



# Wainuiomata Primary School

Term 1, Week 5 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa

Thank you for the support we have had implementing our new promoting positive behaviour system Whakaora this year. We have really appreciated having families and whānau working with us to improve students' behaviour. The aim of the reflection sheet is so parents / caregivers can have a talk with their child and discuss what happened and what positive choices they could have made instead.

We use a behaviour matrix to ensure we have a consistent approach across the school and this matrix is used to determine what Whakaora step a child is placed on. A copy of the matrix is displayed in the school office foyer.

Staff have been reflecting on Whakaora and have made the following tweaks:

Whakaora Step	Behaviour	Consequence(s)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minor incident (as per behaviour matrix)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reflection sheet completed and sent home to be signed</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Repeated minor incident within 5 school days of being on Whakaora 1</li><li>More serious incident</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reflection sheet completed and sent home to be signed</li><li>Follow up phone call by principal/DP/AP</li><li>Loss of 5 minutes Tu Meke (school reward) time</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Repeated minor incident within 5 school days of being on Whakaora 2</li><li>Major incident (as per behaviour matrix)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reflection sheet completed and sent home to be signed</li><li>Letter sent home from principal</li><li>Loss of 5 minutes Tu Meke (school reward) time</li><li>Whānau meet with classroom teacher and SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) to develop a support plan</li></ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Repeated incident within 5 school days of being on Whakaora 3</li><li>Severe incident (as per behaviour matrix)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reflection sheet completed and sent home to be signed</li><li>Letter sent home from principal</li><li>Loss of 5 minutes Tu Meke (school reward) time</li><li>Whānau meet with classroom teacher and SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) and principal to develop an individual behaviour plan</li><li>Probable in school suspension or formal stand down / suspension</li></ul>

This week we are showcasing the learning that's happening in Room 1!

I would like to welcome our new children and their families to Wainuiomata Primary School: -.  
Cheyse and Kate.

## School Assemblies

We hold a whole school assembly every fortnight at 11:30am in the hall. Parents are very welcome to come to the assembly. At each assembly selected children are presented with an Achievement Certificate which acknowledges good class learning or a C.A.R.E. certificate for demonstrating one of our C.A.R.E. value (see later in the newsletter). Our next assembly is Friday 1 March.

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with certificates last Friday

	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>C.A.R.E. Certificate</u>
Room 1 –	Ethan	Christian
Room 2 –	Aidan	
Room 6 –	Paige	Ryleigh
Room 7 –	Regan	Charlotte
Room 8 –		Bailey
Room 9 –	Kahurangi	Isobel
Room 10 –	Ava	Kelia
Room 14 –	Blake	Dylan
Room 15 –	Adalia	Enzo
Room 16 –	Myia	Caitlyn

Children who are spotted demonstrating our C.A.R.E. values at playtimes and lunchtimes are given a 'C.A.R.E. coupon'. These coupons are put into our letterbox outside the staffroom and at each assembly six names are drawn out. These six names then go into another draw to see who will 'Spin the wheel'

Congratulations to these students who won C.A.R.E. coupon Juicies, Isabelle, Gemma, Enzo, Ahitanahapi and Nu.

Special congratulations to Kelia room 10 who spun the wheel and won a Warehouse voucher

## Toffee Pop / Lewey– Best Class Award



At each assembly we give out an award for the best class – this is the class that has displayed all our C.A.R.E. values. They get to look after our special assembly toy until the next assembly and at that assembly the class gets to sit on seats at the back of the hall. At the end of last year our assembly toy Toffee Pop went into retirement. He has been replaced by Lewey (thank you to Mrs Tahu for donating Lewey –it's good that we have still got the Lewis name

around our school!) Congratulations to Room 7 who won the best class at our first assembly and congratulations to Rooms 9 and 15 who shared the award of Lewey at last week's assembly.



Happy birthday to Karmarlin whose birthday is this week.

## Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Interschool Athletics
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Tumeke Time
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Weetbix Tryathlon
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Whole School Assembly

## Enviro Group

The Enviro group is selling succulents this Thursday after school outside room 10. Plants cost 50 cents.

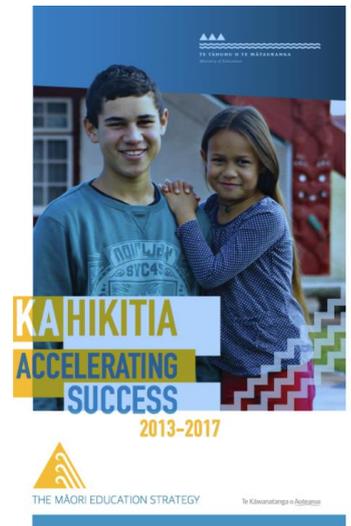
Thank you for your support with this.



## Tips for Parents and Whānau

From *Ka Hikitia in Action*, Ministry of Education

- Being at school on time and going every day, helps get children ready to learn and sets them up to be successful.
- Be interested in your child's learning. Children do better when parents and whanau are involved.
- Ask questions about what your child is learning, what they liked about their day and what they dream about for their future.
- Talk to your child about his or her teachers about your child's interests, progress and any help they need
- Ask if there is anything you can do to support your child's learning at home
- It's ok to ask to meet with the principal or teacher at a time that suits you.
- Ask your child's teachers about what the school is doing to support and grow student achievement
- Talk to other parents and whanau about their children's progress, learning and school activities



## Weetbix Tryathon



Our school has registered with the *weetbix tryathon*

(<https://tryathlon.co.nz/>). The event is open to children between the ages of 7 and 15. If your child is interested in participating in the weetbix tryathon they can enter and join the school group: Wainuiomata Primary School. By joining the school group they will be eligible for a small discount on their registration fee. A meeting for interested students will be held at school.



