



Year 4-6 Hub Newsletter

Term 2 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

We hope you have all had an excellent holiday and that your child is well rested and ready for another busy and fun filled term! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff, families, whānau and their children.

<p>Year 4 & 5 Classes</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>Year 6 Classes</p> <p>Room 5 Janice Karl (Team Leader) Room 6 Olivia van Woerkom Room 7 Jason Trenberth</p>				
<p>Classroom Release Teachers: Charlotte Kelly, Paula Martin, Chris Cowman (PCT Release)</p>					
<p>Link to all Waterloo Staff contact details https://www.waterloo.school.nz/our-team-</p>					
<p><u>School Timings</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"><u>Monday - Thursday</u></th> <th style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"><u>Friday</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>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</p> </td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <p>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</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Monday - Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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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. Classes will be open at 8.30am.

During the winter months, it is very cold in the morning, so please ensure your child is warmly dressed - especially if you drop them off earlier than 8:30. The Fun Club service is available in the hall for children who must be dropped at school before 8:30.

If your child is unwell, please keep them home. Phone, email or use the @school app to inform the office of the absence and the reason.

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. Your child will need a warm layer and a waterproof jacket or coat every day this term, as classes move between buildings for different activities and the weather changes during the day.

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.



We encourage the students to make positive reflective comments on their posts - i.e. what they were working on, what was easy or more challenging, and how they overcame any difficulties. It is great when you "like" their posts and make reflective comments, as well e.g. "I love the detail you added to your writing", and "What bright colours you used on your artwork".

Term 2 at a Glance	
Maths ~ Strategy & Strand	Strategy focus: Multiplication and Division Strand focus: Measurement Special attention will be given to the students learning the times tables and how to tell the time on an analogue (hands) and digital clock. Measurement for trips (km) and cooking (gram, kg etc) or making things (millimetres, cm, metres) are great ways for you to help from home.
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. Our reading and writing will focus on storytelling local legends, as well as learning about NZ and local history as an integral part of social studies (e.g. the Wahine Disaster, ANZAC day).
PE	Co-operative and team building games. Large ball skills with a focus on throwing, catching and striking. We will be using skills from the Movewell Sport NZ resource. Weeks 5 and 6 the Years 4 and 5 swimming programme at Huia pool will commence.
Health	Navigating the Journey: Focusing on the following: Theme 1: Establishing a positive learning environment Theme 2: Who am I? Ko wai au? Theme 3: Friendships - how to be a good friend. Theme 5: Media safety and influences.
Active Learner Traits Key Competencies	Communicating Me: Active Listening We encourage our students to practice the skills of Active listening, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making and maintaining eye contact• Listening to and following through on instructions consistently.
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.

Our focus this term is to develop resilience in a variety of contexts, for example, in our learning or participation in sport. We will be focusing on using Growth Mindset strategies to learn about resilience as learners.

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.

Tikanga Māori

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.

Tuakana Toa - every class spends 30 minutes on Friday morning to learn Te Reo Māori - basic words and phrases. Some seniors are leaders for these sessions.

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. Also use of descriptive language and varying sentence structure.

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 1&2: Dance Curriculum Workshops - with a parent showcase Friday 10th May

Week 3: Friday Pink Shirt Day

Week 5: Tuesday 28th May - Interschool Cross Country - selected students

Year 4&5 Swimming Programme - Huia Pool

Friday: Staff Only Day (**School closed to students**)

Week 6: Monday: King's Birthday Public Holiday (**School closed to students**)

Year 4&5 Swimming Programme - Huia Pool If you have experience in coaching swimming and would like to help, please let your child's teacher know). (Year 6 students will swim in Term 4 this year.)

Week 7: Spellathon

Tuesday 11th June - Interzone Cross Country - selected students

Week 8: School Photos

Week 9: Matariki (Friday Matariki Public Holiday) (**School closed to students**)

Week 10: Hutt Fest 2024

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

Ngā mihi

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