



Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Kia ora Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to your 'Te Kura o Wairau Whanau', and to the 2023 year.

We have had a stunning start to this year.

Thank you so very much for helping to make the start of this year for your child/ren as special and positive as it has been by getting their school uniform sorted, their stationary bought, and their togs and towels labelled and in their bags every day.

### **Swimming**

Our swimming pool is up and running and looking fabulous. Our caretaker Mr Foss/Pa John, has been looking after our pool to make sure that everyday it is ready to be used. On behalf of all the community of Te Kura o Wairau we would like to thank our Board of Trustees for paying for our pool to be upgraded and safe. We are all so very grateful.

Whanau it is so important that your child/ren go swimming at school. It is here at our pool and in this safe environment that they begin to gain confidence and learn swimming/water skills that will help keep them safe as they get older and are around any water in the future.

### **Meet & Greet**

Next week on Thursday 10th February from 3-5pm we are having our 'Meet & Greet' at Te Kura o Wairau. This is how it is working: From 3-3:30pm you can visit your child/rens classroom environments and see what they have been learning about so far, as well as meet their teacher if you haven't had a chance to yet. Then from 3:30 - 4pm we will have a sausage sizzle and iceblock (most probably under the trees outside Rooms 7 - 10). Then from 4-5:00pm children can go and swim in the pool (they must have an adult with them from their family).

### **Uara/Values**

When you visit the classroom environments you will see that there is a 'PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning)/Uara/Values display. This display is used to motivate, celebrate and teach our students how to be 'Wairautanga'. On our certificates we have 4 of our Atua/Maori Gods (Papatuanuku, Tane Mahuta, Tangaroa and Ranginui). They adorn our certificates because they are important to us, as we teach our students about the Atua of Aotearoa. Throughout the year when a student achieves 25 Uara Points they get a Papatuanuku Certificate. When they get 50 Uara Points they receive the Tane Mahuta Certificate. When they achieve 75 Uara Points they get the Tangaroa Certificate, and when they reach 100 Uara Points they receive the Ranginui Certificate. We make a big deal out of these achievements and celebrate this alongside our students at our whole school assemblies. Keep a lookout for these as they come home. They are a treasure to stick on the fridge and talk about at home.

### **Dojo Points/Wairautanga Celebration**

As part of our PB4L programme we also collect Dojo Points from each class. We set a goal to achieve and once we achieve this goal we organise a 'Wairautanga Celebration'. Our first goal is to get 1000 Dojo Points. We look forward to getting a Wairautanga Celebration organised for our students in recognition of their positive behaviour.

## **Alert App/Facebook**

I highly recommend that you join our team on our school alert app and facebook page. These platforms are used lots and lots and are ones I recommend you join so you can get alerts and important notices asap. Join the School App today by searching for 'Te Kura o Wairau' or by scanning the QR code:



Search for 'Te Kura o Wairau' on Facebook. Each team also have their own page:

Te Kura o Wairau Kowhai Team,

Te Kura o Wairau Rata Team,

Te Kura o Wairau Kahikatea Team.

## **Whole School Assemblies**

We have 3 'Whole School Assemblies' this term on Friday 17th February, Friday 10th March, Friday 31st March 2023.

## **Paid Union Meeting**

On Friday 3rd March the teachers will be attending a Union Meeting at 1:30pm. We will close early on this day at 12:00noon. Please come and pick up your child/ren early on this day so our teachers can attend this meeting. I thank you in advance for your support.

## **Teacher Only Day - TERM 2 - Monday 24th April**

Next Term we will be starting school on Wednesday 26th April.

On Monday 24th April we will be having a Teacher Only Day to work on our Local Curriculum. On Tuesday 25th April it is Anzac Day.

Nga mihi  
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Tumuaki/Principal



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