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## Calendar

**Friday 16th December** -  
School closes at 12.30pm

**Wednesday 1st February 2017**  
- Start of Term 1

**Monday 6th February** -  
Waitangi Day - school closed

**Thursday 9th February** - BOT  
Meeting @ 6.30pm

**Monday 20th February** -  
Education Review Office (ERO)

**Saturday 25th February** -  
Cadbury Car Park Fundraiser

Happy holidays



## From Jeff...

Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Okahau – greetings to all families of Warrington.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made 2016 such a successful year for Warrington School. It has been a real block busting end to the school year with the children being involved in plenty of activities, both at school and further afield with our school camp and the junior activity week. I would especially like to thank Miwa (Japanese lessons) Kirstie (school singing) Lyn, Lyne and Murray (gardens) Steven (swimming pool) who have contributed tirelessly to the school this year. I know that the children, parents and myself are very grateful to you for sharing your passions and expertise!





## End of Year Survey

Thank you to everyone who returned their end of year survey. The combined results have given us a strong indication of what we are doing well, as well as some ideas about what we could do to help continue our growth as a school. As a result of the surveyed results there was a unanimous number of respondents who supported the notion of there not being a compulsory amount of homework to be given out to children next year. The only exemption to this would be around junior children who will still be taking their reading home each night. If however you would like your child to have some sort of structured homework each week, please come and have a chat to your child's teacher and we are more than happy to oblige if you feel that this is a priority for your child outside of school. Congratulations to Liane and Ashley for winning the \$20 (mystery!!) voucher from Blueskin Café for returning your survey !!



Thank you to all of the teaching and support staff whose tireless efforts ensure that the students at Warrington School get a very high quality education. Not just academically, but also with a strong emphasis on improving the student as a whole, be that through sports, cultural experiences, education outside the classroom or through developing our school values. I hope that you have a well deserved holiday and come back ready and recharged for 2017.

The end of year written reports were sent home with the children yesterday, which report on each child's progress and achievement across the curriculum for the year. Also in the



envelope will be the senior children's stationery list for next year. It is expected that children have all their stationery for the first day of school next year so that we can get stuck into learning from day one. Mrs Russell will provide stationery for junior class members and you will be invoiced accordingly.

We have been totalling up and reviewing the \$90 activity fee for this year. We have been very busy with trips and learning opportunities outside the classroom over the past school year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed by paying the fee. The school has spent \$115 per child on these extras over the course of the year. I'm sure that you agree that it is money well spent.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Dawn who is moving on from Warrington School to a new position at Columba College for next year. Her last day at school will be tomorrow. She has been such a vibrant, valuable and important part of the Warrington School community and she will be very sadly missed by all, but I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new endeavours.

We also say goodbye to our Year 8s: Alex, Dion, Dylan, Floyd, Jacob, Lachlan, Phoebe and Zack and wish them well at their new high schools. Good luck to Faith and Madi who also move on to other schools and finally to Jack and Xavier who are moving out of Warrington. We will miss you all.



Our annual End of Year Prize Giving / Leavers Evening is being held tonight at the Warrington Hall, starting at 7.00pm. Children need to be at the hall no later than 6.50pm so that we can start on time at 7.00pm. I look forward to seeing you all there to help celebrate the end of another successful year at Warrington School.

Looking ahead to the beginning of next year the classroom organisation will be remaining the same with the Year 1-3 children continuing their learning journey with Mrs Russell and the Year 4-8 children's learning time being split between myself and Ms

Howden. The Board are continuing to fund some extra teaching time, so that the senior room will be split on Monday and Tuesday mornings, just like this year with the Year 3-5 children working with Ms Howden and the Year 6-8 children working with myself.

Just a reminder that the last day of school for the year is tomorrow Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. School will be closing at 12.30pm and there will be no after school care. School will be reopening on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff at Warrington School, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a safe and restful holiday with your families! See you in 2017!!



## Kia ora from the Seniors

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Well, the senior students have had a very productive and busy last couple of weeks. They have all worked so hard and they are ready for a well-deserved holiday!

We have harvested some of the delicious blackcurrants from the school garden and have frozen these for future baking next year. Please feel free to come and take some from the trees. If we don't eat them, the birds will love them!



Our main focus over the past couple of weeks has been our act for the end of year performance. The children have written their own play and I am so proud of their effort and dedication. I can't wait to see the final production tonight.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful whanau, parents and community members who have made this year so fantastic and productive. I am looking forward to and feel very privileged to be working with you and your children next year. For the wonderful children and families that will be moving to new schools, enjoy all your new adventures!

Have a great holiday and enjoy the sun (fingers crossed)!

## Kia ora from the Juniors

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I would like to say thank you to all our parents and helpers who have been a huge part of Room 3 this year. The children are very lucky to have you!

I will organise the children's stationery for next year and the school will invoice you accordingly.

Congratulations and best wishes to our Year 3 students: Alliyah, Ayano & Phoebe who graduate from Room 3 and move up to the senior class, you have all been a pleasure to teach and I wish you well. Also we say goodbye to Jack and Xavier who are both moving on from Warrington School - good luck boys we have loved having you in the class.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy holidays and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

