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Calendar

Tuesday 18th October - Senior Cluster Athletics (postponement Thursday 20th)

Thursday 20th October - Explorers Club @ 9.30am. Parent Camp meeting @ 3.15pm

Monday 24th October - Labour Day - school closed

Thursday 27th October - Assembly @ 2.30pm

Tuesday 1st November - North Zone Athletics (postponement Thursday 3rd)

Tuesday 8th November - Book car

Thursday 10th November - Explorers Club @ 9.30



From Jeff..

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

A big welcome to Rowan and his family to Warrington School!

It seems quite unusual writing the first newsletter of the new term from home and being away from all the fun and excitement of starting the term. I am seriously over this bout of the flu and fingers crossed will be back at school tomorrow! We have plenty of learning activities planned on what will be a very busy term from the cluster athletics events to the Year 5-8 Catlin's Surfari Camp, junior activity week to the re-opening of the school pool for the last part of the term. In the classroom the teachers are in the process of completing the end of year assessments ready to use the information for the





Road safety

As the weather is warming up it's great to see more children walking, biking and scootering to school. We would like parents to reinforce the road safety rules to children as they make their way to and from school. All children **must** wear a helmet if they are biking or scootering and if they are riding on the road, they must be on the left hand side of the road.

We have already noticed an increase in traffic with the freedom campers arriving in the village, so road safety is essential especially in the morning as this is the time campers tend to move on! The DCC have put up more school / children road signs but we need to be more aware of our actions too!

We do have some reflective vests at school, if your child is coming from further than the train lines and would like to use one please come and see Dawn.

Gardens

We have plenty of parsley and celery in our garden - please come and help yourself!

Parent camp Meeting

Thursday 20th October - 3.15pm



end of year written reports. It should be a very exciting and engaging end to the year!

Attached is the Warrington School learning plan for this term, which sets out what we are learning about. Remember this is a guide only and from time to time some learning areas outside literacy and numeracy learning will evolve as the term progresses and as we follow the interests of the children.

Swimming Achievement Report from Term 2

Swimming Achievement Target for 2016: By the end of the year 80% of year 4-8 children will be able to swim 200m or



more. (National Target: For all 9-11yr olds to be able to swim 200m)

The children were put through their paces in their first swimming session at Moana Pool and from that they were grouped according to their ability to swim the required 200m of freestyle. In the initial assessment only **34% (10)** of Yr 4-8 children could swim 200m of freestyle continuously. After the lessons **90% (26)** of Yr 4-8 children could swim 200m of freestyle continuously. Of the 3 children who did not make the distance 1 swam for 25m, 1 swam for 75m and 1 swam for 100m.

The board is committed to continue to apply for funding to help subsidise the cost of transport and swimming lessons for all children at Warrington School next year to complement the swimming sessions that we have in our own swimming pool here at Warrington School.

Just a reminder that it is the school expectation that every child and member of staff wears a sun hat when they are outside from the beginning of this term. Children need to bring their own sun hat from home. There is sunscreen provided for the children to use at school if needed. It would also be very helpful, especially in the junior room if the children's hats are named!

Sports Notices

Our futsal teams have made a great start to their Term 4 season. The **Warriors** played first and came away with a 3-1 win against Taieri College. After going down 1-0 in the first minute of the game the team stayed strong and were rewarded with their efforts by scoring 3 unanswered goals to Lachlan (2) & Isaac (1). Nathaniel was named player of the day for his great goal keeping and awesome attacking skills. Last night the **Wizards** played against Broad Bay, it was an even game to start with and then our team found their rhythm and came away with a 10-2 win! Some fantastic goals from Madi (7), Bruno (2) and Sam (1). Bruno was named player of the day for his great attacking skills and never give up attitude. Well done everyone - looking forward to next week already!

Kia ora from the Seniors

We have had a great start to the term! The students have been looking at sustainability, in relation to our school, and the world as a whole. We have been learning about the four main aspects of sustainability; economic, social, cultural and environmental. The children have shown great awareness and maturity in their thinking and I have really enjoyed the challenging opinions, and justifications for these, which the senior class have expressed. They have discussed and rated different ways of getting to school, ways of producing electricity/energy for large population consumption and supermarket foods.

We are looking at tessellations in maths and we are beginning to see that some shapes work better than others to produce tiling. When the students become confident, they will produce their own artwork of tessellations. From their drafts, I can see they will be fantastic!



We have also been practicing athletics. It has been great to see the children identifying the areas they need to work on, and the strong desire in many of the students to improve their results from last year. I can't wait to see their achievements on Tuesday!

Kia ora from the Junior Room

Welcome to Rowan and his family to our class this term. Rowan is a year one student and is settling wonderfully into classroom routines and making lovely relationships with his peers. Molly has started her school visits in preparation for school commencement at the end of this month.

Well done to all our junior students and their unique flower pot creations which were entered in to the Blueskin Bay Flower Show during the holidays. These looked amazing!

We have been busy planting a variety of seeds in our class. There are endless benefits of gardening with children such as: developing patience as they wait for the seeds to grow; gaining responsibility as they take care of the plants; learning about the growth process and better connection with the earth.

Lyne Carlyle will continue to work with groups of children sewing and cooking this term. If any other parents or caregivers have some free time and would like to do an activity of personal interest with a small group of students, please let Mrs Russell know.

Below are some of our fascinating holiday stories....

I went to the Catlins in the holidays with my family. Mum and Dad put the tent up while I rode my bike. We all slept in our tent. I felt really warm and happy in our tent. When we were driving to the Catlins in our car, I was feeling excited about camping. I loved camping with my family. **By Nikau**

In the holidays I was at Harry's house. My tooth came out during the day when I was eating an apple and a sausage. The Tooth Fairy gave me \$2 for my tooth and my tooth was still in the plastic bag. The sausage that I was eating was really small. Everyone else's sausage was big because my sausage was dairy free. I had a great time at Harry's house. **By Liam**

In the holidays I went to Danseys Pass. When we got unpacked we went on a day trip to a place where you can dig or buy fossils. At the fossils place we looked at fossils, then we dug some and then daddy bought me a fossil ammonite. I put the fossils I dug in the box that the ammonite came in. It is a very special box because it has a magnifying glass on the lid so you can see the ammonite better. I had a very interesting experience fossil digging. **By Phoebe**

Glue sticks, glue sticks, glue sticks..... it would be really helpful if all students provided a glue stick for gluing this term as we use these on a daily basis. Thank you to those parents who have already done this.

As the warmer weather is now upon us could all children please bring a sunhat from home which can be left in their tote tray to wear during those sunny days. Children should bring a drink bottle each day too.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing more sunshine, active children and less sniffles!

