

# WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Karamu

*Kia uru kahikatea te tū*  
*Let us stand like a grove of kahikatea*  
**03 November 2021 – Term 4– Week 3**  
[www.weedons.school.nz](http://www.weedons.school.nz)



Tena Koutou Katoa

## Diary 2021

### 2021

**18 Oct – Start of Term 4**

**03-05 Nov – Activities Day**  
**Year 5/6**

**08 Nov – Cookies and Juice**  
**Mondays only**

**12 Nov – Show Day –**  
**School Closed**

**19 Nov- Mufti Day**

**22 Nov – BOT Meeting**

**15 Dec - Final Assembly**

**16 Dec – Last Day of Term 4**

### 2022

**02 Feb – Start of Year**

**14 Apr – End of Term 1**

**15 Apr – Good Friday**

**02 May – Start of Term 2**

**08 Jul – End of Term 2**

**25 Jul – Start of Term 3**

**30 Sep – End of Term 3**

**17 Oct – Start of Term 4**

**16 Dec – End of Term 4**

Today we acknowledge:

**Emma and Noah D** who competed in the Ellesmere schools speech competitions on Monday night. Having been to the competitions for a number of years now, I was impressed with their content, delivery and confidence and was immensely proud of the way they represented our school at this event. Well Done.

**Campbell and Edward**, who were selected as our leaders to take part in the Kahui Ako leaders day. This day was to be a precursor to a day for a larger group of leaders, two leaders were chosen from each school to prepare and lead the larger group day. Both days have now been postponed until early next year but we congratulate Edward and Campbell on their selection, they have stood out as leaders and excellent role models in our school and will be our representatives in 2022.

**Check out the camp photos** from Wainui last week. Our year 7 and 8 group gave the camp a huge thumbs up.

A great big thank you to the parents who gave up their time and their comfortable beds to support the teachers and students over the three days - Zoe Gilmour, Jacqui Van Herpt, Nathan Cook and Hemi Kingi.

This week our **year 5/6 group is in Christchurch** taking part in a range of activities over the next three days. Thank you to all the parents who have helped out with transport and support for these activities. We couldn't have done it without you.

### **Staff comings and goings**

It is with sadness we announce the resignation of Andrea Ward from our staff. Andrea is looking forward to a different pace of life as she enjoys retirement after teaching at Weedons since 1998. Andrea has made a major contribution to our school over the years, beyond her classroom teaching role she has been responsible for our school choir, preparing students for the CHCH Schools music festivals and the World Vision Kids for Kids competitions. She has been school librarian, started the Hamner Camp experience for year 5 and 6 and in more recent years took on the huge task of sports organisation. Andrea has always willingly volunteered to try new ideas or support the school in whatever capacity she can, she will be greatly missed but well deserves the opportunity to spend more time with her family and friends.

Next year, we welcome Mrs Maree Ford to Weedons. Maree is an experienced classroom teacher who has spent most of her teaching career working in the upper school with ten years spent in the year 7 / 8 area. Amongst her many skills at teaching at this level, Maree brings with her a background in sports organisation and an understanding of our own Selwyn area. Maree lives in Rolleston with her two daughters and has taught at Rolleston, Lemonwood Grove and Clearview schools.

### **Classes 2022**

Room 1 year 7 and 8 - Mrs Maree Ford

Room 2 - year 5 and 6 - Mrs Jane Adcock, Mrs Jacqui Newell (D.P. release teacher one day a week)

Room 3 - year 4 and 5 - Mr Pat Wyatt

Room 4 - year 3 and 4 - Mrs Rachael Gates

Room 5 - year 2 - Mrs Michele Dawson and Mrs Emma Wright (Friday)

Room 6 - year 1 - Mrs Mel Anngow and Mrs Anna McLeish (Friday)

There will be no Room 7 class next year. Room 7 will be converted to the library and our newly renovated original library space will become an extra space for all classes to use from time to time. It is likely to be used as an extra classroom again in the future.

Over the next few weeks, we will be considering the year 4 and 5 levels who are going to be in split classes. When making the decision about who goes into which room, we will be prioritising time students have spent with their current teacher, age and social groupings. Please allow us the time to do this. There will be an opportunity near the end of the year for students to visit their new classroom when we have finalised classes.

### **Information from MOE**

**Everyone** who works for a school or kura who may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present must have had a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

**From 1 January 2022**, schools and kura **must only allow** those that are fully vaccinated to provide onsite services.

