

# WAIHI EAST SCHOOL

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12 November 2009

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We have an exciting week planned for students. Today we celebrated Grandparents at a special Duffy Assembly, tomorrow all children are participating in athletics and Kool Kids afternoon to round off a great day. Over 95% of students received an invite to Kool Kids afternoon. We aim to have 100% participation at the end of the year.

Information on the **National Standards** arrived at school this week. The National standards are the achievement expectation in reading, writing and math's that the government has placed on schools from next year. Their aim is to improve student achievement.

How are we addressing National Standards?

- Students are to be more aware of how they are achieving against the standards and set goals towards these. Year Book reflections will have a stronger 'child voice'.
- Staff will use Year Books to report on student achievement against the standards in easy to read language e.g. working below/at or above the national standard. Next learning steps will be part of this feed back in Year Books.
- We aim to have a closer relationship between home and school to support children's learning. In our Year Book samples we will include a tip that you may like to develop at home and interviews will become more regular.

In the table is an example of the National Standard in reading. The standard will be a reading target for children and will be celebrated once achieved.

I will send out more information about how we will be developing the National Standards as I develop them with staff.

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At the end of Year 1	Reading age 6 years
At the end of Year 2	Reading age 6.5-7 years
At the end of Year 3	Reading age 8-9 years
At the end of Year 4	Reading age 8.5-9.5 years
At the end of Year 5	Reading age 10-12 years
At the end of Year 6	Reading age 10-12years

## HABITS OF MIND

This week's Habits of Mind is 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. Art work calendar \$10.50. Photo calendars \$12.

## DRAMA CLUB

Drama Club will be held on Thursday after school next week due to Mrs. Huggard having to attend meetings on Wednesday.

## HOT DOG LUNCHES

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

## KOOL KIDS AFTERNOON

Yahoo, its on this Friday 1.45-2.45. Bring your wheels and come along. Invites out today.

## 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.

## 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

Offer No. 7 closes tomorrow Friday 13 November 2009.

## PARENT DUFFY OFFER

This offer closed on Monday and the order has been sent away. Books are due to arrive on the 4th of December.

## COMING EVENTS

Fri 13th Nov	Kool Kids afternoon
Wed 18th Nov	Waihi cluster athletics
Thurs 19th Nov	Room 5 assembly
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
Tues 8 Dec	Gymnastics Day
Tues 8 Dec	Parent information evening at College
Wed 9 Dec	WBOP Athletics
Thurs 10 Dec	Room 7 assembly
Thurs 10 Dec	Stars in yours Eyes Evening
Fri 11 Dec	Year books home
Tues 15 Dec	Prize giving 11am/ Kool kids afternoon
Wed 16 Dec	Last day of school

# Kids' page

## Children's Work

### From Room 6

Last night I got another ribbon at BMX. I have got 5 ribbons now.  
Hamish B Age 5.

On Saturday we went to the beach and had fish and chips for tea. It was really fun.  
Elizabeth M Age 6.

On Thursday me and Nana went to the chemist so that I could get my ears pierced. I like my Nana.  
Makayla L-H Age 6.

Nana Barbara gave me a book and it has got photos of my Dad when he was a baby.  
Liana V Age 6.

### From Room 5

My Grandma likes doing puzzles with me and I like going outside with my Mum too.  
My Grandma likes looking pretty.  
Alexandra L Age 5.

Nana takes me to the park and takes me to the duck pond. She has brown hair. I love her and she loves me too.  
Kyla W Age 5.

My Nana is coming to my Mum's. My Nana has black hair. She is happy.  
Tanekar N Age 5.

My Grandma loves me. I run around the garden and my Nana watches me. She has got black hair.  
Brooke M Age 5.

My Aunty is at my house. She is big. She is happy. She has glasses. She cuddles me.  
Jayden P Age 5.

### From Room 1

My Success  
In the morning I got ready for school. I went to wash my face and clean my teeth and then I got ready and I hopped in the van to get ready. Dad said after school we can go to the park it was fun because I went in the rocket and we had fish and chips and some cold drink, it was fun at the rocket park and I got back home. When I got home I rode my bike it is fun riding my bike.  
Samuel T Age 9.

## 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.

Outdoor Games

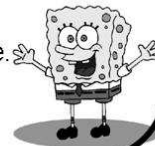
## No need to stop being active!

The weather is still great and the days are long. Get outside and try these games!



## Sponge Toss Game

- Grab a friend (or two), a couple of containers (to catch the sponges) and some car wash sponges.
- Wet the sponges and throw them to you partner, they try to catch them in their container.
- Move further back after each throw and see how far apart you can catch the sponge.



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## AWARDS

**Caught Behaving Intelligently Awards:** Khan A, Sera C, Nai T, Tyron C, Alex C, Kailala R.

**Duffy Book Awards:** Rm 1 Taleb K, Nicholas W. Rm 2 Mitchell S. Rm 3 Stripling K, Christopher S. Rm5 Mia N, Tohu N. Rm 6 Emily B, Kaurerewa K. Rm 7 Mahonri K.

**New Student Award:** Isobel F

Kane Cup; Room 6