

Monday 12 February 2024



Year 4-6 Hub Newsletter

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. We hope you have all had an excellent holiday and that your child/ren is settling back into school routines. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff, families/whānau and their child/ren. We are excited to be working as a Year 4-6 hub and look forward to getting to know you.

Year 4 & 5 Classes

Room 2 Brooke Morgan-Cameron
 Room 3 Glynnis Bell (Team Leader)
 Room 4 Dylan Pittams
 Room 8 David Haste
 Room 9 Renee Littlejohn
 Room 10 Sam McGavin (Team Leader)

Year 6 Classes

Room 5 Janice Karl (Team Leader)
 Room 6 Olivia van Woerkom
 Room 7 Jason Trenberth

Classroom Release Teachers: Charlotte Kelly, Paula Martin, Chris Cowman (PCT Release)

Link to all Waterloo Staff contact details <https://www.waterloo.school.nz/our-team->

School Timings

Monday - Thursday

8:30am Students can enter classes
8:55am School Day starts
11:00am - 11:30am Morning Tea
1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch break
3:00pm End of School Day

Friday

8:30am Students can enter classes
8:55am School Day starts
11:00am - 11:30am Morning Tea
12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch break
3:00pm End of School Day

Please arrive between 8.30am and 8.50am to allow enough time for your child to settle and be ready for their day. If your child arrives after the bell, please send them to sign in at the office and collect a late card before going to their classroom. **Classrooms will be open at 8.30am.**

If your child is unwell, please keep them home and phone or email the office to inform them of the reason for the absence.



Sunhats

As it is Term 1, all students **must have a named** bucket or legionnaire style hat to wear when they are outside. Waterloo School hats can be ordered here <https://www.waterloo.school.nz/school-clothing>.

You may also wish for your child to bring sunscreen to school so that they are able to apply themselves. We recommend roll on sunscreen as this is easiest for the children to apply themselves.

Clothing

Please make sure all clothing and other personal property (such as lunchboxes and drink bottles) are **clearly named**. Please bring spare clothing in a named bag so students can manage themselves and change when necessary. Encourage your child to wear sensible footwear to enable them to participate fully in our fitness and PE programmes.

Whānau Communication

eTAP parent app

Waterloo School's main form of communication is through the **@school eTAP App**. It gives you the ability to submit an absence, receive notices and newsletters, complete permission forms, book parent interviews and more. **Please make sure your notifications are turned on to receive all communication from the school.** Please speak to someone in the office if you are unsure about how to set this up.



Seesaw

Seesaw family is a fantastic way for your child and teachers to share your child's learning at school. If you are not yet signed up, your child's classroom teacher will be able to provide you with the login details. Each Seesaw family account can have up to 10 users, so feel free to share with your wider whānau.

Term 1 at a Glance	
Maths ~ Strategy & Strand	Strategy focus: Addition and Subtraction Strand focus: Statistics
Inquiry	'Taonga': Treasures that are important to me. We will be focusing on writing our classroom treaties, developing our classroom culture, getting to know one another, making new friends, working as a team and understanding what the ideas around taonga mean.
PE	Co-operative and team building games. Small ball skills with a focus on throwing, catching. We will be using skills from the Movewell Sport NZ resource.

Year 4&5 - Rugby Skill Sessions (To be confirmed)

Cross Country (To be confirmed)

Health

Navigating the Journey: Focusing on the following:

Theme 1: Establishing a positive learning environment

Theme 2: Who am I? Ko wai au?

Active Learner Traits
Key Competencies

Managing Me: Making Choices



Waterloo students manage themselves well, know how to behave and are ready to learn.

We encourage our students to:

- Pack their own bags in preparation for the school day
- Look after belongings - clothing, stationery
- Charge their own devices
- Bring any notices and follow through with responsibilities they have committed to

School Values and
PB4L

Show Respect to all people always.

Take Responsibility for our actions.

Have Resilience in everything we do.

Our wise owl Ruru helps us to make good choices in every part of our day.

We will be spending lots of time establishing and practising routines and expectations at the start of the year. Please reinforce these values with your child/ children at home.

Tikanga Māori

Waterloo School Whakatauki -

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi.



With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

Karakia - to start the day.

Kapa Haka - Papa Murray will teach us waiata on Friday afternoons

Kura Ahurea Purakau (stories): Ngake and Whataitai - Myth about the creation of significant landmarks around Hutt Valley and Wellington

Literacy

Handwriting: focusing on correct letter formation and pencil grip.

Reading: instructional reading in groups using a Structured Literacy approach. This includes developing comprehension and vocabulary knowledge using decodable texts and authentic texts.

Spelling: Structured Literacy spelling lessons, based on spelling levels and needs.

Writing: writing about personal experience and interests, dictated sentences linked to reading.

Oral language: discussing news, current events, story telling, listening to stories being read aloud and sharing experiences that they have done.

Home Learning Ideas

Our focus is to encourage a life-long love of reading. Students are expected to read, and be read to, at home everyday. Up to half an hour each night, depending on the age of your child.

We encourage you to discuss your child's learning at home.

Upcoming Events

Week 3: Camp Meeting - Monday 12 February, 6.00pm School Hall

Week 7: Year 6 Camp

Week 9: Learning Conversations

Please check the Waterloo School Facebook page regularly for any added up and coming events.

Ngā mihi

Senior Hub Teachers: Glynnis Bell, Janice Karl, Brooke Morgan-Cameron, Olivia van Woerkom, Jason Trenberth, Dylan Pittams, Sam McGavin, David Haste, Renee Littlejohn