

THE FRIDAY FLIER

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KOTAHITANGA

Waikato Waldorf School, Kindergartens and Play Circle



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Kia ora e te whānau

I hope you are all doing well.

We are now at the halfway point of the term. Summer has been and gone, Autumn is upon us, and we are firmly back into the rhythms and routines of school life. This week Class 2 headed off on a farm visit as part of their 'Animal Fables' main lesson, and Class 4 have been at Pirongia Lodge rounding off their 'Sense of Place' main lesson with an exciting program of outdoor activities and challenges.

As usual at this time of year we are building towards our main annual fundraiser, the Medieval Carnival. While there is still much work to be done I would like to acknowledge and thank Jo, Hollie, Celina and the rest of the Parent's Association for all of the hard mahi they are putting into preparing for the event. Many hands make light work, so if you are not yet involved in the preparation work or planning to be involved on the day itself, please consider donating your time. Just drop by the office and we will make sure someone from the PA gets in touch.

I am sure you will have all noticed that our car park surfacing and marking is finally complete!

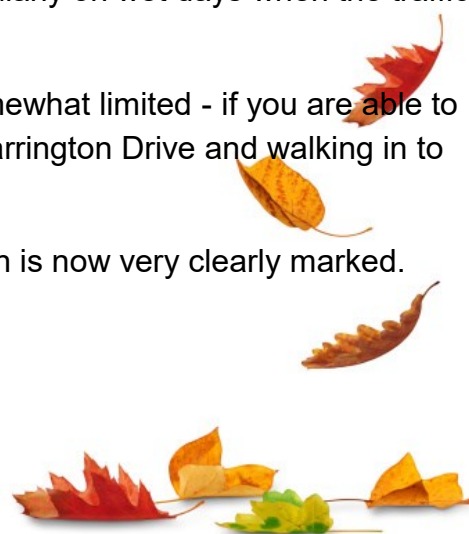
As our school grows so does the amount of cars using the carpark. Could I please ask all parents/caregivers and whānau to drive slowly and mindfully onsite, particularly on wet days when the traffic increases significantly.

As we all know the number of parking spaces in the carpark is somewhat limited - if you are able to do so please consider helping us to reduce traffic by parking on Barrington Drive and walking in to collect your children, particularly if you do not have young children.

Please also refrain from using the staff and disabled car park which is now very clearly marked. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Rob



Please note

If, for any reason, you are unable to get through to our land line please call/text 021 0833 3043.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Police are aware of an incident which took place in Hamilton yesterday where a young person was approached by an unknown male and offered a ride home. Police are investigating this matter and believe it is timely to remind parents and their children to ensure they know what to do should a situation like this arise.

We're all responsible for keeping children safe in our families and communities and it's also important for children to know how to identify unsafe behaviour and what to do if they feel unsafe.

The following link provides some useful information to help parents have conversations with their children.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-community/keeping-safe/children-safe>

If you have any concerns please contact Police via the website "[Police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz)" or 105; if it is an emergency contact 111

Ironing Board Required

The High School needs an Ironing Board for Soft Material projects.

Does anyone have one spare that they could gift the school?

Please drop it into the office.

Thank you



CLASSROOM CORNER

Class 3

As part of their first main lesson Class 3 has been learning all about Noah's Ark. We learned that Noah's Ark was 300 cubits long. Using the finger knitting we started in Class 1 to measure just how long that is, we found that Noah's Ark is as long as the distance from the front entrance of the school to halfway across the field. Our finger knitting was actually longer than the Ark! Then the class built arks from recycled materials and put on an exhibition to display the fruits of their labours.

Here are some pictures ...

