



## Te Kura o Wairau News



*Isalei, Mika & Isla with the new Wairautanga vessels*

This year we have rolled out our new school values of Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitangi. Our Wairautanga vouchers are given to students who display aspects of our school values in the classroom or the playground.

Our new vessels collect Wairautanga vouchers each week with prizes being drawn out of the vessels at Assembly every fortnight.

### Wairautanga Classroom Awards

Jah Room 11  
Lexus Room 12  
Amy & Linkin, Room 8  
Arcadian Room 9

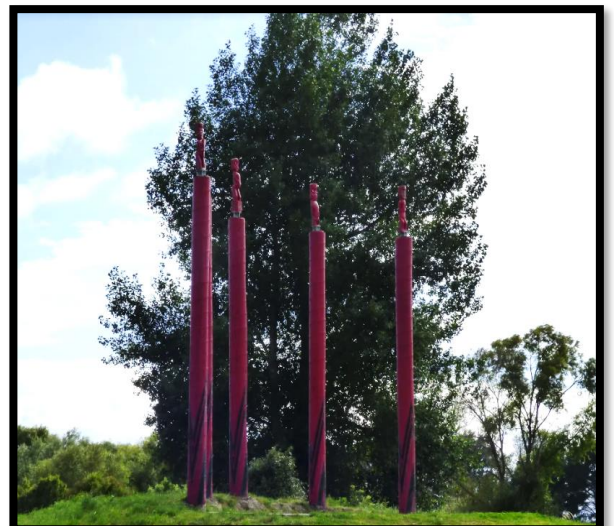
### Lunch with Mrs Johnson

Jaeda Rm 2  
& Xavier Rm 1

*A picture of the Pou down at Ahimate Reserve where our staff visited with Rangitāne Iwi representatives. The Iwi shared their stories and history with us as part of our professional learning during teacher only day.*

### Wairautanga Playground Vouchers

Xavier Room 1  
Leah Room 2  
James Room 8  
Aniva x 2, Neveah & Arapeta Room 10  
Jah Room 11



### **Covid-19 - Great News**

It was great news to hear on Wednesday that we were going to move to Alert Level 1 so quickly. While new cases in the community are always disappointing to hear of, it is reassuring to see how quickly they have been identified. I am sure we are all grateful for the efforts of our health workers, scientists and technicians in this regard, and the thousands of people who have been tested.

As a community we need to avoid the complacency which New Zealanders tend to quickly move into when we are at lower alert levels. Please do continue to scan QR codes and monitor closely for illness within your whānau.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and tamariki and we continue to be here to support you too.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

### **Parking Concerns**

I have been alerted to the fact that there is some very risky parking and careless driving occurring outside our kura, particularly after school. It is **not okay** to stop in the middle of the road to drop your children off, or to pick them up. It is **not okay** to park on the corner of Lancaster Street & Somerset Crescent, and it is certainly **not okay** to stop on the crossing to pick up or drop off children. This dangerous driving will lead to an accident. Please stop. We have lots of parking in our school now, and there is also parking down Somerset Crescent that is only minutes away from our school. Please improve if you know you are one of these people.

### **Beach Education**

Yesterday and today the Rata and Kahikatea Teams went to Himatangi Beach to participate in a days 'Beach Education Programme'. The sun was shining however the winds did make it more chilly and challenging. The students all learnt about how to be 'beach safe'. It is very, very important that our children learn and practice safe beach etiquette because it is very different from learning to be safe in a school swimming pool. Thank you to all those brave parents/caregivers for being in the water and protecting our tamariki as they learnt about how to be safe at the beach. We are all extremely grateful for your support. Without it we would not be able to participate in this programme. Next week on Monday the Kowhai Team are going on their 'Beach Education' trip. It is meant to be much warmer for our youngest pupils.

