

# NEWSLETTER

2021  
WK8 TERM 1

## Kia ora Walton whānau

As this newsletter goes out today we have a number of our older tamariki competing in the Interschool Swimming Sports at the Matamata town pools. Days like these are great as it provides the opportunity for our children to go against capable swimmers from other schools. In other words, the levels are raised and the intensity of competition is greater. So whenever one of our Walton tamariki gets a top three placing it is seriously worth celebrating as that is no minor feat.

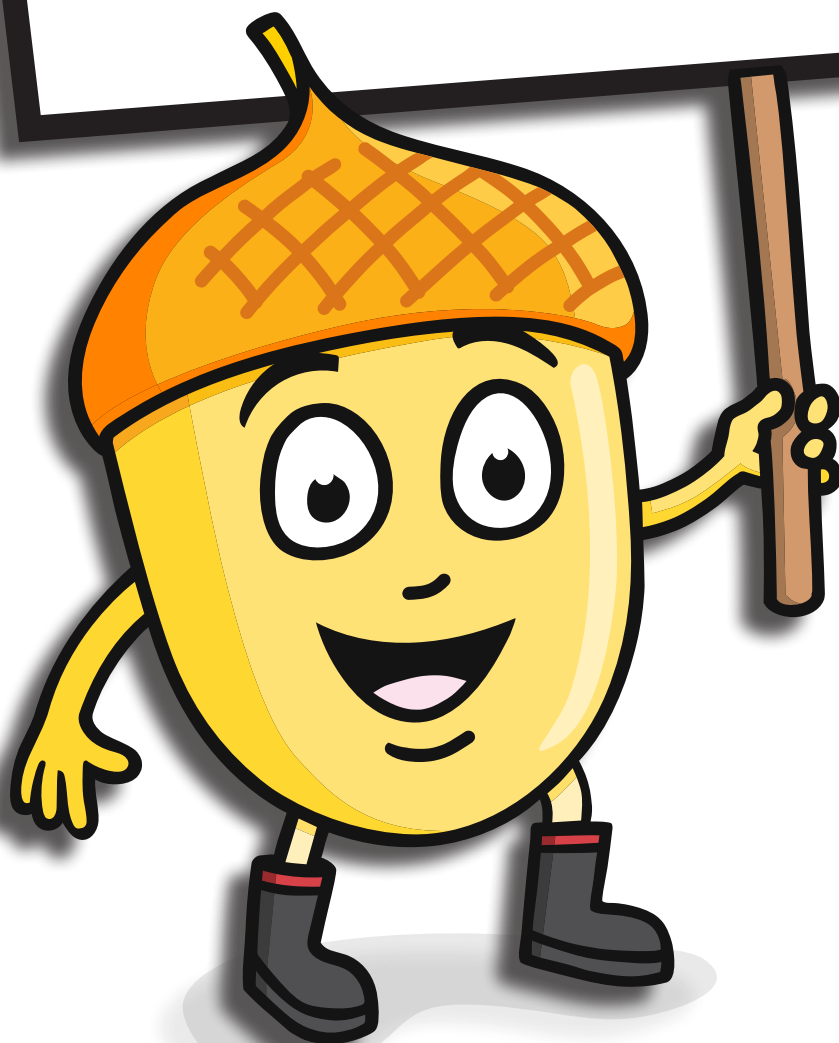
Having said this, another aspect of these days that I believe is just as important is the way our tamariki conduct themselves after a win or a loss. This reflects their character and shows the world what kind of person they truly are. Over the years I've been immensely proud to be the Walton School principal because our tamariki have shone brightly in this area! They've always been justifiably proud of their successes, but have been just as jubilant about others successes as well. Even when their peers are lagging behind in their races they've enthusiastically cheered on and encourage fellow 'Waltonites' (just made that word up but I think it sounds pretty cool). To me, this is our Walton Wairua/SPIRIT flowing beyond our school gates and permeating our community. And again to me, that's pretty awesome!!! :)

Nga mihi,  
Jeremy Kurth  
Principal



# DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **1st April - Teacher Only Day (No School)**
- 2nd April - Good Friday (NO school)
- 5th & 6th April - Easter Monday & Tuesday (NO school)
- 8th & 9th April - Year 3 & 4 Overnight camp
- 14th - 16th April - Senior Camp
- **16th April - Last day of Term**
- 3rd May - TERM 2



# Uniform Order

We will be placing a uniform order at the end of this term – please let Sandra know if you want to place an order.

