WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Karamu

Kia uru kahikatea te tũ
Let us stand like a grove of kahikatea
03 March 2021 – Term 1– Week 5
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Diary 2021

2021

03 Feb – First Day of Term

08 Mar – School Interviews 2pm finish
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11 Mar – Selwyn Zone Swimming

15 Mar – Surf Safe (Yr 5-8)
16 Mar – FOW – Meeting
17 Mar – Mufti Day

02 Apr – Good Friday
05 Apr – Easter Monday
06 Apr – Easter Tuesday

16 Apr – End of Term 1

03 May **– Start of Term 2**

04 Jun – Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day – school closed

07 Jun – Queens Birthday

09 Jul – End of Term 2

26 Jul – Start of Term 3

01 Oct – End of Term 3

18 Oct – Start of Term 4

25 Oct – Labour Day
12 Nov – Show Day

16 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

Tena Koutou Katoa

Swimming Sports

Thank you for your support at the senior school swimming sports. Our students displayed their personal best no matter what level of swimming they were at and we are proud of them all.

A huge thank you to:

- Joan Billings, swimming coach and Grandma to past students who once again volunteered her expertise and help.
- Andrea Ward who organises the event with great precision and makes it easy for all of us on the day.

From this event, students have been selected to compete in the zone sports at Selwyn Aquatic centre next Thursday. A letter is coming home today for these children.
Also coming home today our seniors will have a notice about Surfsafe coming up and those who have put their name forward for the triathlon (senior school only) will also have a triathlon notice.

Level 2

Your support during level 2 has been much appreciated. We have seen from what happened in the North Island that a school can very quickly be plunged into unexpected territory so the more we can do to mitigate (and prepare by keeping accurate registers) the better. We have erred on the side of caution by postponing events but we do hope to reschedule Family Fun Night and the Junior school Tryathlon. We will wait to see what happens to the levels in the coming weeks. Please note no lunch or frozen Friday orders this week!

Emergencies

As we do every year, we have been reviewing our emergency procedures. This is a reminder to make sure you are signed up with our emergency txt service. This allows us to get a message out to you quickly, it will only be used to communicate with you in an emergency situation - e.g. - to announce school closure due to a storm, snow, earthquake, fire or a lockdown. **Text WEEDONS to 570 to sign up.**

IMPORTANT:

Due to school interviews school will close at 2.00pm on Monday and Tuesday next week, if you cannot collect your child PLEASE let the office know and they will be supervised until 3pm. The bus will run at the normal time. Bookings for interviews will close at 9am Monday morning.

Sun Protection

Thank you for your feedback on our sun protection policy. If you were happy with the policy, it wasn't necessary to reply but 20% of you responded with all rating the policy a 4 or 5. We appreciate your feedback. The policy will now be ratified by the board and added to Schooldocs. In response to suggestions made:

- We have sunscreen in every class for those children who forget to bring their own but would prefer you supplied it as you know what best works for your child's skin type.
- We are sourcing new sports and house tops for summer events and they will be made from breathable fabric and also have a collar.
- The board will continue to explore more shade options for the future.

About our policies

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On the site, there is a **Quick Links for Parents** topic with links to the most relevant policies and procedures.

Our policies are reviewed on a three year cycle unless we have a need to update earlier as happened in the case of the Sun protection policy.
This term, you are also invited to review our Home Learning policy on-line. You can do this by following the instructions below. This review will be open until the end of term 1.
Submit your ratings and comments. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

School Leaders

Over the next few newsletters, we will be introducing you to our senior leaders for 2021. All of our leaders applied for their roles through a written application. This week, we congratulate our **student council** who will be responsible for organising activities for our students in the school during the year and fund-raising for their chosen charities.

Back left to right
Campbell, Gemma, Sara, Greta, Ashton T, Noah D
Front left to right
Isaac P, Mindi, Hannah W, Kathryn.

Ski Trip – a notice is being sent home this week to those that opted into this trip.

TOP PERFORMER

Harakeke's first Top Performer for the year is a very special young lady who appreciates every opportunity she is given and always makes the most of each and every one of them … Lilly.
With her wide smile, mischievous twinkle in her eye and unfailing positive spirit, Lilly takes the concept of a "can do" attitude to a whole new level and always leads by example. She refuses to let things stand in her way and her loyal team of people around her are continually amazed by her upbeat attitude and selflessness.
Last year Lilly raised funds for several causes close to her heart, including Parafed, and few will forget the sight of Lilly flying along in her wheelchair with a smile from ear to ear while dozens of brightly coloured paper ribbons streamed along behind.
Representing the school with pride at events such as the Boccia competitions, Lilly has proved to be an amazing leader who has a special way with younger children. This year will be no exception with Lilly taking on the Envirogroup leadership (as well as Office PA) in her stride.
Whilst loving her weekly horse riding sessions along with her regular swimming classes, Lilly will be the first to tell you that her strongest muscle is her mind and this is what will continue to take her far. She relishes a challenging maths problem and is a voracious reader. She loves nothing better than to bury her nose in a great book and not surprisingly this, in turn, is reflected in her wonderful narrative writing.
Lilly faces up to new challenges with admirable determination and we could all learn a lot from her amazing ability to keep on adapting to whatever life throws at her.
Congratulations Lilly - you truly deserve this award of Top Performer!

The Primary Sports Canterbury Triathlon is being held on Tuesday 23 March for Year 5 -8 children. If your child is interested please read on.
We are able to enter 5 students per year group ie: Five Year 5 students. The children must be able to complete the following distances:
Year 5 & 6: 75metre swim, 5.3km bike and 2.3km run
Year 7 & 8: 100metre swim, 10.8km bike and 2.3km run.
The event is held at a property on South Eyre Road.
If your child is interested, they will need to do a trial themselves and let me know the times. They should also come and get a transport form with information and maps attached. You can also check out this link for the same information and maps. I need to have the trial times and the transport form back at school no later than Wednesday 10 March. Entries close on March 11. No late entries can be accepted.
http://www.primarysportscanterbury.org.nz/Programmes-Draws/Tournaments-Championships

Thanks Andrea Ward

Mufti Day March 17

As you know, the **Friends of Weedons** are having a mufti day on Wednesday, March 17, and instead of a gold coin they are asking everyone to bring along an item for the annual Easter raffle. (Book, house item or food item) to be used for the Easter Raffle Because March 17 is St Patrick's Day (a day to celebrate the Irish culture) the school **Cultural Group** is asking everyone to dress in green on that day. There will some prizes for the "Best Dressed in Green" as well as a special prize for the best dressed class. Don't forget to also bring your item for the raffle.

FOW WEEKLY UPDATE

Friends of Weedons Meeting
When: Tuesday 16 March
Where: Weedons School Staff Room
Time: 7.00pm
WHO: All welcome, come meet some new families, share your amazing ideas.

Well another change this week with shifting back into Level 2 ….. But Friends and Family we have got this and are all doing amazing!

- Changes with this is that we are UNABLE to do Friday Lunches and Frozen Friday so if you were helping this week you are off the hook!
- Family Fun night is cancelled but hopefully rescheduled fo another date later in the year.

Up and Coming:
Wednesday 17th March we are having a St Patricks Day Mufti – see above

Today you will all receive a raffle form with 10x number on it …. Please sell these for $2.00 each and once your form is filled in please return along with the money to the office by Friday 19th March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 31 March.
Thank you

Team FOW