Maria

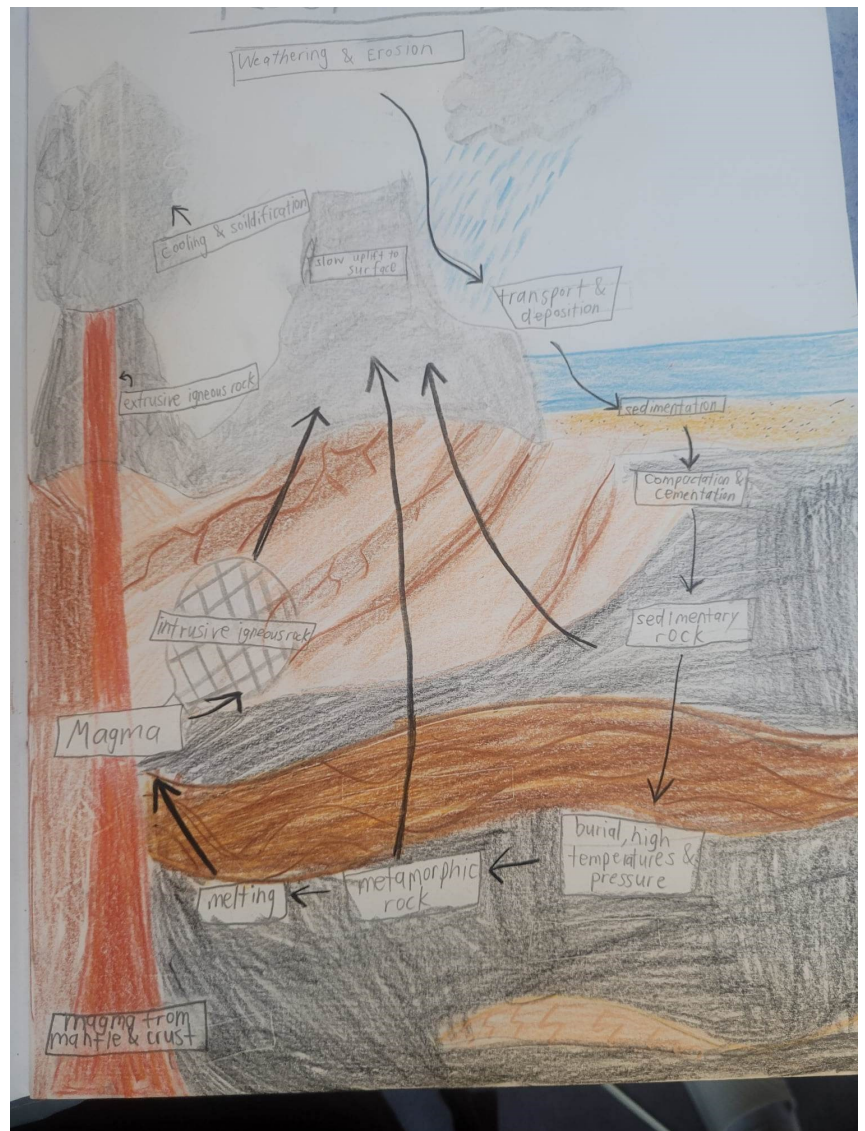
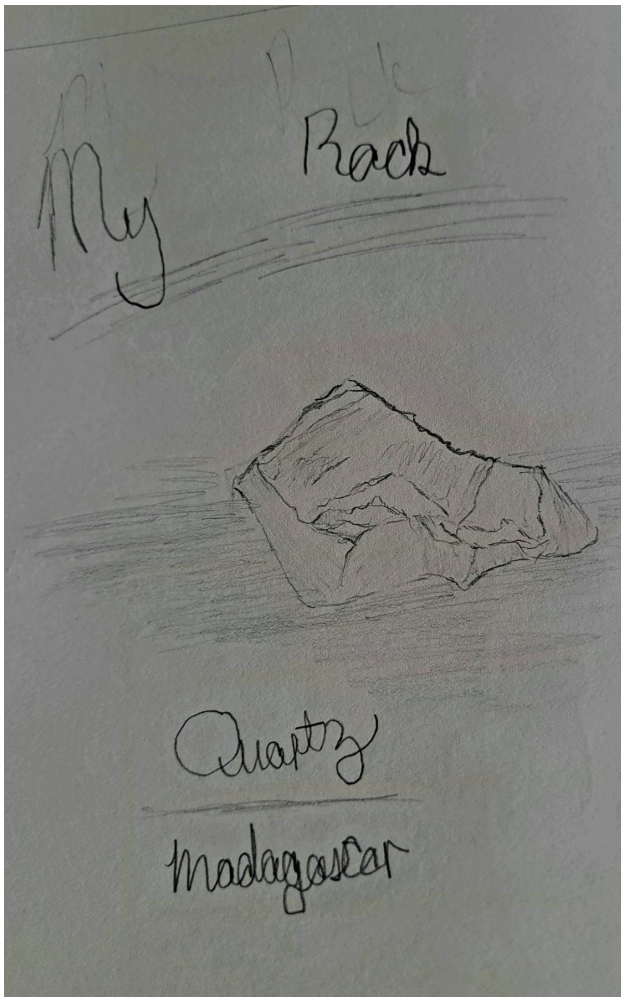