You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with government in January, our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry. The Government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for a quality public education for every child. We believe that winning more time to teach, a significant pay jolt to attract and keep people in teaching, and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. There are two union meetings for teachers in Wainuiomata and we have made arrangements internally so the school can remain open.

Public polling has showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. Parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

## Momo Challenge Advisory February 2019



Netsafe has received reports relating to young people who have been exposed to a harmful online “game” known as the Momo Challenge. Although we have **not** received any reports of young people in New Zealand taking part in the “challenge”, we are aware that some young people have seen content relating to Momo and have been very upset by the content and imagery. There has also been talk about whether this “challenge” is real or a hoax. Regardless of whether the actual challenge itself exists, individuals who come across Momo related content may experience emotional distress at seeing it – particularly younger children.

Netsafe encourages anyone that comes across content relating to the Momo Challenge or other similar ‘challenge’ content to immediately report it to the social media site or website that it’s on. In New Zealand, it is against the law to incite another person to take their own life. If somebody is targeting a young person to play this “game”, or attempting to incite suicide, you should contact the Police and Netsafe for help, and a mental health service for support. Netsafe can also provide advice for any parents who are concerned about this challenge. If young people are expressing feelings about self-harm or suicide then this should be followed up with appropriate mental health support.

Netsafe’s advice for parents about exposure to upsetting content:

- Have a conversation with young people about what to do if they do come across upsetting content online
- Let your child know that they can come to you when they find something upsetting and they won’t get in trouble
- Stay calm if they do come to you – don’t assign blame, reassure them that it’s not their fault and don’t punish them for seeking help
- Normalise their feelings – let them know that it is normal to feel scared, confused or upset
- Don’t over-react by taking away the technology – this may make them less likely to talk to you if something else happens
- For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords like “Momo”
- If you or your child comes across this type of content report it to the platform that it’s on
- If your child is expressing any concerning feelings, follow up with mental health support
- If you know that a young person has been engaging in this challenge, report it to the Police and Netsafe, and contact a mental health service for support.

For more advice about children viewing upsetting content online, visit our [Upsetting Content page](#).

### CONTACT NETSAFE

**Need help or advice? Contact us.**

- **Text** ‘Netsafe’ to 4282
- **Email** [help@netsafe.org.nz](mailto:help@netsafe.org.nz)
- **Call us** toll free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
- **Online report form** at [netsafe.org.nz/report](https://netsafe.org.nz/report)

Our helpline is open from 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 5pm on weekends.

# EXCITING NEWS!!!



NEW ZEALAND'S BEST LOVED & HIGHEST RATING KIDS TV SERIES KICKS OFF 2019 BY BROADCASTING 10 EPIC LIVE SHOWS AROUND WELLINGTON FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY!

AND THE SUPER SPECIAL FIFTH SHOW OF THE YEAR IS BEAMING OUT LIVE TO THE NATION FROM WAINUIOMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Date: Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> - Time: 8am-10am

Location: 1 Homedale Rd, Wainuiomata

FREE ENTERTAINMENT, A WONDERFUL TIME OUT WITH ALL THE WHANAU & THE CHANCE TO SHOW THE REST OF AOTEAROA WHAT AN AWESOME PLACE YOU LIVE IN!

To be part of our audience, we'd really love you to register at the new 'House of Funge'!

[www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)

(Only registered kids/adults are eligible to potentially be picked to play a cool, messy game on the live show too!)

\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

If you're unable to register online though, no worries! PLEASE JUST ROCK ON UP! This is free, feel good family-friendly entertainment at its best and we would love to see as many smiley faces in the crowd as possible!!

THE BIGGER THE CROWD, THE MORE GUNGE, FOAM AND FUN!



## Community News

Soccer

### Register for Wainuiomata Junior Football ages 4 to 14 years

Do you like kicking a ball around?

We are looking for 10, 11 and 12 year olds who want to play footy, don't miss out registering online before Friday 8th.



<https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en/login>

We also offer Friday nights starting 5th April from 5pm to 6pm at Richard Prouse Park for 4 to 6 year olds. Saturday mornings for 7 to 8 year olds from 9am to 10am Richard Prouse park for two weeks and then a festival on the third week playing 4 games against other clubs. All other grades are home and away playing other clubs.

Any queries please email Leanne [alsmitty@outlook.co.nz](mailto:alsmitty@outlook.co.nz)

The logo for Rural Fest Wainuiomata. It features a central scarecrow character with a straw hat and a white body, standing on a small patch of ground. To the left is a black and white dog with its tongue out, and to the right are two sheep. The text 'WAINUIOMATA' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font above the scarecrow. Below the scarecrow, the words 'RURAL FEST' are written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline. Underneath that, the phrase 'COUNTRY COMES TO TOWN' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the logo, the text 'THE RURAL FEST SCARECROW IN THE FRONT YARD COMPETITION' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'PETTING ZOO. DOG AGILITY. FOOD. GAMES. PONY RIDES. STALLS. BAKE-OFF & MORE...' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The entire logo is framed by a string of colorful bunting flags (red, blue, yellow) at the top and bottom.

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**Sat 9th March 11am - 3pm**  
**QUEEN ST RESERVE, WAINUIOMATA**  
[ruralfestwainuiomata.com](http://ruralfestwainuiomata.com)

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