**Jackets \$64.00**

**Hoodies \$75.00**

**Polo Shirts \$33.00**



# Carpark Safety

Please do not park in the area at the bottom of the school driveway. This is not a drop off/pick up zone. It is a working access area for the school and the farm right beside us. If this continues it will only be a matter of time before someone's car is hit by a tanker truck, farm vehicle, or much worse a child hit - which the thought of makes me absolutely sick!

No Parking yellow lines have been painted in this area along with a designated 'Staff Only' car parking area. This also means respecting the Villa BnB business and not parking on the grass edge as many people have also been doing. It's not ours to park on.

All parents and whanau must park further away. There is ample room along Walton Road to park and the recent upgrades to the pathway make it an easy walk. You need to walk and collect your child from school.

The safety of tamariki is paramount and we've already had a number of dangerously close calls of children being hit by cars as the child runs to their parent's parked car. Your child's safety is worth the effort of getting out of your car and walking to the school gate area.

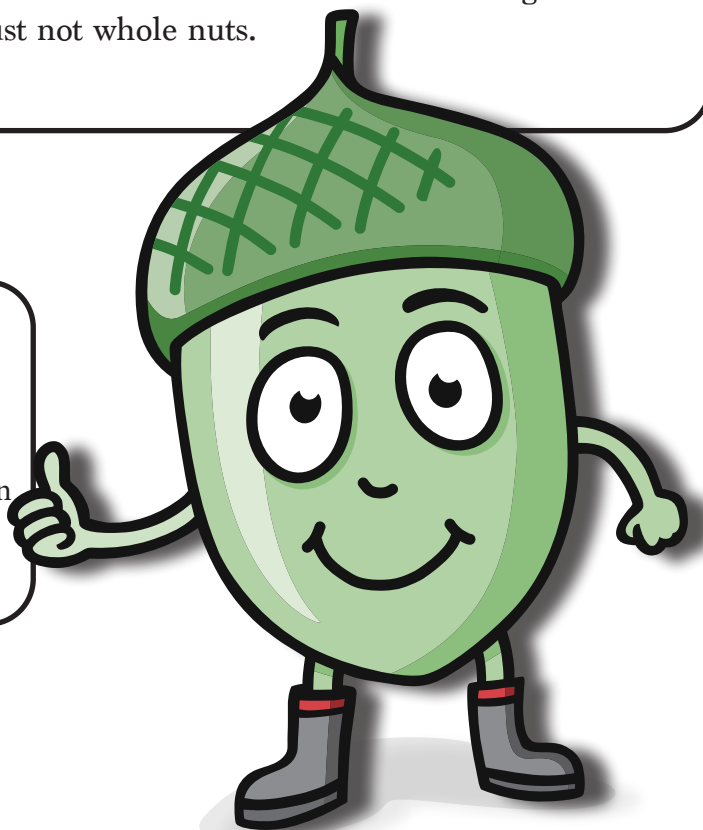
Please model to your child/ren our school value of Respect by following this simple request

# Nut Aware School

Please note, we have a few students who are highly allergic to nuts, we would appreciate it if you do not send nuts to school in your child's lunchbox. It is still fine to have things such as peanut butter sandwiches, muesli bars etc ... just not whole nuts.  
Thanks so much for your consideration.

# Pool Closing

Please note our school pool is closing for the season this **FRIDAY (26th MARCH)** Please ensure that ALL keys are returned to the school office.  
For those who paid in cash, deposit will be returned in cash – if you paid online, your child's account will be credited with your deposit of \$10.00





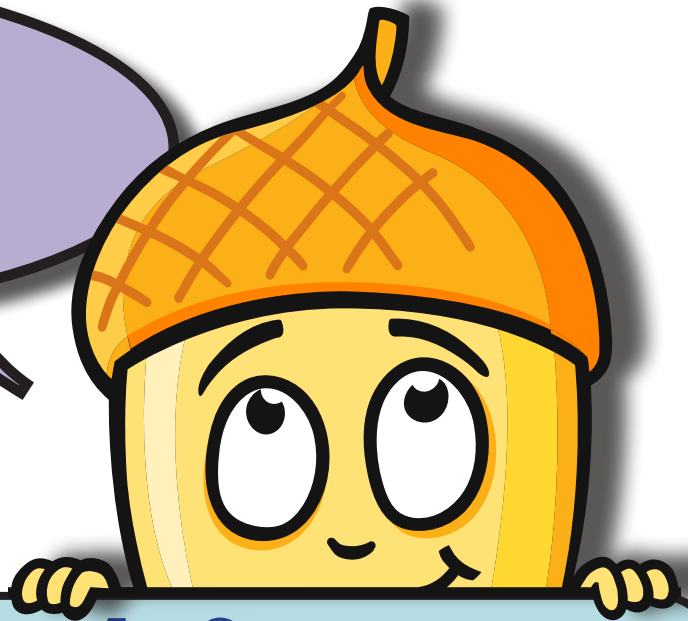
# Board of Trustees (BoT)

Next year (around May) we'll be holding our triannual Board of Trustees elections. Over the past six years we have been very well served by a fantastic bunch of board members, however a number of them have children who will be moving on to Intermediate next year. As such, a number of them will be stepping down from our BoT. Therefore, we're signalling this very early so that our community can take this into consideration moving forwards.

If becoming a BoT member is something you may be interested in undertaking next year, please don't hesitate to contact the school to talk to Jeremy about what it involves.

Alternatively, we can provide you with the phone number of our current Board Chair, Jackie Lugton, who'd happily chat to you about her parent perspective of being on the board for a number of years. She has a wealth of knowledge, having experienced three ERO reviews, staff changes, and the shift from national standards to our current form of assessment reporting. As well as this, anyone is welcome to attend any of our BoT meetings as they are a public forum. (Note: As due process though, you won't have speaking rights at the meeting but will gain an insight into what a typical meeting involves).

**THIS SOUNDS  
LIKE A GREAT  
OPPORTUNITY!**



## Are you leaving June 1st?

Thank you to families who have informed us that they will be moving due to work commitments between now and June 1st. We are very sorry to see you leave, but we understand that this is the nature of being a rural school. If anyone else is shifting out of our school area, can you please let us know as soon as possible.

***IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE MOVING INTO OUR SCHOOL ZONE & WANTING TO ENROL THEIR CHILD/REN AT OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT US SO THAT WE CAN HELP THEM TRANSITION SMOOTHLY COME JUNE 1ST.***

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Mountain Biking



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**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**



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# PLEASE INSTAL SKOOL LOOP

## ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE

... WE WILL BE USING THIS AS OUR MAIN  
FORM OF COMMUNICATION FROM 2021

Hey there!

Just popping in to check  
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# Touching Base

Do you need to touch base with your child's teacher? Then we want to hear from you. You might have something on your mind but feel like you don't want to bother a teacher, that's when it's a perfect time to catch up with us! If it's enough to bother you then it's enough to have a chat about. Our teachers want to hear from you about these minor things, in fact it's the minor things we prefer to hear about before they grow into major things.

Sometimes you might be in luck when you pop down to school and happen to catch your child's teacher in between teaching and other activities. However, if you'd like to ensure you do have that uninterrupted scheduled time with your child's teacher then here is what you can do:

- Email your child's teacher asking if they will be able to meet at some stage over the next few days  
-Give some options of when suits you too.  
-NOTE: It may not be possible for teachers to meet you on the same day you email or call them, so please give them a day or two heads up
- Briefly outline what you would like to chat about, remember nothing is too small if it's playing on your mind. We want to help you and your child.
- If you don't have email, you can always call the office.
- If it's easier for you, then you can even let the teachers know that you don't necessarily want to meet but would like an email reply, or a call, to what's on your mind.

Emails for teachers are:

Room 1 – [kane.fraser@walton.school.nz](mailto:kane.fraser@walton.school.nz) and [lyn.brown@walton.school.nz](mailto:lyn.brown@walton.school.nz)

Room 2 – [frances.gillard@walton.school.nz](mailto:frances.gillard@walton.school.nz)

Room 3 – [hannah.caldwell@walton.school.nz](mailto:hannah.caldwell@walton.school.nz) and [hayley.kearns@walton.school.nz](mailto:hayley.kearns@walton.school.nz)

Room 4 – [karen.russell@walton.school.nz](mailto:karen.russell@walton.school.nz)

Room 5 – [paul.keogh@walton.school.nz](mailto:paul.keogh@walton.school.nz)

Room 6 – [richelle.cossill@walton.school.nz](mailto:richelle.cossill@walton.school.nz)



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