CLASS 6

In Class 6 we have just started our geology main lesson. We have been fortunate to be gifted an incredible set of rocks from a passionate geologist that are from many far away places across the globe. During our main lesson yesterday, we looked at some of the rock samples and we each selected one that 'called to us'. We tried to imagine its journey to us. Where it had come from, how long ago it was created, what conditions it was under as it was forming. We were thinking about these things as we did a detailed sketch of them.

During our writing sessions, we have been exploring different types of poetry. We have discovered a style of poetry called 'blackout poetry'. This is where we take a piece of text (usually from a story) and look for words and phrases that interest us. We circle those and they then form an extremely interesting poem. Check these ones out. The children have done a great job of understanding how poetry invokes a particular mood/feeling in its reader.

Lorna



Summer & Winter

Mighty clouds danced gayly in the wind,
cool green leaves formed the sun,
and the winds fanned the violets.

The earth looked bright among the hills and valleys,
broad rivers and rustling woods.

'Till the winds grew cold with falling snow,
far below, crystal icicles filled drooping trees.

Cold wind blighted glittering icicles,
soft, white, snow, covered the flowers and leaves.

This is winter.



The deadly Cyclone

Nature, deep and hidden in secrets,
striped of finery and effort,
suddenly every hole seemed to
fill in,
and, DISAPPEAR.

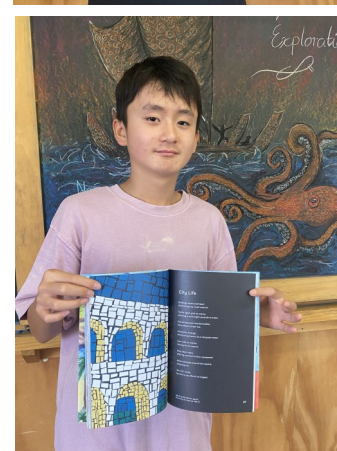
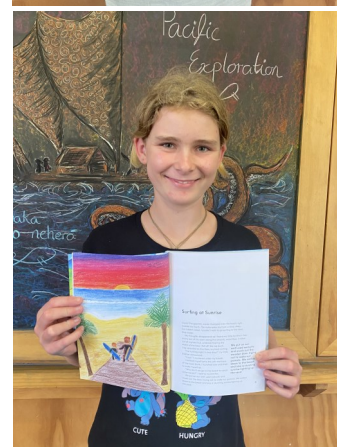
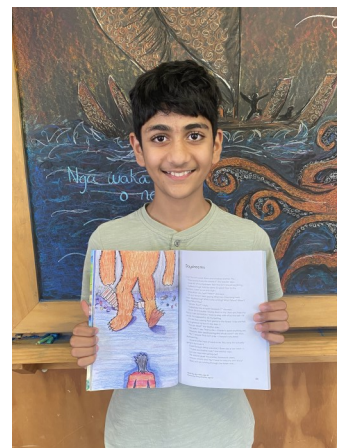
CLASS 7

This has been an exciting start to the term for Class 7. Three of our students received their copies of the Toi Toi Journal with their published pieces of artwork. Jun, Aria, and Tanay submitted artwork in Term 4 last year. Out of hundreds of submissions from students all around New Zealand, these three artists were chosen for publication! Toi Toi is a New Zealand Literary Journal that caters to the work of students between the ages of 5-18. What a wonderful achievement and inspiration it is to have three of our own published within its pages!

We started our term with a Main Lesson on Pacific Exploration. One of the highlights was designing and creating waka using natural found materials and string. Students needed to ensure their waka floated, had either a sail or paddles, and had an anchor suitable to the size of the waka. A lot of experimentation and research took place behind the scenes to ensure their finished waka met all these requirements. Finished waka were tested and peer and self-assessed. Look at this wonderful showcase of will and creativity!

Ngā mihi

Jo



Parent Association Notice Board

Medieval Carnival is nearly 3 weeks away! This is the time we need everyone to pull together and get it done. This week the PA has secured the Eft-pos terminals, confirmed our external stall holders and begun to plan the layout for our 2023 Carnival.

