

# WAIMATA SCHOOL

## Week 6 Term 2 2019

### Mid-Year Progress Reports

Teachers will shortly have completed their Mid-Year Progress Reports. The focus of these reports is around giving whanau an update on their child's academic, social & behavioural achievement coming up the the halfway point of the schooling year. These reports give students, parents and teachers an opportunity to review how things are progressing and plan further action to ensure students have the best possible chance to achieve success!

### Principals Certificates

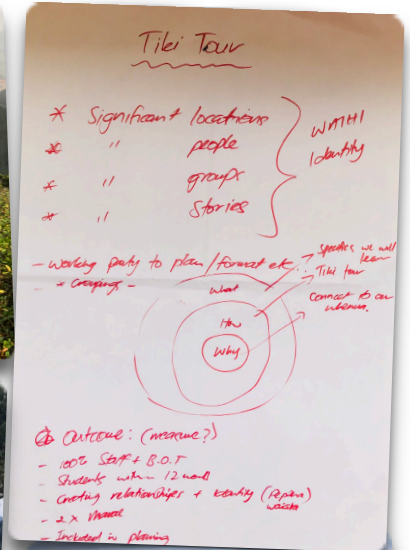
Students receiving Principal's Certificates at next Monday's assembly:

Zaleah Spinks- Fantastic independent writing.

Kobe Phillips- Great scale design for our new garden area.

### Teacher Only Day 'Tiki Tour'

Over the last 18 months our staff have undertaken a great deal of professional development. As part of this we have looked closely at cultural responsiveness and our connection with the people and place where we live and work. We were lucky enough to see one of our actions plans (big ideas) completed last Friday with a 'Tiki Tour' of significant locations and landmarks of great importance to our local iwi. The day included story telling from kaumatua and special guests about these places and the people whose story is interwoven with the whenua. Massive amounts of learning was had by all and we look forward to seeing this new knowledge infused into our teachings!



### Upcoming Events



Friday  
14th June  
Matariki  
Hiko

Wednesday  
19th June  
Community  
Celebration

Thursday  
20th June  
School Matariki  
Sleepover

Tuesday  
25th June  
Y4-6 Tapuwae  
Tournament

## Sickness Notification

With the change of seasons upon us we often see an increase in Winter ailments. Please remember to notify the school via phone, txt or School Stream form should your child be away. Please remind your children healthy hygiene habits, washing hands, covering mouths when sneezing etc.

## Mobile Dental Unit back in Waihi

The mobile dental unit is back in Waihi this term, located at Waihi East School. They will be making contact with families for appointments soon, if you don't hear from them or need to see them urgently their number is 021 359 798.

## Couplands Fundraiser

Big thanks to the families who supported this fundraiser, the school made \$929.50 profit!!!


This helps to keep the costs down for school trips and camps. We will look at doing this again in Term 4!

## Lucky Book Club

Lucky Book Club pamphlets went home yesterday, orders are due back to the school office by Friday the 14th of June.

## Duffy Thanks

This terms donation of Duffy books is courtesy of our wonderful sponsor  
**Warehouse Stationery**  
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Matariki

# STARS

The stars of Matariki each represent a different part of our environment. 4 of the stars have a link to kai (food):



★ Waitii  
food from the rivers

★ Tupu-aa-rangi  
food from the sky

★ Waitaa  
food from the ocean

★ Tupu-aa-nuku  
food from the ground

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## I.T. Initiatives

At Waimata we love the word 'innovation'. A huge part of our delivery of the curriculum is aimed at encouraging our learners to be critical thinkers, problem solvers and creators for change! This year in particular we have tried to support this aspect of learning through resourcing initiatives to provide teachers and learners with the technology to take visions and dreams into 'reality'. We are excited to start using our new 3D printers and Virtual Reality headsets to explore opportunities well beyond what have been able to in the past! We love collaborating with others so if any of our whanau have experience using these technologies as part of their work or as a hobby, we would love to pick your brains! We can't wait to see what awesome ideas spring from our little Einstein's!!!

## Whakatauke o Te Wiki

**"Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui"**  
*Be strong, be brave, be steadfast*