



Wairau Intermediate

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the start of the 2019 school year. A very warm welcome to families new to the school and a warm welcome back to families who were part of our community in 2018. I look forward to working with you throughout the year to ensure your child makes the most of all the opportunities offered to him/her. I would like to welcome Elise Van de Ven who will be teaching the music programme in the school.

We look forward to an exciting and fulfilling academic year.

NARAIN ACHARI

It is with great sadness that we tell you that Narain Achari, our Wood Technology teacher for the last 21 years, passed away in Fiji during the school holidays. Narain was a much loved member of our staff and there will be thousands of Wairau students who will have very fond memories of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful family.

PARENT EVENING

We will be holding a parent/caregivers' evening this **Thursday 7 February**, beginning at **7.00pm**. This is a time when you can meet all of the teachers in your child's Block and hear about the exciting programmes planned for the year.

SCHOOL STAFFING FOR 2019

The three Blocks are staffed by the following teachers:

Block One:

- Judy Carter (Deputy Principal)
- Emma Hegan (acting Block Leader)
- Anna Dokter

Block Two:

- Bernadette Walles (Block Leader)
- Lyn Davis
- Ryan Pilkington

Block Three:

- Teresa Aue (Block Leader)
- Christine Graham
- Adam Phillips

Technology/Specialist Teachers

Fiona Scott (Leader)	Visual Arts
Stan Hadaway (relieving)	Hard Materials/Wood
Esther Steven	Food Technology
Bern Dell	Hard Materials/Metal
Elise Van de Ven	Performing Arts/Music
Philippa Drake	Performing Arts/Drama
Bev Bibby	ESOL

Support Staff

Suzie Birch	International Student Manager & Teacher Aide
Liz Halliday	Library Assistant
Margaret Laycock	Secretary
Va Viti	Finance/Reception
Wendy Viki	Teacher Aide
Lorraine Beven	School Counsellor

Property Staff

Hector Maria	Property Manager
Tess Karlsson	Property Assistant
Alan Janes	Property Assistant

Tuckshop

Linda Giblin

SCHOOL HOURS

A reminder about our school bell times:

8.45am	School starts
10.55am - 11.25am	Interval
12.45pm - 1.35pm	Lunch
3.00pm	End of school day

If students arrive at school after the 8.45am bell, they must report to the school office and sign in the Late Book. If parents/caregivers need to pick up their child before the 3.00pm bell, they must come to the school office to sign their child out. **If your child will be absent from school for any reason, either:**

- **phone the Absence line (410 7805)**
- **submit an absence notification via our website**

Persistent lateness will be followed up with parents/caregivers.

YEAR 8 HPV IMMUNISATIONS

The school based immunisation programme will be offering Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine to Year 8 students in 2019. This is a two dose vaccine programme with a 6 month gap between the doses. We will be providing some information to the District Health Board, such as your child's name, room number and date of birth, address and ethnicity to help with the administration of the programme. Should you wish for this not to happen, then please notify school. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the education session to be held at school prior to the vaccinations, on **12 February at 1.30pm**.

Information on the vaccine and consent forms will be sent home with your child following the education session. Please complete the form and return to school. If you would like more information on this important immunisation programme, please go to <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatment/diseases-and-illnesses/cervical-cancer/hpv-immunisation>.

SCHOOL BUS

We have two school bus services:

Birkenhead Transport No. 073:

The bus leaves from the top of Spinella Drive at 8am and will follow the route to school detailed below. The reverse trip leaves school at 3.10pm.

Bus route:

Spinella Drive, north end of Bayview Road, Lynn Road, Manuka Road, Glenfield Road, Sunset Road, Trias Road, Totaravale Drive, Sunnynook Road, Trias Road, Totaravale Drive, Sunnynook Road, Becroft Drive. A map of the route is available at the office.

Metrolink No. 053D : 7.35am:

Leaves from the corner of Unsworth Drive/Bronzewing Terrace at 7.35am and travels down Unsworth Drive, right into Barbados Drive, through roundabout into Meadowood Drive, right into Devonshire Road, left into Caribbean Drive, left into Sunset Road, right into Trias Road, left into Athena Drive, left into Trias Road, right into Totaravale Drive, left into Sunnynook Road, right into Becroft Drive and stops in the bus bay outside Wairau Intermediate School, left into Sunnynook Road, right into Target Road to Target Road Primary School, then to Wairau Road, Taharoto Road, Westlake Boys High School, Westlake Girls High School, Takapuna Normal Intermediate School, Dominion Street, St Joseph's School and Rosmini College.

