

WAINUIOMATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Week 1 Term 1 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers - Greetings, Kia Ora, Talofa

He taonga te mokopuna, kia whāngaia, kia tipu, kia rea

A child is a treasure, to be nurtured, to grow, to flourish

A big welcome back to all our staff, students and their whānau and to all our new families. I trust you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break despite the weather we had in Wellington.

It is exciting to be starting the new year with all classes in their new classrooms. Thank you to all whānau who attended the blessing and Powhiri this morning. It is exciting that our new classroom blocks have their own special name – thank you Mama Mate for working on this. I am including the information about the new classroom names later in the newsletter.

We are really looking forward to working with whānau to support our tamariki learning journeys. This year we have three syndicate groups Tuakana (Senior syndicate), Teina (Middle syndicate) and Pakupaku (Junior syndicate).

We welcome the following new students and their whānau to our school: Janru, Harriet, Ophelia, Ian Joshua, Manai, Savannah, Liam, Cooper, Rudraunsh and Arjay.

Our Staff for 2025

Principal: Allison Burdon
Deputy Principal: Luke Hudson
Assistant Principal / SENCo: Sam Sanders

Kaumatua - Mama Mate

Tuakana Syndicate

Room 3 - Dyneeka Hendry (Senior Leader) - Years 5 & 6
Room 4 - Jaco Snyman - Years 5 & 6
Room 5 - Deb Neho - Years 5 & 6

Teina Syndicate

Room 6 - Paige Foster - Years 3 & 4
Room 7 - Teresa Curran (Senior Leader) - Years 3 & 4
Room 8 - Michelle Snyman - Years 3 & 4

Pakupaku Syndicate

Room 9 - Kylie Chapman (Senior Leader) - NE - Year 2
Room 10 - TBC - NE class may open later in the year
Room 11 - Amy Hema - NE - Year 2
Room 12 - Brenda Williams - Years 1 & 2

CRT Teacher (Classroom Release Teacher) - Serena Tahu
Mutukaroa Teacher: Sam Sanders
Teacher Release: Irene Noedl and Pat Johnston

Support Staff:

Janet Low - Executive Assistant
Marlene Bell - Receptionist
Alison Nicholas - Classroom support / Library
Debra Adams - Classroom support
Suz Gibb - Classroom support
Rebecca Whitehead - Classroom support
Sheryl Oliver - Classroom support
Kahlia Hammington - Classroom support / Enviro
Donna Jensen - Classroom support
Dawn Tilo - Classroom support
Annie Marnewick - Classroom support
Daniel Jones - Caretaker



Our School Day

Bell times are as follows:

Block 1 - 9:00am - 11:00am (Brain break at 10:00am)

Play Break - 11:00am - 11:20am

Lunchtime - 11:20am - 11:30am

Block 2 - 11:30am - 1:00pm

Play Break - 1:00pm - 1:40pm

Snack time - 1:40pm - 1:50pm

Block 3 - 1:50pm - 3:00pm



It is important that your child arrives at school on time as learning begins from 9:00am

Healthy School Lunches

We will be continuing with our lunch suppliers this year as follows:

Monday - Subway (Hot meal)

Tuesday - Subway

Wednesday - Pita Pit (Hot meal)

Thursday - Pita Pit

Friday - Pita Pit (Hot meal)



Children need to bring some food for after lunch when we have a snack time.

School Trip to McKenzie Pools - Friday 14 February

On Friday 14 February the whole school will be visiting McKenzie Pool, Petone.

Whānau are invited to come for the day and adult supervisors are required. A separate newsletter will be sent home later this week.



SUNHATS

The wearing of sunhats outside when at school is compulsory during Terms 1 and 4. All children and staff are required to wear a sun hat when playing and / or working outside. Although students are allowed to wear caps, we strongly encourage them to wear wide brimmed hats as per Cancer Society guidelines.

We also encourage children to take responsibility for protecting themselves in the sun by wearing appropriate clothing that covers the parts of the body that may get burnt and by using sunscreen.

School sunhats are available from the school office for \$15.00.



Parent Helpers – We NEED you!

Road Patrol

We need adults to supervise the road patrol children from 8:25am to 9:00am some mornings before school and 2:50pm to 3:05pm. If you can help, please contact Luke Hudson at the school: lukeh@wainuiomata.school.nz or through the office.

Breakfast Club

We are hoping to start Breakfast Club next week. Breakfast Club was very popular last year and was only possible with the help we received from parents and staff. We are also asking for parents to help with this - If you can help 8:15am to 9:00am please let Marlene in the office know.



Swimming

Our school swimming programme for the Tuakana (senior) and Teina (middle) syndicates starts in Week 3 (Monday 17 February) at the Wainuiomata Pool.

The junior syndicate will be swimming at Huia Pool or NaeNae Pool later in the year – more details to come nearer the time.

This year we are continuing to teach the Water Skills for Life programme which is endorsed by Swimming New Zealand and the Ministry of Education.

Learning to swim and developing increasing water confidence is part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

We expect all children to bring their togs and participate every day. If your child is unable to swim on a particular day, please provide a written note for their teacher.



Happy birthday to these students who have a birthday this week: Leo, Rakai, Beauden, Brailee, Nikora and Judah

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 6 Feb - WAITANGI DAY Public Holiday no school
- Friday 14 Feb - School @ McKenzie Pool
- Monday 17 Feb - Senior Swimming Starts
- Monday 17 Feb - Monday Football Starts

2025 School Year

Term 1 – 10 weeks

Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April 2025 – 98 half days

Waitangi Day – Thursday 6 February

(Easter and ANZAC Day are in the school holidays)

Term 2 – 9 weeks

Monday 28 April 2025 – Friday 27 June 2025 – 86 half days

Queen's Birthday – Monday 2 June 2025

Matariki – Friday 20 June 2025

Term 3 – 10 weeks

Monday 14 July 2025 – Friday 19 September 2025 – 100 half days

Term 4 – 10 weeks

Monday 6 October 2025 – Tuesday 16 December 2025 – 102 days

Labour Day – Monday 27 October 2025

Total Half Days – 386 half days

Hei konei ra - Kind regards



Allison Burdon

Tiaki ana tātou - CARE for all

Wainuiomata Primary School - February 4th 2025

Buildings and Mural Blessing

PAKUPAKU - Rooms 9 -12

The Nourishing Roots - These early years cultivate essential skills like communication, collaboration, and curiosity - the nutrients for future learning, much like roots nourishing a tree.



TEINA - Rooms 7 - 8

Building the Strong Trunk - Building a foundation of knowledge in these years is like building the sturdy trunk of a tree, supporting future growth.



TUAKANA - Rooms 3 - 6

Branches reaching new heights - These years encourage students to explore their full potential, like branches reaching forward towards sunlight.



TE WHARENUI KOTAHITANGA - The House of Unity

Te Wharenui Kotahitanga is a space where staff and other groups can come together as one to collaborate, share ideas, and make decisions for the benefit of the school community.



THE MURAL PAIWAITARA