- ◆ We are looking for:
 - ◆ ○ **BBQ's** – We would like to borrow 2 BBQs for our sausage sizzle. If you have a barbeque we could use, please get in contact with Celina or Maaike at Kindy.
 - **Chilly Bins** – We would like to borrow 3-4 large chilly bins for use on food stalls. Please get in contact with Celina #0211858160.
 - **Willow Cutters** – We will still be running Sword Making at the carnival this year thanks to a great volunteer. We will need to set up a team to gather willow for sword making, and for Arti who is making some willow wands for the craft shop. If you would like to help us, please contact Jo Gordon.
- **Working Bee!** The day we make sure the school looks extra amazing and perform and maintenance/repairs to Carnival equipment and signs. **Sunday 12th March, 10am-2pm.**

If you have gardening gloves, weed bags, buckets, sponges etc. please bring them.

- **Carnival Signs** - Narelle Clausen and Manihera Forbes will be handing out Medieval Carnival signs on Friday afternoon at school for all those who have a business, or a fence on a busy road, or a school nearby, or live on a park etc. Please introduce yourself, sign out a sign or 3 and promote our amazing carnival. If you can't be there on Friday, please make contact with Jo or the Parent Community Facebook page as we may have lots left over.
- **Sword Making** – Do you have time to spare at Carnival (haha)? We are looking for volunteers to sign-up on the day. This involves helping the children safely use a knife to whittle their sword. If this is something you would like to do here is the link to our live sign-up sheet. [Sword Making Sign-up](#)

Any queries or offers of help to Hollie: 0210469580 or Jo: 021774110.

School Apples for Carnival!

With the carnival coming up on 26th March, there is a lot of baking and cooking to do by families for this event. Our apple trees are just about ready, so we will begin picking them and leaving them out by the office for parents to take and bake. I plan to harvest on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays starting from 13th March- 2 weeks prior to the carnival.

If these times are inconvenient and you wish to pick some yourself, please talk to me to arrange a time. Thank you.

Carl Saunders

The Parents Association is hoping to source gazebos and trestle-style tables through the school community for the Medieval Carnival on 26 March 2023. Does anyone have a gazebo and/or table or could borrow gazebo/table(s) through family or their workplace? For gazebos, we need 3x3m, 3x4.5m or 3x6m to fit into the allocated spaces for each stall. Bonus points for leg weights to hold the gazebos in place.

Please contact Melanie Hopkins on 021909391 or bry.mel.hopkins@gmail.com.

Big thanks to those parents who have contacted me already.

WAIKATO WALDORF COMMUNITY

PRESENTS



MEDIEVAL CARNIVAL

Sunday 26th March
10am – 3pm

85 Barrington Drive, Rototuna
Access & Parking on Te Manatu Drive

* Medieval Village * Games *
* Coffee * Craft * Food *
* Live Entertainment *

Bring your own cup, plate, cutlery
Zero Waste Event



Waikato Waldorf

CRAFT GROUP



All levels of experience welcome so come and learn!
Just bring yourself, we even have tea



Every Wednesday 9am – 11am
School Hall

Proceeds from Craft Shop go straight back to our
community. Get involved and have fun!

Contact Marion: 027 280 8683
Facebook: Waikato Waldorf Craft Group

Pre-Carnival Working Bee!

Sunday 12th March

10am – 2pm

We need all hands on deck to get everything looking it's best for carnival day. This will certainly include weed pulling, path sweeping, pruning, castle wall cleaning, maybe even a bit of sign painting.

Come prepared, bring your gloves, outdoor equipment, sunhat, sunscreen, water bottle, favourite snacks. Give whatever time you can spare, we appreciate it.

This is a community day; kids can tag along with reminders to be safe and stick to the playground/hall. You know them best.

See you there!

Craft and Cake Evenings!

Don't like to craft alone? Need some motivation to get started?

Come along to Miro House Kindergarten on one of the evenings below and we will provide the treats and chatter. Just bring yourself and your crafting supplies!

Come for an hour or the whole thing.

- Wednesday 8th March 6 – 9pm
- Thursday 16th March 6 – 9pm

Everyone is welcome but we especially encourage those parents from Kindy and Classes 2 and 5 (Children's Shop), and Class 7 (Lucky Dip) to come along and complete their craft.