

THE FRIDAY FLIER

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KOTAHITANGA

Waikato Waldorf School, Kindergartens and Play Circle



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Kia ora e te whānau. Hello everyone,

I hope you are all doing well out there and enjoying the crisp, cooler days.

Term 2 is almost at its mid-point now and the classes have well and truly found their rhythms. It's been another rich week of learning, with Class Four enjoying their Noho Marae trip to Hukanui Marae and Class Seven travelling to the Auckland Writers' Festival.

I was able to join Class Four for the start of their Noho Marae. What a tremendously rich learning experience this is for all the students. We had the privilege of being welcomed into the Wharenuui by a Pōwhiri and meeting and spending time with kaumatua Papa Ted. We listened to some of the stories associated with our local hapū, Ngati Wairere inside the Wharenuui and heard some of the history associated with Hukanui Marae.

I had the great honour of representing the class and our school by responding to the welcome during the Pōwhiri session. This was my first time speaking Te Reo Māori in a formal setting on a marae. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge Whaea Charlotte and all that she has done and continues to do for the students, our staff and community. We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and skilled colleague at our kura.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koe, Charlotte, ka rawe tō mahi!

It was wonderful to see many of the community attend the Clothing Swap this week. Big thanks to the Parents Association for organising this event. I have really enjoyed some of our younger students stopping me in the playground to show off their new clothes, particularly the student who was delighted to proudly share the word 'Staff' on their jersey (in small text of course). It was a source of great amusement to them and their friends that they could be considered a 'staff member' at such a young age!

Finally today, please note the term dates below which have a few changes to the last flier, notably that last day of term is on a Friday this term, not a Thursday. Also, as PPTA strike action continues, some high school classes are rostered home. We are all hopeful that a favourable outcome can be reached between the teaching unions and the government, sooner rather than later.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā, have a great weekend.

Rob

Whakatauki o te wiki:

Mā roto hoki kia ora, ka pai te korero

When refreshed, the conversation will be agreeable

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25th May - Class 10 rostered home (PPTA strike action)
- 2nd June – Teacher Only Day School closed
- 5th June – King's Birthday School closed
- 6th June - Class 9 rostered home (PPTA strike action)
- 8th June - Class 8 rostered home (PPTA strike action)
- 20th June – Class 4 - 7 Tough Guy/Gal Challenge
- 21st June – Winter Matariki Festival @ 5.30pm
- 22nd June – backup date for the above
- 30th June – Last day of term

WANTED

We are on the hunt for someone in the community who may be able to carve some pumpkins for our Matariki/Winter festival. These pumpkins need to be carved to reflect the various class Matariki stars or specific class main lessons.

If you are able to do all or some pumpkins please contact the school office. Thank you.



**CHESS
CLUB**

We had an excellent session on Thursday lunchtime with a 'beat the teacher' event.

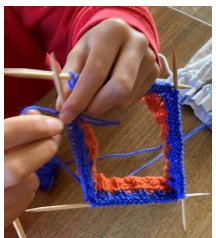
New players always welcome.

SCIENCE

with Lucas!



Class 5 Handwork The children are knitting themselves or a family member a woollen hat. They are either using two needles or five. This depends on the swatch they knit before we begin. They also choose what colours to use and how these work in the knitting process and final look. Reducing and casting off are part learning and part recall in both patterns. The goal is to have this project finished before the end of Term 2, so fingers and hands are very busy. *Jody Helliwell*



CLASSROOM CORNER - CLASS 7

Earlier in the week, Class 7 had the wonderful experience of attending the 2023 Auckland Writers Festival. We spent the day being inspired by renowned authors and illustrators sharing their journeys to publication.

We heard stories of courage and perseverance from best-selling author, Jason Reynolds, who failed his English classes multiple times and was 18 years old when he read his first book. New Zealand author and illustrator, Sarah Laing, gave us a glimpse into the process of illustrating a graphic novel, and spoke of the beauty of imperfect art. Mary-Anne Scott shared how the harrowing true life account of a dog falling into a tomo became an inspiration for one of her novels. Dahlia and Mani Malauleu reminded us that our words are powerful and our diverse stories deserve to be shared with the world.

