks the first night. The next day, we went fishing on our neighbour's boat which we had borrowed. At tea time, Dad and I had fish. A big juicy rainbow trout. It was so satisfying. We stayed up and watched movies and after the movies, I asked if we could go spear fishing. He said maybe. He also said I could bring my friend Henry. In the morning I decided to go fishing by myself and as I was casting, I caught someone's T-shirt on the other side of the lake. It was Reid by the campfire, who was getting ready to go spear fishing. I heard him yelling out "where has my shirt gone?". I had snagged his shirt right off him. I drove the boat over to see if he was okay. Reid was camping with my good friend Kees.

By Lincoln

Our Treehouse

Dad is chopping down our trees to make room for a big workshop. In a tree, there was a treehouse which we liked playing in. We might build a new one if Dad helps us with the tractor and the powertools. I would like a fire pit too to cook meat and fries.

By Reid

Our Forest Hotel

Dad and I saw a hotel. It was called Hotel House. It was in a tropical forest. There is a town next to it so we can go shopping. I lived and worked there. We lived on the top floor and I could see everything. The forest is safe because there are no animals living there so I'm allowed to play outside on the trampoline.

By Isabelle

The Fishing Competition

I went fishing on Saturday morning at Blackwell. It was bumpy on the way and boring. When I got there, I unhooked the boat from the trailer and drove it into the water. I saw a lot of Sassyfish so I started fishing. I had had my boat for three years and it was made of wood. I saw Jack on his boat so I waved at him when suddenly something whacked into the side of the boat. I was being attacked by a huge shark. It was a Great White shark and it looked like it was 20 metres in length. It went under the boat and hit the bow hard. Then it started eating the boat. Luckily Jack saved me. We also saw a seagull flying above so I named it Cleo. "I want to go home" I said to Jack. "Nice boat too" I told him.

So I went home and got my amphibian boat this time. Jack liked it. We went back to Blackwell again to finish the fishing competition. I lost three fish.

By Jaxon

The Rough Canadian Hunt

Reid and I took a private jet over to Canada to go hunting for meat. We were hoping to catch a bears, deer, and pigs and we had invited Lincoln to come as well. We had fun getting meat and getting scars and bruises from the animals, falling trees and rough terrain.

By Kees

The House

Mikayla and I chatted as we hiked through the bush when suddenly we saw 'the house'. It was spooky looking. It had spiderwebs and dirty windows.

We went inside the house and as we opened the door, a picture fell on the floor. We decided to keep walking until we saw a Dad Wolf. He looked powerful so we ran away. We hid in a tree but the wolf climbed up too. We jumped down screaming, sprinted to the car and drove away. We drove around the house and that's when we saw a ghost coming out of 'the house'.

We drove off very quickly and rented a campervan. We rented the camper for eight days to spy on the house in case people went past it, but nobody came near the house.

By Millah

The Car Track

There is a magic car track with ramps of all different sizes, loops and twists. This is a big track that helps the cars go really fast. The magic cars glow in the dark and they can go twenty kilometres an hour. This track does end eventually when it goes through a door into the outside world. There is a forest in the outside world with lots of gold.

By Gethyn