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Waikato Waldorf School, Kindergartens and Play Circle



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Kia ora e te whānau

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday, and were able to spend some quality time with your families, despite the unpredictable weather we have been having.

I would like to extend an extra-special welcome to all the new families joining us for the first time. It is always an exciting time of year when we get to meet and greet new faces, and we are delighted that you have chosen a Waikato Waldorf education for your children.

On Wednesday of this week we held our Pōwhiri for this year's Class One. This is always a special day in our school calendar, and this year was no different. We are all looking forward to getting to know the class and their whānau in the weeks and months to come.

The last month or so has been incredibly active here at school, with a number of key projects taking place. The most obvious of these is the resurfacing work of our car park and roadway. The weather really did not play ball at all and we have had to reschedule the completion of this a number of times. We hope to have a clear weather window in the next week to complete this work. Thank you for your patience when using the car park as we wait for the line marking to happen.

In addition to this project, the old office space/community room has been renovated into a wonderful High School teaching space to cater for our first ever Class 10 (Year 11). Several other maintenance projects were also completed, including some external painting work. A huge thank you to our Property Team of Chris, Marion and David for their hard work over the holiday period.

In addition to this, we have been busy recruiting new staff, mostly in part-time roles, to meet the growing needs of our school. A very warm welcome to each and every one of our new staff...

**Lucas Feistauer – High School Teacher**

**Taryn Surgison – Class 5 Teacher**

**Rongo Bell – ORS Learning Assistant Class 6**

**Sarah Bodley-Davies – ORS Learning Assistant Class 1**

**Katie Alini - Learning Assistant Class 3**

**Paula Dinan – Learning Assistant Class 3 and Class 5**

**Josh Dawson – Eurythmy Pianist**

**Marieke Nation – Singing Teacher**

**Oliver Barratt – High School Music Teacher**

There are some other key staffing changes this year, with Sharon Cleaver and Mel Lints-Hutchings becoming Deputy Principals as well as maintain a teaching aspect to their roles. Mel will continue to focus on the development of the High School area, and Sharon will focus mainly on the Lower School. In addition to this, Nicky Sale, one of our Learning Assistants, is also taking on the BASC Coordinator role, starting from next week.

There will be lots more information to share as the weeks unfold, but for now I wish you all a wonderful long weekend,

Rob Shirlow  
Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 6 Feb – Waitangi Day Holiday—School closed

7 February	Class 3	Parent meeting 6.30pm
8 February	Class 5	Parent meeting 6.30pm
9 February	Class 7	Parent meeting 6.30pm
13 February	Class 6	Parent meeting 6.30pm
15 February	Class 1	Parent meeting 6.30pm
16 February	Class 2	Parent meeting 7pm
1-3 March	Class 4	Pirongia Camp
13 March	Class 6 and 7	Science Roadshow trip
17 March	Class 6	Caving Trip
22 March	Class 7	Maritime Museum visit
26 March	Medieval Carnival	
27 March	Teacher Only Day – School closed	
28-29 March	Classes 1-7	Parent Interviews – times tbc
28-31 March	Class 8 and 9	Camp
4 April	Autumn Festival	
6 April	Last day of term 2pm finish	

Note: Term 2 starts on April 27th

### Drop off in the morning

Students are to be dropped off after 8.30am. There is no teacher supervision until 8.30am.

We have a before school care program which required pre booking, so if you need to drop your child off before this time please arrange to do so by emailing Nicky at [basc@waikatowaldorf.school.nz](mailto:basc@waikatowaldorf.school.nz).

### Pick up at the end of the day

Similarly, there is no supervision for your children at the end of school beyond 3pm. Monika and myself can monitor children waiting to be collected on the deck outside the office. Students must wait in this area only rather than play elsewhere.

If you are unable to collect your children by 3.15pm each day please arrange to book them into after school care by using the email above.

If you know you are going to be late please call Monika on 07 855 8710.

Piano lessons available

Kia ora koutou. My name is Josh Dawson. I am excited to be on board as the pianist for the Eurhythmy programme this year. I am pleased to be able to also offer private individual piano lessons, based at the school. I love to be able to work with students to help them reach their individual piano goals, and bring a wealth of tools and tricks from over five years of experience as an itinerant piano teacher.

If your child is interested in taking lessons, and for more details, please contact me on 022-066-4855 or at [josh@waikatowaldorf.school.nz](mailto:josh@waikatowaldorf.school.nz). Spaces are limited. I look forward to hearing from you!



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