

# Waikaia School Newsletter



We are kind We are responsible We do our Best

Week Three, Term 2
11 May 2023
Kia ora Whanau

What a change to see a little sprinkling of snow on the mountains this week. A change in the air!

## <u>Values</u>

Our school value this term which we are focussing on, is doing our best. This could be in the classroom, when visitors are at school or in the playground.

This week's value award goes to **Toby Sharp** for doing his best in all areas of learning and having a positive attitude. Ka pai Toby!

#### Class certificates

Waikaia Room: Bridget Gunton, Ben McKee and Byron Leti

Switzers Room: Jack Horrell, Alfie Gunton and Darcy Goulding









Trip to the Waikaia Awa

Happy Birthday Charlie, Lucas, Blake!

We were fortunate to have Heron from Active Southland and Bronwyn from Environment Education meet us at the Waikaia awa. We looked at water clarity and what bugs we could find in the water. The children were fascinated with the different types of bugs they found.







### Camo Day

Children had great delight dressing in their camo gear last Friday.









#### **Cross Country**

This will be held on the 25th May at Ray and Louise Ferguson's property. If you are able to help on the day with marshalling on a station, please let me know. We have been practising our cross country running through games to build our fitness. Heron from Active Southland has helped with showing the children.









Enjoy your weekend

Kind regards Michelle Houghton, Tumuaki



Term 2- What's on?					
Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	15 Road/Bike Safety Week	16	17	18	19
Week 5	22	23	24	25 Waimea Cross Country	26
Week 6	<b>29</b> Samoan Language Week	30	31	1 June Northern Cross Country	2
Week 7	5 King's Birthday	6	7	8	9
Week 8	12 BOT Meeting	13 3-way conferences	14 3-way conferences	15	16
Week 9	19	20	21	22	23
Week 10	26	27	28	29	30

## **News from the Waikaia School Board of Trustees**

Welcome to our first update for the school year.

• Our school rebuild is very much underway with virtually only the shell of the school and office block remaining in the first couple of weeks of Carpentry South's start in early February.

Building progress has been gradual and now we have the revamped skeleton of a new school appearing underneath the original roof exterior. We have new windows and doors in the office block and today Carpentry South are starting to put in the windows along the front of the classrooms.

If you are in the neighbourhood, take a moment to come along and see what is happening.

- On another note the BOT have taken down their old wooden school fort over the road and plans are moving along to have something new and special in its place, once the rebuild has been completed.
- This year we have welcomed two new entrants to our school, along with another starting next week.



# **Red Cross meeting**



On Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 2.00pm in the Museum Foyer.

The senior members of the Otago/Southland Area Councils will visit Waikaia to introduce themselves to us.

This will be a "whistlestop" visit on their way to Queenstown.

It would be great to see as many members there as possible for a cuppa.

Janet McKee (President) 027 431 9744.

# **Balfour Lions Book Sale**

to be held in the Balfour Hall on
Friday 12 May, 5 - 7pm, Saturday 13 May, 9 - 5pm and
Sunday, 14 May 9 - 2pm.

We'd love your books, puzzles, music etc if you have spares and please come along to our sale and buy some books.

Books can be dropped in to MacGregor Motors, Balfour or phone (03) 201 6242 for collection.

Many thanks, Geraldine Edgar