



Stand Tall, Grow Strong, Reach High



Whareorino School Newsletter

Friday, 10th June 2022



Tāwhirimātea is not pleased!

What a windy and stormy few weeks we have had here in Waikawau! Power outages have seen our students (and teachers) build their resilience and be very adaptable. Just as I write this newsletter, a bolt of lightning has struck in our valley and boy, it was LOUD! The power surged prior to the bolt striking a nearby tree, making a loud bang which we thought may be a gunshot. Mrs. Wycherley and I immediately put the children into the lockdown room until the lightning storm passed. Once the children were safe, I ensured the school was secure. I'm so proud of these children, getting into the lockdown room, getting down and waiting quietly. They held the little ones close who felt scared and supported each other. Ka pai tamariki!

We finished off our topic of 'Change' last week. Although we will continue to watch Chemical and Physical changes happen around us, we enjoyed learning more about Chemistry. We have now begun our topic of "Myths and Legends". I'm particularly excited about teaching Māori myths and legends. This will all be linked to our very first Public Holiday for Matariki!

We have begun eating and playing more indoors. New games have been delivered and the children are enjoying learning new card games, chess, checkers and mandala. If you have any old board games you no longer want, please consider donating them to our kura for our wet lunch times.

I wish you all well in your travels in the coming weeks. Especially if you are travelling for the Matariki holiday.

Ngā mihi nui,
Caley

Covid Protection Framework - Updates

The school continues to follow the MOE guidelines, specifically mask wearing. With ongoing good hygiene practices, we are trying hard to minimise the spread of winter bugs.

A friendly reminder that if your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home and test them for Covid. It can take a few days for a test to become positive. We suggest keeping RAT tests on hand for when you may need them. They are free to pick up through the Ministry Website: <https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/>

Should you need a RAT test urgently and you can't get into town, please contact the office as we have some you can use.

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Our Vision

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Our Values

Relationships
Resilience Reflection

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School and Community Notices

Fundraiser: Pinecones for Sale

The school is currently selling bags of pinecones for \$8 each. If you're keen to purchase these, please contact Jacqui (email or phone) or come in and see us. Bank account number for deposit is: 03-0449-0190318-002

Celebration of Learning

Our tamariki have been working hard to ensure their learning is being completed in the time given and to a high standard. For most of our tamariki, we are now exploring a range of texts and learning from each story. As we say, the children are no longer learning how to read, they're now reading to learn! We have begun a heavy focus on reading comprehension, transferring this into our writing.

The Targa Rally was rather exciting when it zoomed through Waikawau! The children had a great time waiting for the cars to come zipping around the corner. I then brought in boxes of hot wheels and the children enjoyed making tracks across the classroom. We did some reading comprehension about Car racing and also began an art project using perspective drawing. We're hoping to finish this artwork in the coming weeks. The paint and glue isn't drying very well with this wet weather.

Our first Community potluck saw some of our tamariki stand up and say a karakia before we tucked into a delicious feed! Thank you to everyone who came to our potluck and introduced themselves. It was wonderful for all our families to get to know our new students. We'll have to do it again soon!