### **Just Brass**

This year we are again fortunate to have 20 students attend the Just Brass programme. These students from the Kahikatea and Rata Teams will learn a brass instrument throughout the year. It is our hope to perform in front of more audiences than what we got to in 2020 because of Covid-19. Welcome on board again Colin and Neville. We are extremely grateful you are working alongside some of our students teaching them how to read music (which is a universal language) and play a brass instrument in a group.

### **Whole School Assemblies**

This term our Kahikatea Team will be responsible for leading the assemblies. Thank you Room 4 for hosting our first 2021 whole school assembly. In Term 2 Rata will host our assemblies, and then in Term 3 Kowhai will host our assemblies. In Term 4 our On Track Team will host our assemblies. Please come along and enjoy the celebrations and acknowledgements, it is lovely to have the whanau present at these gatherings.

### **Uniform - T-Shirt**

Thank you for the ideas and suggestions that have been coming in about our new school t-shirt. These are due by 3pm Tuesday 24th February. After this date these suggestions will be considered and from there a design chosen. This is such exciting news.

### **Meet & Greet**

Thankyou whanau and friends for coming to our Meet & Greet on such a dismal day. Your commitment to your children and our kura is to be commended. I hope to see you all again on a sunnier day.

### **Culture Block**

This year we are continuing to celebrate lots of our cultures during a 'whole school' Culture Block time on Thursdays from 11:30am to 1pm. During this time our students are immersed in culture and discover so many facts and knowledge around cultures. We also have our kapa haka roopu (Haupihi) and Pasifika Pride practicing and performing during this time too. Next week is our first Culture Block time. Ask your children what they learnt and why. Our performance roopu will be trialling those students who have indicated an interest. Note: Not all students who want to be in Haupihi and Pasifika Pride make it.

Nga mihi nui

Teena Johnson

Tumuaki/Principal

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome Jaxson, Esther, Tiki, Rosaleigh, Brooklyn, Adam, Tuwharetoa, Mikyah, Ishan, Angaanga, Te Amorangi, Mika, Isalei, David, Quaysjahn, Jaeda, Precious, Deklin, Kloey, Jaelyn, Yinale, Jayden, Isla, Zac, Mele, Nancy, Ariki, Quinn, Laurell, Diamond & their families to the Te Kura o Wairau community.

### **Assembly**

Last Friday Room 4 hosted assembly. Thank you Room 4 for announcing all the awards in assembly and your amazing presenting skills. Well done to all those children who received awards.

**Top Cat Class** was won by Room 9. Well done Room 9!

The next assembly will be held on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of February at 2.15pm. Room 1 will be presenting.

### **School App**

If you need to contact school or report an absence please phone 3543274, 0800 45 44 44, email us or download the School App, and report the absence that way. Scan the QR code below to download the app.



### **Coming Events**

22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Kowhai - Himatangi Beach trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Public Health Nurse visits @ 12pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Assembly @ 2.15 - Room 1 presenting
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Vision & Hearing Screening

## Sports News

### Hockey

The team has been selected and Hockey will start on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Game times will be posted via the school app. (see earlier message re installing the school app.). Times are also available on the Hockey Manawatu website.

All games are played at the Hockey Turfs by the Esplanade. Players please be there at least 15 minutes before the game starts.

Practise days will be every Tuesday at 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch in the school hall.

Fees for Hockey are \$20, please pay at the school office.



Kahikatea Team Himatangi Beach trip



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office (at the back of Room 3). Please make sure you name all  
your items of clothing.

## Dental Treatment

The Mobile Dental clinic will be at our school  
later in the year.  
You can still contact them if your child needs  
treatment on 0800 talk teeth -  
027 6695117 .

## School Facebook page

Have a look at our Kowhai, Rata and Kahikatea teams facebook pages.  
Each team has their own page and regularly puts photos and exciting  
news of what is happening in their teams and around the school.  
Search for them: Somerset Kowhai Team, Somerset Rata Team,  
Somerset Kahikatea Team.

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