This includes:

- principals
- teachers
- relief teachers and casual staff
- administration staff
- caretakers and cleaners
- contractors and other tradespeople
- service managers
- caregivers and other staff.

It also includes unpaid workers, such as volunteers and any members of the community who are regularly on site during a time when children and students may be present. Throughout this guidance we have used the term staff member to refer to paid staff members, unpaid workers, volunteers, contractors and other workers at your school or kura.

The vaccination requirements apply wherever in person schooling occurs, such as on the school or early learning service site, but also at school camps, swimming pools, museums, or where other education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes take place. This means that both school staff and volunteers who are involved in EOTC should have had a first vaccination by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

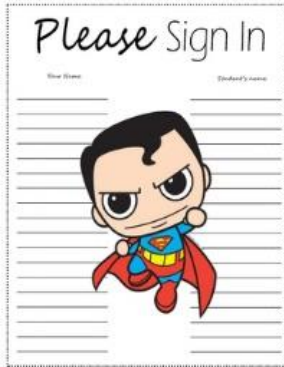
## Reminders



Hats are compulsory this term. As per our sunsafe policy, we are starting to remind students to apply sunscreen before break times. Please send sunscreen with your child as you know best what brand works for your child/ren.

## Cookies and drinks available again

We have a number of cookies and drinks that we need to use as they expire before the start of term next year. For this reason, drinks and cookies will again be on sale through **Kindo**. They will be available for purchase on Mondays starting Monday 5th November. \$1.50 each. Senior students will deliver these to classrooms for morning tea.



**A reminder that if you come into the school, please sign in at the office or the classroom as well as using the APP, this is a requirement from the Ministry of Education and Health.**

We are looking for someone to make tops and dress our bears for our year 8 leavers. We supply old school uniform for you to sew a top and hat for the bear. This is a

long held tradition for our students. If anyone out there is a sewer, and has the time, we would love to hear from you.



## Top Performer Totara Room 1

*This week's top performer comes from Totara and it is Hannah W.*

*Hannah is one of our most valuable seniors and proves this day after day. She has shown the ability to listen to advice and act on it. This is in all aspects of her performance – academic and wider school activities. When faced with challenges she has applied herself and shown that she has resilience. Her attitude to stepping up to accept opportunities is a credit to her also. She has given 100% to her work but also to the wider group whether that is helping another pupil with their work, within a small group or as part of the whole class. She is thoughtful about her work.*

*During our period of home learning Hannah showed that her level of communication was high and that she was able to seek guidance and act on advice given independently. This is particularly so when it comes to writing.*

*Part of her performance quality is the warmth and empathy she is starting to show for others. We are lucky to have this Year 7 providing so much to our school culture. It is great that we get to keep her for another year and we look forward to what she will do for the school as a Year 8 leader.*

*What more can I say? A great learner, a great leader, a great role model, a great asset to us all. Admired by us all. Well done Hannah. You are a true gem.*

# Friends of Weedons



It's that time again that we are asking if you or someone you may know can donate a gift or prize for our annual Weedons School Raffle. If you have something please contact Tessa Baikie phone 0273249798

## Christmas Hamper

# MUFTI DAY

This will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of November instead of a donation can the children please bring something to put in the Christmas Hamper

## Community Notice

### Behind the Screens – online pornography and what all parents need to know

Wednesday 10 November, 7–9pm  
Dunsandel Community Centre

Taima Korero is a workshop for parents equipping them on talking to their children/young people about the harmful effects of Online Pornography. We are seeing increasing media coverage around the effects of pornography & that parents need to talk to their children. Time2Talk specifically focuses on the 'How' to talk to our young people around this topic. (Many parents are struggling as it is still such a taboo subject)

Pornography has a major and devastating effect on young people: both boys and girls. They may not even go looking for it, but it will find them through unrestricted device use. Current NZ statistics – by the time they are 16 years old – 86% of boys & 73% of girls have been exposed to pornography.

Parents & caregivers need to assist their children/young people to navigate through this topic if/when they are exposed and understand the part that peer pressure plays.

Event registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/behind-the-screens-s62ur19u-f84tt6p>

[selwyn.govt.nz](http://selwyn.govt.nz)



**WAIMAIRI**  
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

**Waimairi Surf Life Saving Club  
has spaces available for 7-9 year  
olds this summer!**

Teaching surf awareness and safety each Sunday morning. While surf life saving is not a learn to swim facility, it is a great complement to regular pool training.

Contact Brad John, Junior Surf Coordinator,  
[waimairijuniors@gmail.com](mailto:waimairijuniors@gmail.com).

