



# WAIWERA SOUTH SCHOOL

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## Newsletter, Issue 3: 10th March, 2022

### Upcoming Events

<b>Wednesday 16th March</b>	Whole School Bike Trip to Waiwera River
<b>Thursday 17th March</b>	Technology Yr 7 & 8s
<b>Friday 18th March</b>	Hot Lunches - Pizza (Whiteside) orders due Wed 16th March
<b>Monday 21st March</b>	OTAGO ANNIVERSARY DAY - No school
<b>Wednesday 23rd March</b>	School Interviews - Bus to run at 12.30pm
<b>Thursday 31st March</b>	Technology Yr 7 & 8s
<b>Friday 1st April</b>	Hot Lunches - Nachos (S.Campbell) orders due Wed 30th April
<b>Thursday 14th April</b>	Technology Yr 7 & 8s. LAST DAY OF TERM 1
<b>Monday 2nd May</b>	TERM 2 STARTS

### Junior Class Farm Trip - Thursday February 24th

Exploring the Anderson, Bielski, Cleghorn and Whiteside farms to see what happens in Waiwera South.



# NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Kei ti pēhea koutou i tenei wiki?

It has been another few big weeks at Waiwera South School. The children are chipping away at their learning and are constantly showing, and reminding us of what they have learnt and are retaining. I had the pleasure of being in the Junior Class on Friday (my first time this year) and the information they had from their farm tour day was amazing, then their ability to use this information as a reference point for other learning is great to see.

I think we have turned a corner with the direct effect that Covid is having on us as a school, we have had our first few community cases – where members of our school households have tested positive for the virus. Please see page 5 for what we are doing and what you can do. I thank you for your ongoing support and understanding throughout the pandemic and at every change – it has made it a lot easier knowing that our community is supporting us. Moving forward we will remain open until we no longer can (the deciding factor will be staffing levels). If your children do have to remain at home to isolate we will provide work for them and the teachers will organise Zoom meetings with them. If someone in a school family household does test positive please contact me in the first instance – regarding your status. I also need to know if/when you move from being a household contact to a positive case.

Mēnā ka mau i koe, herea ki te kāika – if you are unwell, remain at home.

We are continuing to work towards having full employment of a new office manager, I hope to be able to bring you news of this very soon.

If anybody has half an hour or an hour spare a week, we would love to have you come along and work with groups of children in our school garden. If this sounds like it could be you – give one of the staff a call.

Noho ora mai – stay well.

Kaz Bissett



## Waiwera South School Annual Baleage Drive

We have begun our annual quest to ask for offers of feed for our annual baleage drive. If you would like to make a donation towards this, please contact a Board of Trustees member or the school office.

# How to work out your 10 days of self-isolation



*start over if you test positive*

Find out what you need to do if:	you are positive for COVID-19	you are a Household Contact (living with a positive case)*
<b>Day 0</b>	The day you test positive or start experiencing symptoms, whichever is earliest.	Your Day 0 is the same Day 0 as the first positive case in your household.
<b>Day 3</b>	-	Get a Day 3 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.
<b>Day 10</b>	-	Get a Day 10 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.
<b>Day 11</b>	After 10 days, as long as you are free of COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.	After 10 days, as long as you have a negative Day 10 test result and no COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government



The SMiddle class had a cooking challenge last week. On Wednesday in their teams they were given three minutes to memorise a Vegetable Muffin recipe. They then had to write down everything they could remember. On Friday they were asked to recall the recipe - the teams then had a go at recreating the recipe from memory. The results were surprisingly good!



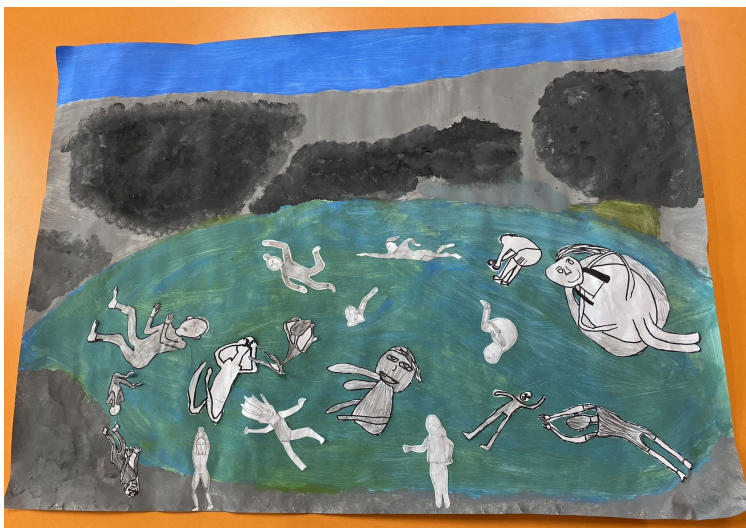
★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

To ...  
**Ryan Campbell**  
who turns seven on March 17th

Well done to Libby and Daniel who were awarded our School Values and Key Competency Awards at assembly last Friday. Daniel was awarded the Values Award for Responsibility and Libby the Key Competency Award for Participating and Contributing. Both students continue to do amazing work and we are so proud of their efforts.

