

Waikowhai Intermediate School

...developing life-long learners...

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Greetings, Kia Ora, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha, Kia Orana, Ni Hao, Buenos Dias, Chao, Malo ni Habari, Dobar dan, Bula Vinaka, Apa Khabar.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Three Way Conferences are coming up at the end of this term, and the codes and link for accessing these are included below.

Conferences will be held on Wednesday 7th July from 2.15pm to 7.30pm and Thursday 8th July from 2.15pm to 6pm.

This year, Year 8 families are also able to book a meeting with our specialist teachers. This is a great opportunity to talk about your child's progress and achievement in these subjects and also look ahead to the options for continuing these subjects at high school.

There is one link for conferences: https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/

A school code to make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher: j8ya6

Then a different code for Year 8 families who would like to visit one of our specialist teachers: swffz

Even if your child is yet to study with the specialist teacher this year you may wish to speak with that teacher to understand the course of study at Waikowhai Intermediate and then the options at high school.

We value the connections we make from these conferences with families and look forward to seeing you all at the end of term.

Kind regards,

David King Principal

School Council Social (Disco)

On Thursday the 17th of June the School Council will be holding a social (disco) from 6 pm - 8 pm. The theme is the 90's and students can come dressed up if they want to. Doors will be closed at 6:30 pm. Students will need to purchase tickets at school. The tickets cost \$3 each and will be available at 2nd interval on the CASS quad. Snacks and drinks will also be available for sale at the social. At the end of the evening Parents/Caregivers will need to collect their child/children from the hall at 8pm. No child is allowed to walk home. Our Social is only open to Waikowhai Intermediate students. We are really excited for our 2021 Social!



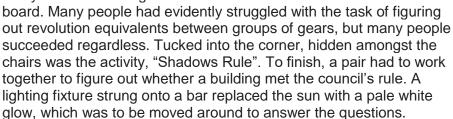
World of Maths

Last week at Waikowhai we hosted World of Maths, which allowed students to experience hands on mathematics and problem solving. Here is an account from one of our students.

A flurried stomping of feet and hurried murmuring before designated pairs chose the 17 activities spaced around the room. Gears turning, lights moving, plastic pieces dropped. Equations being solved with an old school calculator, numbers being multiplied, conversations echoing around the hall. This was the World of Maths.



Sat in front of the stage was a stand with many multi-coloured gears fixed onto the



-Naomi Tiong

I know all the students at Waikowhai Intermediate would like to thank Dr Peter Murphy, the team behind the World of Maths program and our teachers for making this possible.



The Year 7 Boys Football Team took part in the Central Zone Tournament on Tuesday 1 June at Seddon Fields. The level of competition was extremely hard and we failed to win any games on the day narrowly being defeated in all games. The boys tried hard and never gave up.

A big thank you to Chaplain Barry and Mr loelu for providing transport on the day. Thank you also to our photographer and team helper, Ben Room 3





The Year 8 Boys played on Thursday 3 June. They were in the hunt to finish very high up but lost the last pool game 2-1 which had they even drawn would have seen them in the playoff for 5th and 6th. They finished 10th overall out of 16 teams. The team played with spirit and determination.

A big thank you to Bridget Barnard, Simon Hitchcock and Darin Carpendale for transporting the team. Thank you also to our photographer and team helper, Dhruvi Room 14.

Tree Planting Day

On May 28, we joined with Auckland Council ranger Anna Baine to plant some native trees on the bank behind the school's new turf, adjacent to the pathway leading into Keith Hay Park from Richardson Rd. This tree planting project falls under the council initiated Adopt-A-Park Programme that we joined at the start of this year. A group of 32 students, three staff members, a media student and the ranger planted 100 trees in about one hour, finishing just before the heavens opened, perfect timing to supply a first watering for our young plants. This was our first planting, but not our last. A Kaitiaki group are soon going off-site to plant natives on a farm northwest of Auckland under the Trees for Survival Programme. We also have another planting project here at school, funded with a grant we recently received from the Countdown Growing for Good Fund. We are in the process of selecting native species and planning where they will be planted to enhance our school grounds and our students' experiences of nature.









ICAS Exams

Each year the University of New South Wales offers tests in several curriculum areas. Although Waikowhai Intermediate School is not an overly enthusiastic supporter of these tests, due to their generic rather than prescriptive nature, we do offer the tests to our students as they provide an experience of examination like conditions, such as working to time pressures, concentration for an extended period and exam techniques.

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Each subject will be open dates below).	for a 5-day sitting windo	w - from Monday to Fr	iday (see
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English	16 th August	\$18.40	
Science	23 rd August	\$18.40	
Spelling Bee	23 rd August	\$18.40	
Mathematics	30 th August	\$18.40	
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