The students returned to school with a renewed appreciation for writing and storytelling, inspired to create their own.

Ngā mihi

Jo



What are Enviroschools?

Waikato Waldorf School holds Green-Gold status as an Enviroschool, but what does this mean?

Well, an Enviroschool is one that belongs to a network of schools with similar ideas, concerns and desires to make their schools, communities, country and world a better place. To create environments that are sustainable and reflect the values of the stakeholders.

There are five guiding principles of the Enviroschools programme:

- Sustainable communities
- Empowered students
- Māori perspectives
- Learning for sustainability
- Respect for diversity of people and culture

Every Enviroschool follows its own path, achieving a holistic approach by applying the guiding principles across four key areas of Enviroschools' life:

- Place – wāhi
- Practices – tikanga
- People and participation – tangata
- Programmes – kaupapa

Enviroschools provides a lifelong journey from early childhood through primary, intermediate and secondary school and beyond into the community. Enviroschools is supported by a national team with a diverse range of national and regional partners, including the majority of local and regional councils across the country. Facilitators from these partner organisations assist Enviroschools to progress along their journey.

Among other things, Waikato Waldorf School seeks to develop youth who care for their environment and from this care springs action to make change for the better.

In future Friday Fliers you will hear more about our Green-Gold status and what we are doing to fulfil and maintain this.

For the WWS Enviroschools team

Carl Saunders



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

In the last flier we gave you updates around the design of the new science lab which will be housed in the current Class 2 room.

We are in the process of finalising the design and layout of the new Class 1 & 2 rooms.

Below is a site plan of where the new classrooms will be located.



These classrooms will also have additional resource rooms, office space and children's toilets incorporated within them.

The front has a connecting long deck facing the trees and netball court whilst at the back will be two decks. The one at the back of Class 2 will also double as a performance deck which will be a real bonus when it comes to community events. Fundraising is vital to ensure that all elements of this design can be completed at this stage but if needs be things like the stage deck can be phased in later in the project.



FUNDS RAISED SO FAR STANDS AT \$50,660

So, if you are able to contribute on our Givealittle page and share it with others that would be fantastic.

All funds are gratefully received as we continue our journey.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/search?q=Waikato+waldorf+school>

Waikato Waldorf School Proprietors Trust

Parent Association Notice Board

Thank you again for all your efforts that contributed to the huge success of Medieval Carnival 2023! Our official grand total is **\$29,678!!!** This is our largest total to date so please be very proud of our community and what we have achieved together. This money will now be divided between the school, kindergarten and early childhood facilities to contribute towards the wonderful work they do for our children.

Our top 5 earners were:

- Craft Shop
- Bakehouse
- Raffles
- Lemonade/Ice-Blocks
- Sausage Sizzle

We have also received over 100 responses to our request for feedback and ideas from both inside and outside of our community. Thank you! Please see below for some examples of the lovely messages we received and some of the ideas we will be trying to incorporate into Carnival 2024.

“I’ve been coming for seven maybe eight years now, since before I even had kids and I just adore this event. I didn’t think it was possible but I adore it more and more every year...”

“Amazing community event!! Awesome modelling to our children of what can be achieved-when we all pitch in. Big thanks to the PA for your mahi!”

“The best carnival I have ever been to. Our kids won’t stop reflecting on it and talking about it!”

Ideas we are taking on board for next year include:

- Sitemaps
- Better signage relating to; payment methods, parking, GF/DF stalls
- Entertainment schedule/guide
- Rethinking the entry layout and improving the flow of people
- Class Carnival Liaison

We are happy to have some new members join us on the PA, and some who have attended a meeting just to see what we do. If you are interested in joining us for a PA meeting (or joining us FOREVER) please message Hollie on 021 046 9580.

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