



Whareama School

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Term 4, Week 7

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END OF 2017

As I sit here writing the final newsletter I cannot help but think where on earth has 2017 gone? We have had a great year and all the kids have been part of some amazing experiences and opportunities. Every year seems to just move so much faster and there is so much to fit into every year. At the end of this year we say farewell to three students. Amy, Tessa and Hunter all leave us at the end of the year to move into the colleges for the next few years of

education. They have all done a great job at our school and we want to wish them and their parents all the best. Thanks for being part of our school and helping make us so special.

You will also receive your child's report on Thursday, on our final day so please read carefully through their report, with your child, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

We want to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas with family and friends and a wonderful new year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

FINAL PRIZEGIVING/ WEARABLE ARTS SHOW

This will be held tomorrow, Tuesday the 12th of December, starting at 5pm. We will be having our Wearable Arts show as well on this evening and we need to start on time. The format for the night will be prize giving, wearable arts, Christmas celebrations and then back to school for community dinner. We ask that everyone who has students who get picked up on Eddie's or Brent's bus to please bring a salad for the evening and anyone who is on Janelle's bus to bring a dessert for the dinner. The Board of Trustees will supply meat for the BBQ and you all need to bring your own drinks, crockery and cutlery. Also as Father Christmas will be visiting us we ask that you send in a wrapped gift, with your child's name on it, worth no more than \$5-\$10, for your child to be given after the wearable arts show (this includes any pre-schoolers who will be present). The pool will be open for kids/ adults to have a swim on the night.

LAST DAY FOR 2017

After our final prize giving and Wearable Arts show there are still 2 days of school left. We will have some fun events planned, including a water fight on the final day.....please allow your children to bring a water gun on the last day. The final day is Thursday the 14th of December and the day finishes at 12.30pm, with the school buses leaving school at that time to bring your children home.

TERM TIMES FOR 2018

WHAREAMA SCHOOL **TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2018**

Term 1:	Tuesday 30 January to Friday 13 April
	Teacher Only Day Monday 5 February
	Waitangi day Tuesday 6 February
	Easter Weekend Friday 30 March, Monday 2 nd April, Tuesday 3 rd April
Term 2:	Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July
	Queen's Birthday Monday 4 June
Term 3:	Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September
Term 4:	Monday 15 October to Friday 14 December
	Labour Day Monday 22 October

COASTAL CLEANUP

Everyone did a great job last week in our tidy up of Riversdale Beach. We did manage to find quite a bit of rubbish so hopefully everyone keeps Riversdale clean over the holiday period.



TERM 4 SPORTS

Kiwi Cricket: An excellent season from the Fallows this year. A special thanks to Hayden and the other parents who have helped out with this team this season. Also thanks to Adam who helped out at school with trainings.

Incrediball Cricket: The last couple of weeks saw a couple of wins for the Stags and a very good end to the season. Thanks to George for helping out with our warm ups and to all the supportive parents.

Tee Ball: Primary Division 3 champions!!! An awesome final saw our team take out the title and this is down to their amazing team play and also due to the support of David and Steven who have managed the team this year.

Tennis: The Smashers had a bye in the final week but well done to Fontyne, Hunter, Mathew and Bayley for their season. Also a special thanks to Amy and Harrison who filled in to cover any illness and to Melissa for managing the team this season.



PLAY BASED LEARNING – LOOSE PARTS

As part of our junior programme we are looking at trialling a play based learning approach for our Year 0-2 students. We need you all to start hunting and gathering bits and pieces for us and then to send them all in next year. We are after clean blankets, sheets, wooden clothes pegs, cardboard tubes, Pringles containers, china tea set, stainless steel family play, dress ups, hats, gloves, bags, guttering, pipes, joiners, bamboo stakes, driftwood, milk bottle tops, walnut shells, beach shells. We will remind you of this again next year.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS/ SPORTS UNIFORMS

We need to collect these all in so that we can re-issue next year and have a stock take on what we have. This includes all tracksuits and sports uniforms. We do not need to collect in the polo shirts and we ask that you look at how they fit and bring in to exchange if they are getting too small. These are due in by Thursday please.

Merry Christmas and a safe New Years
Darren, Heather, Sandy and Diana

Upcoming Events:	
Tues 12 th Dec	Final Assembly/ Show/ Prize giving
Thurs 14 th Dec	Last Day 2017 – 12.30pm finish
2018	
Tues 30 th Jan	2018 School Year Begins

Our School Vision

"Empowered Learners - Future Leaders."

Our School Mission

"Whareama School aims to provide a stimulating, supportive and positive learning environment, encouraging children to achieve the best in academic, social, cultural and physical areas"