



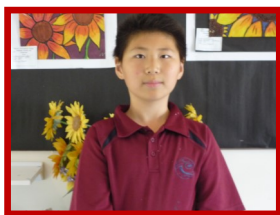
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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The end of term is fast approaching and teachers are busy completing the end of year academic reports and finalising end of year assessments. There is still much to do and I look forward to a successful final three weeks of the year.

FINAL OTAGO PROBLEM CHALLENGE

A number of our students qualified for the final Otago Maths Problem Challenge. With over 26,000 students from throughout New Zealand competing in this competition, this in itself is a tremendous achievement. Bohan Jiang, a Year 8 student in Block One, received the top mark in New Zealand (100%) in the Problem Challenge competition. This emulates his feat last year as a year 7. A tremendous achievement by Bohan!



Bohan Jiang

Other students also did particularly well. Junya Kim finished 7th in the Year 8 competition with 90% and Alex Zhao finished 6th in the Year 7 competition with 82%. Great results!

UKULELE FESTIVAL

On Saturday 16 November, a small group of students from Wairau Intermediate participated in the New Zealand Ukulele Festival held at the Trusts Stadium in West Auckland. Approximately 1700 students from all over Auckland took part in this wonderful musical event. Wairau Intermediate received an award for our tenth year of participation in the festival.



KIDS FOR KIDS CONCERT

Our Kids 4 Kids choir took part in the annual Kids 4 Kids concert held on Tuesday evening at the Bruce Mason Centre. Two of our students were chosen for solo parts - Jedi Jumig and Amanjot Kaur and they sang alongside singers Nathan King and Jackie Clarke. All our students performed with distinction and shone on the stage!



SCHOOL SOCIAL

Next Wednesday 27 November from 7.00pm-9.30pm, we are holding our end of year social for both our Year 7 and our Year 8 students. This social is particularly special as we will be saying **farewell** to our Year 8 students! The theme for the night is "**masquerade**". There will be lots of prizes given for those dressed in theme and for great dancing!

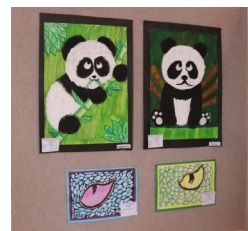
There will be an admission charge of \$5.00 for girls and boys are asked to bring \$2.00 and a plate of finger food that does not require heating. Please note that this payment/food arrangement alternates **each** year. The charge covers the entertainment for the evening and also a drink of bottled water for each student.

All students will bring home a permission letter the day before the social. This needs to be signed and sent with your child on the evening of the social, along with the appropriate payment. There will be no admittance to the social without the signed permission slip.

ART EXTRAVAGANZA

On Monday 11 November we held our annual Art Extravaganza and Art Exhibition. A big thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended the event. The performances by students from Wairau Intermediate and Sunnynook School were outstanding and the art work on display from Wairau Intermediate, Sunnynook School, Forrest Hill School and Hobsonville School was wonderful. The market stalls were a great success. By themselves, the students organised and produced the goods for sale and examined costs and prices to try and ensure a profit, which was theirs to keep.

A big thank you to the staff of Wairau Intermediate and Sunnynook School for the work they put in to ensure the success of the event. A special thank you to Fiona Scott and Elise van de Ven for their leadership in organising the event.



2019 YEARBOOK

Our 2019 Year Book is currently being prepared for printing. Students are still able to purchase a copy of the Year Book at the subsidized price of \$5.00 and order forms are available at the school office. This is a wonderful publication that is a great memento of our students' time at Wairau.

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

The last day for tuckshop purchases this year is Friday 6 December. The tuckshop will be open on the first day of term one in 2020, Thursday 30 January.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

At our school athletic sports held in October, the following students met the qualifying standards for the North Harbour Intermediate Schools' Athletic Sports. Well done to them all:

Isla Koko	Shot Put and Discus
Aroha Tonu'u	Shot Put
Cassius Roycroft	Discus
Kaiva Tulimanu	Shot Put
Ty Davis-Hovell	Discus
Taua Taati	Shot Put
Robert Iuoras	Shot Put
Guile Mohinani	100m, High Jump
Ashton Harawira	100m, 200m, High Jump
Maddison Roscoe	100m
Abigail Tau-Harris	100m
Jun Qi Cao	100m
Alex Zhao	200m

At the Intermediate Schools' Championship held last week, the following students were placed in the first three. Congratulations to:

Isla Koko	Third in Shot Put and Discus
Guile Mohinani	Third in High Jump

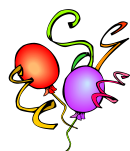
KINDO

The Kindo payment option is now live! Many of you will be familiar with Kindo through your child's primary school and this is now our preferred method for payments to school. To set up an account, parents/caregivers need to go to the school website www.wairau.school.nz and click on the link. When you register, your email address has to match the one that we have on our files so if you have recently changed it, please let us know.

If you have been **paying for items through internet banking** Kindo is a preferable way to pay. Likewise for those who are making **APs to the school**, these can be made into your Kindo account. It makes keeping track of these payments much easier and is much more efficient for everyone.



Grant Murray
Principal



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to the following students who have birthdays between 22 November and 31 December: Marianne Tago-On, Hualin Wang, Jaden Mingoa, Jewel Bowen, Kavini Gamage, Enid Gu, Kaiva Tulimanu, Seth Flusk, Hunter Wilson, Alex Zhao, Bohan Jiang, Ryu Mizuta, Ezekiel Kata, Wendy Kim, Johnny Hyun, Aashini Kumaran, Abigail Tau-Harris, Anna Wang, Lex Ejoc, Cody Steedman, Sal Le Mouton-Fatai, Lorenzo Ocampo, James Lamaga, Nathan Holl, Tana Hoogeveen

Important Dates

22 Nov	Onepoto Festival
25-29 Nov	Life Education
27 Nov	School Social 7.00pm-9.30pm

2019 Term Dates:

Term 4	14 Oct-13 Dec
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2020 Term Dates:

Term 1	30 Jan-9 April
Term 2	23 April-3 July
Term 3	20 July-25 Sept
Term 4	12 Oct-11 Dec

Community Noticeboard

GYPSY FAIR

Free entry and entertainment. Centreway Reserve, Orewa, from 23-24 November 9am-5pm. The fair has something for everyone, handmade crafts of all types, clothing, awesome coffee, food, face painting etc.

DROWNING PREVENTION AUCKLAND

We are hosting a free water safety day at St Mary's Bay on Saturday 23 November from 2-6pm. Free kayaking and sailing and lots of aquatic based activities and prizes.

NORTH SHORE YOUTH MUSIC

This is a community organisation which runs a variety of orchestras and choirs for young people. Applications are now being accepted for 2020 and auditions will be held on Wednesday 4 December. See www.nsym.org.nz for an application form.

INITIATE DANCE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (FUNDED BY AUCKLAND COUNCIL)

Kelston Community Centre/Te Pae o Kura)
6-17 January Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9am-4pm each day. \$60 per week, \$120 for both; book for one week or both! Open to students 8-12 years - no dance experience needed! Bookings are open on <https://initiatedance.wixsite.com/holiday>. Places are limited

DROWNING PREVENTION AUCKLAND

Break-Away Holiday Programme for 11-17 years in January 2020. FREE school holiday programme. Have fun, make new friends, strengthen your swimming skills to keep yourself safe. Westwave Pool & Leisure, Parakai Springs, Birkenhead Swimsation Pool, Point Erin Pool.

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th of January (must attend all four days). Time: 9am-2.30pm daily. Includes FREE lunch. To register email: splash@dpanz.org.nz. Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.