Exemplary behaviour is expected on the bus for the safety of all students.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Throughout this year, Mrs Scott will be working with our School Leaders on a leadership programme. Our School Leaders for 2019 are:

- Block One:** Lucy Aholelei, Taein Kim, Ryu Mizuta, Junya Kim, Lemi Han, Olivia Bartlett
Block Two: Gianna Marigondon, Nathan Montgomery, Elin Vincent, Seth Flusk, Jade'a Viliua, Jedi Jumig
Block Three: Abigail Tau-Harris, Hannah Anderson, Tina Kim, Matthew Frenchman, Jessica du Buisson, Yuro Lee

HOUSE CAPTAINS

The following students are our House Captains for 2019:

- Whakaaro:** Katie Pahi, Lex Ejoc
Aroha: Jewel Bowen, Alex Ivanov
Wairua: Ashton Harawira, Athena Almencion
Manawa: Guile Mohinani, Ruby Tear

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We have a very dedicated Board of Trustees who work very hard in support of the school. Our Board of Trustees are:

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| Alan Curtis | Chairperson |
| Sophia Jalil | Elected member |
| Michelle Webb-Atkinson | Elected member |
| Antony Van Iersal | Elected member |
| Emma Hegan | Elected teacher representative |
| Grant Murray | Principal |
| Shantu Basu | Minute secretary |
| Rachael Findlay-Clarke | Appointed Member |

TRAFFIC

If you are picking your child up by car after school, please be aware that the area outside the school office is very congested and our students' safety is paramount. **Do not park in the bus parking area.**

Important Dates

6 Feb	Waitangi Day - school closed
7 Feb	Theory lesson at school for Water & Surf Safety
7 Feb	Parent Evening 7pm
8 Feb	Year 7 Water Safety lesson
13 Feb	Year 7 Water Safety lesson
14-15 Feb	Year 8 Surf Safety lesson
18-22 Feb	EOTC Week for whole school

2019 Term Dates:

Term 1	30 Jan-12 Apr
Term 2	29 Apr-5 July
Term 3	22 July-27 Sept
Term 4	14 Oct-13 Dec

Community Noticeboard

MERGE NZ

New Zealand Sign Language. Register for 2019 courses. Level: Beginners 1 (level 1a and b). Day/Time: Tuesdays 7-9pm 18 Feb-12 Apr and 29 Apr-14 June. Cost \$230 per person includes handouts. Venue: Sunnynook Community Centre, 148 Sunnynook Road. For enquiries, contact Merge NZ on 021 077 1584 or email info@mergenz.co.nz or www.mergenx.co.nz/book-online.

FORREST HILL MILFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations are now open. Please go to www.foresthillafc.co.nz for further information.

AFTER SCHOOL MANDARIN LESSONS

Mandarin has emerged as the new must have language so why not introduce this language to your child through fun and easy to learn classes after school! Taught by a fully registered primary school teacher, Ray Chen. Please visit www.mandarinheroes.com or email mandarin-heroes@gmail.com if interested.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Parents and caregivers are welcome to visit our school, however, all visitors must report to the school office on arrival so they can be signed in and issued with a visitor's pass. Please do not go directly to your child's Block. Meetings with teachers need to be organised outside of class contact time.

MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOOL

Our school partners with the Music Education Centre to offer students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument here at school. These lessons are offered by specialist instrumental teachers. Music lessons at school can help busy parents who will not have to worry about transporting their children long distances to music lessons. Enrolments close on 18 February so follow the link below or phone the Music Education Centre on 0800 89 39 39 for more information.

<https://goo.gl/forms/N0s8HX0AAJavdfNB3>

TUCKSHOP

The school tuckshop is open from Tuesday-Friday at interval and lunch. In the first week of term, all students were given a copy of the tuckshop's menu and prices.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

We are encouraging students to bring their own computer device to school this year and strongly suggest Chrome-books. Noel Leeming is offering a good deal. Just mention that your child attends Wairau Intermediate. All students will have to sign a Cyber Safety/User Agreement to be able to use their own device or a device supplied by the school.

Grant Murray, Principal