



Wairau Intermediate

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is our last newsletter for 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful assistance you have given the school during the last twelve months in so many different ways. Your help with sports teams, trips, camps and EOTC activities and in a multitude of other areas, is very much appreciated and is a very important part of how our school is organised. A big thank you also to all the staff of Wairau Intermediate for all they do to make our school a wonderful learning environment. Have a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday.

FINAL ASSEMBLY/GRADUATION

Our end of year assembly will be held next Friday, 13 December beginning at 9.30am. We ask that parents are seated by 9.15am. This assembly celebrates the academic success of our students and is an opportunity to recognise the wonderful achievements of so many of our students during 2019. **School will be dismissed for the year at the conclusion of the assembly at approximately 11.15am.** The school bus will depart at this time.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

The end of year academic reports will be given to students after the conclusion of the final assembly and then students will be dismissed for the year.

ONEPOTO FESTIVAL

On Friday 22 November our wonderful Kapa Haka group performed at Onepoto Festival. Their spine tingling performance lifted the roof off and could not have made us more proud. A huge thank you to our group for their amazing commitment and to Darius and Tracey Witana for all their work with the group. I know how proud you are of them.



Our amazing Kapa Haka group with Tracey and Darius

FAREWELL

At the end of this year we farewell two of our teachers. Anna Dokter is leaving us after filling fixed term positions for the last two years. Lesley Redmond is finishing up as the homegroup teacher of 2/7 after relieving in that position for two terms.

I thank both Anna and Lesley for their efforts in ensuring that their students had every opportunity for success.

END OF YEAR SOCIAL

Last Wednesday we held our end of year school social and the evening was a great success. Below are some photos of the evening.



HIGH FLIERS WINNERS

Next Monday the winners of our High Fliers draw will have their scenic helicopter flight over Auckland. Congratulations to the following students: Mikayla Manukau-Mailata, Sri Charukonda, Amanjot Kaur, Kayla Smith, Yuvn Yoon. Our music teacher, Elise van de ven will be joining the students on this wonderful experience.

ICAS MATHS RESULTS

Certificates for the ICAS Maths test were presented at our assembly a few weeks ago. Congratulations to the following students who received high performance certificates:

Certificate of High Distinction: Bohan Jiang

Certificate of Distinction: Junya Kim, Elin Vincent, Anna Wang, Alex Zhao

Certificate of Credit: Alaiz Kassibawi, Samuel Kim, Polly O'Sullivan-Watts, William Xiao, Alya Bogaeva, Robert Iuoras, Nour Kalache, Taein Kang, Jack Leach, Yuro Lee, Alina Li

Certificate of Merit: Harry Hui, He Yin Piao, Mia Ding

ICAS ENGLISH RESULTS

Certificates for the ICAS English test were also presented a few weeks ago. Congratulations to the following students who received high performance certificates:

Certificate of Distinction: Nathan Holl, Polly O'Sullivan-Watts

Certificate of Credit:

Jessica Du Buisson, Robert Iuoras, Bohan Jiang, Elin Vincent, Migael De Wet, Briony McNeill, James Oandasan, Skye Walker

Certificate of Merit: Alaiz Kassibawi, Maheen Khan

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

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

HPV VACCINATION CATCHUPS

The Waitemata District Health Board nurses will be here at school on Monday 9 December to give HPV vaccination catchup injections to those students who were absent earlier in the term.

KINDO

Kindo is now our preferred method for payments to school. Many of you will be familiar with Kindo through your child's primary 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.

Please note that 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.

Kindo have recently created a new "Top Up Account" page that works better on phones. The new-look "Top Up Account" page is another way for parents to add funds to their Kindo balance without doing a purchase at the same time. The page includes bank account reference details and the link for using online top up methods (credit card, POLi). It also now resizes for phones and ipads, making it much easier to use when out and about!



LOST PROPERTY

We have an extremely large pile of lost property at the office! If your child has lost an item of their school uniform (we have sweatshirts, PE uniforms, shoes, white polos, drink bottles, lunch boxes and umbrellas), then please call in to the school office within the next week. It is really important that everything is named so that we can return any lost property to its owner.

Once a term all lost property is put outside for students to look through and claim items they may have lost.

BLUE PLATTER: A blue pottery platter was left at school after the school social. We have advertised this over the school intercom but it has not been claimed. If it is yours, it is at the school office.

Grant Murray
Principal



Important Dates

6 Dec	Last day for tuckshop orders
9 Dec	High Fliers Flight
9 Dec	HPV Vaccination Catchups
9 Dec	School Leaders Trip to Movies
11 Dec	School Picnic at Milford Reserve
13 Dec	School Final Assembly/Prizegiving at 9.30am
13 Dec	School Term ends at 11.15am

2020 Term Dates:

Term 1	30 Jan-9 April
Term 2	28 April-3 July
Term 3	20 July-25 Sept
Term 4	12 Oct-11 Dec

Community Noticeboard

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 11-17yr olds 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.

LEARN TO SEW

School Holiday Workshops. Learn to sew a summer top on 19 December, learn to sew a Christmas stocking on 21 December and learn to sew room decor on 16 or 24 December. See our website www.threadroom.co.nz for many more holiday workshops: panda cushions, pyjama making, hand-stitching, future fashion designers. Address: 163 Lake Road, Belmont.