

Waianiwa School Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

4 July 2018

Warm Greetings

What a fantastic night we all had at the Friends of Waianiwa Disco last Thursday. Thanks Lauren and your team for making it a fun and enjoyable evening for all.



Important Information for our School Community

You send your child to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find staff to teach our children. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

You may have heard that at Paid Union Meetings last month, primary principals and teachers voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry of Education's pay offer, as it did not address workload issues, extra learning support or ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. At those meetings we voted to hold strike action on Wednesday 15 August from 1.30pm. Many of us felt that this action did not go far enough to show the Government the seriousness of the workload and underfunding we face in schools. There was a strong groundswell for the strike action to run for the entire day, and our union, NZEI Te Ria Roa, is now undertaking consultation with the membership on this possibility. An online member ballot may be held early next term. Our school's board of trustees is yet to decide whether to keep the school open if the vote result is to continue with a strike only during the afternoon. We hope to have at least two weeks' notice if a full day strike goes ahead and will advise the school community as soon as the board decides whether to keep the school open.

We appreciate the inconvenience of strike action on families, and our member teachers do not take the decision lightly. Primary teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and the fact that we are taking such a step shows the grave concerns we have for the future of quality public education if courageous steps are not taken now.

School Assembly this Thursday will be led by Room 2.

Our Value for this week is Respect.

Kind Regards
Karen Wilson
Principal

Pupil of the Week



Cyrus Banaag
For showing great leadership skills by following instructions well and helping others this week.

Bella Braithwaite
For becoming a fantastic leader and role model for your peers. You are a great helper and hard worker!

Samuel Strang
For working well in Maths and giving everything 100%.

Certificates

Hannah Strang
For working hard on her writing. Well Done!

Toby King
For great problem solving skills at Maths time.

Lucia Roballo-Stoll
For a fantastic effort with her writing. Keep up the great work.

Bhavesh Chand
For being a super respectful and responsible role model!

Mahish Chand
For being a great problem solver in Maths

Himanshu Chand
For trying hard in all subjects.

Upcoming Events

July
6th Last Day of Term 2
23rd Term 3 begins
25th Open Class Sharing of Learning day
30th Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm-7pm
School finishes at 12pm
31st Parent Teacher Interviews 3pm-5pm
August
2nd BOT meeting 7pm
6th Friends of Waianiwa meeting 7pm
15th Life Education
16th Life Education

Community Notices

Lees Canteen

If you would like to order lunch for delivery on Friday, please make sure to order by 9pm each Wednesday.

This week is the hot food option.

Please visit the following facebook page to make your order

<https://www.facebook.com/leescanteen>

You can also email office@leescatering.co.nz or phone/text 027 652 5913 in your order

Kindling For Sale
\$15 per bag
Available at the School Now

Waianiwa School requires a person to maintain and cut our lawns.
Please contact the School office for contract details 235 2858

Waianiwa Kindy Fundraiser
Waianiwa Kindergarten have arranged for a professional photographer from Jack'n'Jill Portraits to set up their studio at the centre on Sunday, 29 July, 2018.

There is one \$10 special portrait per family/person.

To book, please visit <http://jjportal.com/book/10651>
This offer is open to all family and friends of the community.

Please support our fundraiser. Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions, please phone: Amanda on 021 137 9917

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