Tu meke Libby and Daniel!

### Anderson's Quarry - Descriptive sentences



Throwing the container out to rescue my partner, the rope slips through my hands.  
Lincoln

The shock of the bitter water made all of my limbs go numb for a split second. Tuvia

My legs were shuddering, my feet scorching on the hot stones, I knew I had to get in quickly, so I leapt off. Libby

I walk into the icy cold water, the water seeping into my warm wetsuit, knowing that it was now or never I sink down then come up breathless, gasping for air, feeling refreshed. Zoe

The bucket smacks into the water sending whirling hailstones into my face. Freya

Wobbling, shaking, we all sat on the big log, working together to try to stand up. Harriet

I was struggling to get on the pontoon, Jodie hopped on and it shook a bit, it started to flip, I jumped hard to save myself. Lj

Whizz, we were spinning around so fast I couldn't see, then SPLASH I fell into the murky water and then swam to the side laughing. Florence

Brrr! I said as I jumped into the icy water, it felt like I was having a freezing cold shower, my teeth were shivering like a sheep that got shorn in the middle of winter. Maisie

# Covid-19 in the Community - What do you need to do?

We do have cases of COVID-19 in our community, we are confident that all the appropriate self-isolation action has been taken.

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority for us, so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools. At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate.

Please continue to follow good practices when it comes to your own health and the health of your whānau.

## What we are doing:

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

## 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.

## Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

If you do have a case in your household - please contact me in the first instance via email [principal@waiwerasouth.school.nz](mailto:principal@waiwerasouth.school.nz) or phone 021 957 601.

## **PARENTS PLUS GROUP** **AGM AND MEETING**



Thank you to all those who attended our AGM and meeting.  
The office bearers for this year are Madeline Anderson -  
President, Leanne Cleghorn - Treasurer/Secretary  
We are always keen for new faces and members.

# YOU'VE BEEN NOTICED ...



This week's "You've Been Noticed . . ." award goes to Lj Taylor. Well done Lj - keep doing those helpful little things without being asked!

## BUS TRAVEL



Just a friendly reminder, if your child/children are not going to be on the bus in the afternoon, please text your classroom teacher to let them know. If we do not hear from you they will go on the bus. If it is a weekly event e.g. Rugby practice - let the school office know and we can record it as a weekly event.

## Deep Water Rescue Skills at the Anderson's Quarry

The Senior Class Spent a sunny afternoon at the Anderson's quarry practicing their deep water rescues, it is harder than it looks to land a rescue aid where you want it!



# What Holds 30 Litres?



While visiting the Anderson's dairy farm we learnt that a cow will give us about 30 litres of milk a day. But what is 30 litres? We went for a hunt around school to see if we could find a container that we thought would be about 30 litres. We came back with a huge variety from a toy tractor, a milk bottle, a plant pot, a helmet to a zip lock bag.

We then measured out what 30 litres looks like and tried to pick it up, those cows sure are strong! Ben's black bucket was 25 litres and we struggled to move when that was full. We couldn't carry 30 litres around with us!

## SERGEANT DAN PALLETS - SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much to our amazing community for all the past support with this great fundraiser. Our Parent Plus group are collecting these pallets again. If you have any pallets that you would like to get out of the way and gone, we are happy to take them off your hands.

We would really appreciate if people could drop them off at Anna & Craig Whiteside's but if you can't get them there yourselves we can arrange to have them picked up from you.

For any inquiries or to make pick up arrangements, please contact :  
Madeline, on 0274626184





**ATTENTION!**

# DUCK SHOOTERS

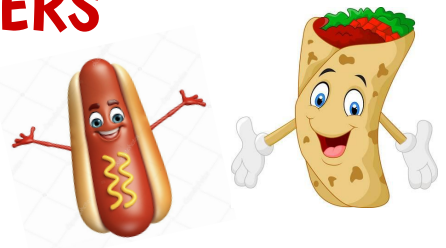
**Waiwera South School's Annual Wheat Fundraiser is back!!!**

**Saturday 26th March and Saturday 23rd April  
10am - 12pm at Tyreland, Balclutha**

**\$20 will get you a 40kg bag of wheat to feed your pond \$20**

## TERM ONE - HOT LUNCH ROSTER & ORDERS

Date	Lunch	Rostered
18th March	Pizza	Whiteside
1st April	Nachos	S Campbell



**ALL HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DONE THROUGH GOOGLE FORMS**

A google form was emailed to school families to order earlier in the term. Please contact the office if you would like it re-emailed.

All payments go directly to the PARENTS PLUS Account. Details will be in the email. If you are unable to do your rostered duty please organise to swap with someone else.