

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Karamū

*Kia uru kahikatea te tū
Let us stand like a grove of kahikatea*

13 April 2022 – Term 1– Week 11

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Diary 2022

2022

02 Feb – First Day of Term

13 Apr – FOW Meeting

15 Apr – Good Friday

14 Apr – End of Term 1

02 May – Start of Term 2

24 May – BOT 7.00pm

03 June - Teacher Only Day
06 Jun – Queens Birthday

24 Jun- Matariki School
closed

08 Jul – End of Term 2

25 Jul – Start of Term 3

30 Sep – End of Term 3

17 Oct – Start of Term 4

24 Oct – Labour Day
11Nov – Show Day

16 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

Kia ora,

Welcome to the final newsletter of Term 1. The last couple of weeks have seen a definite slowdown in the number of children getting Covid and/or needing to isolate as a household contact. Hopefully this trend continues and we will be able to start easing some of our restrictions. I am working to update our Covid Protection Framework with staff and the Board of Trustees and will send out an update before the start of next term. A lot needs to be considered for the health and safety of all of our learners and staff as we move through the traffic light system. Although the government announced a move to orange from tonight we will remain in our current RED settings till the end of term.



The Student Council organised a fantastic mufti day last Friday, with generous donations. The school raised a fantastic \$352.60. The funds raised will go directly to UNICEF to support the children and families of Ukraine.

A gentle reminder that the **Friends of Weedons** meeting is on **tonight, 7pm at the Silver Dollar**. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

It has been a really complex term that the children have coped with admirably. Mask wearing for Years 4-8, zoned play and eating areas, parents and caregivers not onsite, more stringent hygiene routines and a whole lot of activities that have not been able to go ahead. I would like to thank the families, children and staff for their efforts and understanding in what has been and will continue to be a constantly changing environment.

I wish everyone a restful Easter and term break and hope some sense of normality will start to return in Term 2.

Rob Naysmith
Principal

School Accounts

School accounts will be out tomorrow for Term 1. These will be emailed and a hard copy sent home with children.

The school donation is set at \$95 for a single child or \$160 per family.

Please note that although the donation is voluntary, as a decile 10 school, Weedons receives the lowest per-student level of government funding within the primary school education system. Because of this, we are heavily dependent on donations and fundraising to provide our children with the level of education they need and, at the same time, balance our budget. Donations paid by you go directly into your child/ren's learning.

You may qualify for an income tax credit from Inland Revenue in relation to donations made to the school. You will receive a receipt for any donations you make to school if requested. This receipt will meet Inland Revenue requirements for a tax credit claim. Please note we are happy to receive donations as part payments throughout the year. If you wish to utilise this facility please advise our Office Manager Debs Moffat by email office@weedons.school.nz

Your child/ren will undertake curriculum-related activities each term as determined by their teachers. ICT resources are also provided at high levels enabling all children access to technology, this has proven to be a huge asset during lockdowns and isolation periods as well as now being a critical part of our classroom programmes. Without your financial support, the ability of the school to provide these activities and resources would be severely restricted. We, therefore, request your contribution to be cleared within a relatively short time frame.

Please note that stationery is not a donation and does need to be paid in full.

Preferred payment is by way of internet banking (details on statement), cash at the school office is also accepted.

Parents of the school have a history of being very generous with donations and fundraising efforts. We thank you once again for your continued support.

Weedons Board of Trustees Update

One of the important responsibilities of your BoT is to ensure continuity of Governance of the School. Thus elections for BOT members are held every 18months with members serving three years. This ensures half of the board remains at each election. Putting that into context for 2022 and Covid, [the following will happen](#):

- Next BoT election has been deferred until September 2022 due to COVID.
- Weedons Community will need to elect 3 BoT members at that time.
- As we are already one BoT member short due to a resignation, your BoT has co-opted Catherine M and Richard Briggs to the Board through to the next election, where they will then need to stand and be elected by the community.
- There will be 3 vacancies to be filled, either by new members or re-election of existing members.
- Jimmy Banks has been elected as Deputy Chairperson, or in modern terms, Deputy Presiding Member. Again your Board has taken this step to ensure continuity, as I will be stepping down at the end of this cycle.

Please feel free to engage with your BoT at any time, either by attending a meeting or a chat over the phone.

Regards,

Garth Asher
Chair/Presiding Member
Weedons School BoT
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Thank you to the people that contributed to the jellybean raffle we raised \$156.00 to send to Ronald McDonald House we are thankful for all the money and support and everyone's help. We hope you have a great day and thank you again.



Community Notices

Dental Services over the Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing urgent and relief of pain appointments during the school break at:

Aranui Community Dental Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Christchurch

Hornby Community Dental Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Christchurch

You can access these appointments by calling our Contact Centre on **0800 846 983**.

For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on **0800 846 983** or email

commdental@cdhb.health.nz

METHVEN SCARECROW TRAIL

Fantastic, fun, school holiday activity!

The trail begins **Saturday April 16th**. Maps go on sale at Methven I Hub for \$10 (cash only) and the trail begins at the I Hub.

Don't forget to like the Scarecrow Trail FB page if possible - this is where we post messages and the results - <https://www.facebook.com/MethvenScarecrowTrail/>

Thank you so much for your support

A vertical poster for an "Easter Sunday Nature Hunt". The background is blue. At the top, "EASTER SUNDAY" is written in orange and "NATURE HUNT" in white. Below that, "Join the fun!" is written in white. On the left, there is a framed illustration of a natural scene with a kiwi bird, a butterfly, a frog, and a lizard. The word "BioBlitz" is written at the bottom of the frame. To the right of the illustration, there is text: "The hunt starts on Easter Sunday for anything that swims, flies, grows, crawls and hides! Visit your local reserve or any natural area and see what you can find." Below this text is an orange circle with "FREE EVENT" written in white. At the bottom left, there is a small logo for iNaturalist and the text "See iNaturalist.nz for details 'Easter Sunday Nature Hunt'".