

WAIHI EAST SCHOOL

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Thank you for your attendance at our special Grandparents Duffy assembly and your generous afternoon tea which we shared. Our children enjoyed performing to you. This year Nicola and Whiti sponsored the \$2250 school proportion of the Duffy Contract. This has been an amazing donation and this initiative has made an impact on literacy across our school. We are currently seeking 4 sponsors for the 2010 Duffy Contract. If you would like to join Spargo Automotive by sponsoring Duffy Books, please let Isobel know. Thank You to Brendan and Paulette.

Phil organized an excellent athletics day on Friday for the whole school. This was a fun day where children were able to compete against each other. Phil and Robbie have also selected an athletic team to compete against other Waihi Schools. Congratulations to this team who made excellent placings. Results are noted in our Kids Page.

Last term I had the opportunity to observe a school chaplain at Katikati Primary School. This person visited classes, spoke to children and gave a helping hand to staff. Religion was not discussed, just the care of others. I would like the school community to consider having a school Chaplin/Amorangi. The BoT would like to know your opinion. If you have any concerns about a person supporting children and staff in this role, please let the Leadership Team know. Your opinion will be appreciated.

As you are aware, Phil has signed his contract to return to East School next year. This has been made possible by fund raising, donations/grants from the community and savings from previous years. We have the money we require for Phil however \$8000 needs to be raised next year to remain within budget. Fundraising therefore will remain a priority for next year.

I am getting concerned about some 'loose' behaviour in the playground. As a team we are referring children to the Wheel of Choice. Staff are also intervening and helping children problem solve. Lunch time detentions are a very popular hang out spot for a few children however most children are meeting our expectations. The next Kool Kids Day follows prize giving on the 15th of December. The junior and senior teams are planning end of term trips. If a child has 3 detentions between the 16th of November and the trip, then they will not be invited to attend. Strong consequences need to be in place.

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HABITS OF MIND

This week's Habits of Mind continues to be Thinking About Thinking. "Successful people know what they know and what they need to find out. They can talk about their thinking.

ABACUS FUNDRAISING CALENDARS

Your children's art is looking fantastic! Don't miss out on your 2010 calendars. Orders close Friday November 20th. TOMORROW! Art work calendar \$10.50. Photo calendars \$12. Greeting cards \$12.

GALA 2010

Anne-Marie and Denise are developing our Gala for next year. Please let Emily know if you can help by:

- Telling us of 'famous' people you may know that could open/attend our gala. Chocolates to the person who can get Mark Ellis here!!
- Any friends/family/neighbour/person down the road that could donate artwork or item to be auctioned on the day.

Children's food and drink survey

Enclosed with this newsletter is a survey from Project energize. Fill out and return to school and your family goes in a lucky draw to win a prize.

NUMERACY HOME/SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Last opportunity this year. Come and join students, parents and teachers for a fun evening—fun cricket, fine food(a light dinner) and fabulous numeracy games. Thursday 3rd December at school 5.30-7.00pm. RSVP essential (so we have enough food).

_____ people from _____ family

_____ will be attending.

YEAR SIX COLLEGE INFORMATION

There is a tour of the college on Friday 4th December at 9.30am for 1 hour. Transport will be required and parents are welcome. On Tuesday 8th December there will be a parents information evening at 7.30pm in the college library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue No. 8 is due back at school on 4th December.

LIBRARY

Our school library closes on the 4th of December for the end of year stocktake. Please ensure all library books are returned by then. Thank you.

HOT DOG LUNCHES

Due to small numbers of orders and difficulties finding parent helpers- Hot dog lunches have stopped until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

Fri 20th Nov	Final day for calendar orders
Thurs 26th Nov	Room 6 assembly
Tues 1 Dec	Northern cluster athletics
Thurs 3 Dec	Duffy assembly
Fri 4 Dec	Year 6 visit to Waihi College
Fri 4 Dec	Scholastic Issue no. 8 closes.
Tues 8 Dec	Gymnastics Day at College
Tues 8 Dec	Parent information evening at College
Wed 9 Dec	WBOP Athletics
Thurs 10 Dec	Stars in your Eyes Evening
Fri 11 Dec	Year books home
Tues 15 Dec	Prize giving 11am/ Kool kids afternoon
Wed 16 Dec	Last day of school

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Children's Work

From Room 6

On Saturday me and my Mum and Dad went to a bonfire at my Nan's. We roasted marshmallows. It was cool.
By Aston-Lee A-C . Age 6.

In the weekend we went to a fireworks display in Te Puna. It was fun.
By Ashlee W . Age 6.

My Stickers.

Yesterday I got some stickers for the supermarket in Tauranga. Some are butterflies and some are ladybugs.

They are cool.

By Meadow B. Age 6.

Skating The Bowl

(An excerpt from Kalem's written language sample.)

Once I was at the skate park with a lot of speed. My hair was flowing back I just forgot what time it was. I just wanted to rip it.

I came down the big roll in, which was about three metres high, rolling in with speed. The sound of my bearings just hissing away, rolling coming closer and closer. I was just about to change the scary thought of the 360° nose grab.

Unfortunately I was too close, feeling determined to do it, also feeling the thought of bailing nervously... But I did it, I pulled it off, spinning through the air, coming down, I landed clean.

Next crazy stunt I wanted to rip was an 'over crook rail slide down the steel rail'. My hopes boosted as I was coming down the same roll in, hopefully the rail was waxed, if it wasn't I wouldn't have slid. But I did, I actually slid,

my head was full of nervous thoughts, thoughts flying through my head. The thoughts sabotaged me, I bailed hard, my truck slid off the waxy rail. I slipped off the board, I quickly fell and saved my shoulder from being hurt with one of the break falls I'd learnt in judo, it really paid off.

By Kalem T. Age 9. Rm 3.

From Room 7

I like Maths because I am good at maths and I am on stage 5. Mr Gurnick is my maths teacher. Mr Gurnick is cool.

By Tyron C . Age 8.

My Nan is cool I love my Nana because she brought me a talking dog she took me to the park I took my dog too. My Nan is the best Nan.

By Paris P. Age 7.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nippers

Every Sunday 10am—12noon at the Waihi Beach surf club for 5-13 year olds. For more information phone Antony Morgan 863 5108 or Claire Fuller 07 552 6797.

Free Ear Clinic

The next visit by the Ear Clinic is at Waihi Central school on Wednesday 2 December.

St. Josephs School Fun Run

St Joseph's annual fun run/walk
4km or 8km course
Saturday 21st November
Waihi Rugby clubrooms
Registration from 8.30am
Child \$2 Adult \$5
Lots of spot prizes
Food, drink and raffles for sale.

Drink Remix!

swap:

Fruit juice

for:

Iced / naturally flavoured water

- One glass of fruit juice a day is fine, but any more is adding unnecessary sugar.
- If you don't like plain water, try it chilled or flavoured with slices of lemon, mint or orange slices



AWARDS

Duffy Book Awards: Rm 1; Sabrina Chapman & Diva Cygan. Rm 2; Lachlan Burne & Vincent Fransham. Rm 3; Belinda Leonard-Jones & Kalem Tarrant. Rm5; Emily Alexander. Rm 6; Meadow B & Makayla L-H. Rm 7; Alana B, Renee T, Brooklyn S & Gemma W.

Athletics Results: