

WALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Ko te Rāpare tēnei rā, te 8 o Maehae

Thursday 8th March 2018, Week 6 Term 1 2018

At our school we value Walton...

Dates to Remember...

9th March –
Senior Swim
Sports

23rd March –
Interschool
Swim Sports

Lunch Orders

12th March
Lisa

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Tomorrow is our school's annual senior swimming day, which is held at the Matamata pools in town. I really enjoy this day because it's a time for our older students to shine, whether they're a great swimmer or not. That's because not only does the day focus upon competition and trying to get a top three placing, it also has a strong 'participation' vibe to it. It's great celebrating the success of those who do place well but at the same time I've heard some of the loudest chanting for those who were last but persevered to reach the end of the pool (even if they had to stop several times to do so). I reckon this shows the great balance our school has on valuing the drive and determination to do well, regardless of what that may look like; in this case it may be coming first in the race or it may simply be overcoming the fear of swimming a length of the pool. Both are of equal value to that child and both make me extremely proud as Walton Principal.

Good luck to all swimmers tomorrow, give it your best individual effort and enjoy your own personal success.

See you there :)

Nga mihi nui

Jeremy Kurth
Principal

Success

Perseverance

Integrity

Respect

Innovation

Teamwork

We have 121 students at Walton School
Welcome Harper (Rm6), Te Whero (Rm6) & Glenn (Rm5)

Birthdays Celebrations
A big happy birthday to:

Isla M (7)

Charli (9)



Assembly ... There will be **NO** assembly on Friday due to Senior Swimming.

Pizza – Friday ... There will be **NO** pizza tomorrow – senior swim sports.

Monday Lunches ... *Lunch orders are for Mondays*

only. Sausage Rolls - \$2.50 : **Muffins (choc or fruit)** - \$2.50 : **Sandwiches** - Ham salad, Ham, Egg, Chicken & salad, Cheese & Onion - \$2.50 : **Pies** - Steak bacon & cheese, Steak, mince & cheese - \$3.00 : Mince savoury - \$2.00.

Nut Free School ... Please do not send any raw nuts to school in your child's lunchbox as we have a child who is severely allergic to nuts. ***It is still fine to have things such as peanut butter sandwiches, muesli bars etc ... just not whole nuts.*** Thanks so much for helping this child ☺

School Uniform Order ... We will be placing an order for our "optional" school uniform in a few weeks (deadline 22nd March). Tee shirts \$30.00, Hoodies \$45.00 and Jackets \$65.00. Please contact Sandra in the office to place your order. **These items cannot be put on account, they need to be paid for at time of ordering.**

SOSG ... Save our school gardens. Over the long Christmas break the weeds have gone ballistic up at school. Sharon, our wonderful gardener/caretaker, has been going hard out attacking the weeds lately. BUT there's so many of them! If you have a spare minute or happen to be up at school outside of school hours, it would be awesome if you'd be able to yank a few weeds out of the gardens to make them look better. The weeds can be left in a pile for us to clean up during school time. Thanks in advance :)

Bible in Schools ... starting Friday 9th March, Bible in Schools (BiS) will be starting again for Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4. This is a 30 minute weekly lesson that focuses on exploring Christian beliefs and values through the lens of key competencies and values found in the New Zealand Curriculum. ***This is an optional programme and should you wish to have your child not participate, please let your child's teacher know and they will happily arrange an alternative learning programme for your child to partake in during that time.***

PTA Whittakers Chocolate Fundraiser... The forms went out yesterday with your child (sorry there was a few important details missing)



- Bars are \$2 each and a mixture comes in the box, total value of the box is \$72.
- Can all forms please be returned to the office by **Wednesday next week, 14th March**, at the latest.
- Boxes will be distributed on Friday 16th March to the eldest child. More boxes can be issued as they come back sold with the correct money received.
- ALL unsold chocolate and money **MUST** be returned by Wednesday 28th March before the Easter break.
- Great prizes for the "best sellers".

Please do not ring the office for enquiries, please contact Kate Muckle (021 621 054) or Sarah Bruce (027 514 3188). Thank you

Playcentre First Aid Course ... Playcentre are hosting a First Aid Course on Saturday 28th April – if you'd like to take part please call Tracey on 027 326 4291.

Respect Our Playcentre ... We have had a couple of incidences where people are getting into the playcentre grounds and damaging property – can we, as a community, try and keep an eye out for “goings on” around the school/playcentre.

Caught Being Good ...



*Kahlow Pryor
Isla McIntyre
Hannah Roberts
Isla Bonenkamp*

Kids for Kids ... We will be participating in the 2018 World Vision Kids for Kids Concert. This is on the 23rd August and this time round we will be performing in Hamilton at the Claudelands Arena. Mrs Caldwell will be taking lunch time practices starting in Term 2. There will be a permission slip sent home with those students interested by the end of Week 5. Please talk to your children to see if they are interested and about the reason behind Kids for Kids.

Notice from Office ... *Please ensure that if there are any changes to the way your child/ren is getting home (for example you're picking them up rather than them being on the bus) – let the office know before 2:30pm – the office hours are 08:30 – 2:30 Monday to Thursday, outside these hours we cannot guarantee that the telephone will be answered or messages picked up. Also, with absences, please let the office know in the first instance, if you have an agreement with your child's teacher that is fine, but the office also needs to be informed of all absences.*

School Pool ... Please note, the school pool will be CLOSED from Friday 9th March. We are closing the pool as we are looking into converting the pool to a salt water pool. Anyone in the community who has a key, can these please be returned asap. Your \$10.00 will be returned to you (in cash if you paid cash, online if you paid online – please ensure you leave your bank details)!



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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's what you can do:

- * Email your child's teacher asking if they'll 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 give them a day or two heads up.

- * Briefly outline what you'd like to chat about, remember nothing is too small if it's playing on your mind. We want to help you & your child.

If you don't have an email then you can also call the office.

Emails

- anna.kurth@walton.school.nz
- jonelle.seeney@walton.school.nz
- alex.juma@walton.school.nz
- kane.fraser@walton.school.nz
- helen.little@walton.school.nz
- paul.keogh@walton.school.nz
- hannah.caldwell@walton.school.nz

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 call, to what's on your mind 😊

Te Miro Mountain Bike Club

Race and Open Day

Saturday 7th April 2018

Free Family Fun for Everyone - Waterworks Road, Te Miro

Register Online @ temiromtbclub.co.nz

Gold Coin Donation at Check In or New Memberships Welcome

	<p>4 Course Lengths Races for Adults & Kids Bike Jump into Lake BMX Demonstration Zoom Slide Obstacle Course Guided Rides</p>	
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Specialized Demo E Bikes, Enduros & Epics Available All Day – No Charge

Sausage Sizzle, Bacon Sandwich's & Drinks for Sale – Cash Only

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If you have never ridden at the park before the guided rides in the afternoon will be a great way to explore our cool trails

For more Information Check out the Website or Contact Linley – 0272 363 778



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