

# WALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*Rāpare tēnei rā, te 15 akuhata  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Week 4 Term 3*

*At our school we value Walton...*

## Dates to Remember..

22<sup>nd</sup> August  
Tough Girl/Guy

29<sup>th</sup> August  
Gymsports

12<sup>th</sup> September  
Cross Country  
(@ School)

19<sup>th</sup> September  
Interschool  
Cross Country

25<sup>th</sup> September  
AG DAY

## Lunch Orders

19<sup>th</sup> August  
Sarah

26<sup>th</sup> August  
Lisa

2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Pamela

9<sup>th</sup> September  
Emily

Kia ora koutou katoa,

At the end of Term 2 we had our 2019 Community Survey. A big thanks to the 72 people who completed this - that many responses gives us a great perspective on your views and opinions.

Over the next few newsletters I'll be drip feeding comments from them, but today I'd like to share an insight that I believe is really important.

There was a question in it that asked; ***What do you consider SUCCESS at school is for your child/ren?*** There were many helpful answers to this but what jumped out at me was that 'being happy' was mentioned eighteen times, 'belonging/include' ten times, and 'enjoys school/learning' nine times. So this tells me that our community sees success at Walton School is when our tamariki have fun learning as a part of a team which results in them being happy!

Sounds like a pretty good definition of a successful learner to me! We'll continue to strive to meet this definition of success for all our wonderful Walton kids :)

Nga mihi nui

Jeremy Kurth  
Principal

**S**uccess

**P**erseverance

**I**ntegrity

**R**espect

**I**nnovation

**T**eamwork

We have 146 students here at Walton School

A big welcome to : Jaedyn (Rm1) & Quyntana-Lee (Rm3)



<b>Term Dates 2019</b>
Term 3
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
(25 <sup>th</sup> September – AG DAY)
Term 4
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December

**Thank You** ... A big thank you to Hayden Brown of Stirling Sports Matamata for donating some basketballs to our school this week.

**NO FLIP This Term** ... As part of our term's Exploration learning, we'll be having a week later in the term that is focused on some "hands-on" learning. This means we're unable to squeeze FLIP in this term. BUT, we've already decided that FLIP must happen next term, and so we'll be slotting that in on the first week of school ... can't have tamariki miss out on two terms of it! ☺

**Matamata Kaahui Ako Whanau Survey** ... This survey is an opportunity to find out about your perceptions and views of our Kaahui Ako. The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses are anonymous. The responses will be collated and used to provide evidence to inform decision making about next steps with regard to professional development in our school/community.

<https://education.waikato.ac.nz/BOS/survey/index.php/survey/index/sid/186118/newtest/Y/186118X809X7648/2074>

**Communication** ... A lot goes on at schools these days and we attempt to inform parents of happenings as much as possible and as soon as possible. *We're only human however*, and sometimes there can be a breakdown in communication. To assist this, we as a school communicate through our fortnightly newsletter, teacher classroom newsletters, emails, our "notices" page on our school website, texts from our school mobile, and also our school's Facebook page. To be honest, our most rapid and effective form of communicating with parents has proven to be the school FB page. Therefore we encourage people to use this is possible. Not only is it really helpful for reminders and notices, but we often post "fun" things on to it. It's also a great way of sharing our daily experiences with your wider family and whanau who may live outside the area or country.

**School Drop Off** ... Please **DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD/REN BEFORE 8am**. We are not responsible for child/ren before this time and you therefore place them in danger by leaving them at school unsupervised. 8am is the EARLIEST time children can be at school.

**Assembly** ... Here is our Term 3 assembly roster – assemblies are held on a Friday at 2:30pm in the Marlow Room – everyone is welcome...

Week	Class Sharing	Hosts
4	Rooms 5 & 6	Jed & Marcus
5	Rooms 1 & 2	Larniah & Melody
6	Year 4 & 5 speech finals	Blake & Tamsyn
7	Year 6 speech finals	Shayla & Reece
8	Rooms 3 & 4	Myhkai & Tate
9	Rooms 5 & 6	Jemma & Ariana
10	To be decided	Deziar & ....

**PTA Friday Lunches** ... Each Friday the PTA will be doing a "pizza run" – slices are \$2.00 each for Hawaiian or Ham & Cheese. Please ensure orders are with class teachers by 9am.

## Monday Lunches ... Items available for order on a Monday are :

**Sandwiches @ \$2.50** - Ham; Egg; Chicken Salad; Cheese & Onion; Ham Salad : **Pies @ \$3.00** - Steak, Bacon & Cheese; Mince & Cheese : **Savoury @ \$2.50** - Sausage Roll : **Savoury @ \$2.00** - Mini Mince Pie : **Cakes @ \$2.50** - Fruit Muffin; Chocolate Muffin

All orders must be with class teachers by 9:15am at the latest.

**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 😊

**Bible in Schools** ... If you do not want your child/ren to partake, please let Sandra know so that we can arrange an alternative programme for them while Bible in Schools is taking place.

**Note from Office** ... If your child/ren is away from school for any reason, please ensure that you let the school know, text the school mobile (022 340 1936) or e-mail [office@walton.school.nz](mailto:office@walton.school.nz) with the reason that your child/ren is not at school, Ministry of Education requires that there is a reason for absences, if no reason is given the child is marked as truant. **ALSO – if your child is on our bus run – and you are collecting them, or there are any changes to arrangements, please call the office BEFORE 2:30pm and let Sandra know so that the bus roll can be updated for that day.**

## HAPU Points ...

ANGITU Successful	AUAHATANGA Creative	PAHEKO Collaborative
Points 780	Points 815	Points 805

## Caught Being Good ...



**Week 2**  
**Arnaka Lim (Rm2)**  
**Nathan Marsh (Rm3)**  
**Harry Lugton (Rm1)**  
**Aires Hollis (Rm6)**  
**Amelia Hunter (Rm4)**  
**Kayzelle Nongui (Rm5)**  
**Kobie Panapa-Pryor (Office – absent)**



### Week 3

**Melody Campbell (Rm5)**  
**Eve Muckle (Rm3)**  
**Finn Goudswaard (Rm2)**  
**Tate O'Hanlon (Rm1)**  
**Shayla Cossill (Office)**  
**Glenn John Humilde (Rm4)**  
**Koby Wilkin (Rm6 – absent)**

### Bus Vests

As a school we have provided every child who travels on the bus with a bright fluorescent bus vest. This is to ensure they stand out and are easily seen whilst waiting for the bus, or getting off it. It's very important for their safety as no one would ever want to hear the tragic news that a child has been hit by a car because they weren't able to be seen due to not wearing a bright bus vest.

As a school, we're fulfilling our responsibility by providing these vests and checking children have them on at the end of the day. BUT, it's your responsibility as parents and whanau to ensure they have them on in the mornings. Far too many children are catching the bus without their bus vests on! Some children have been given up to 4 vests already this year too! So, please make sure they look after them, and second always ensure they're wearing them.

The loss of a child is an absolute nightmare and I wouldn't want it to happen to anyone else, so PLEASE look after our children and their safety by doing this very simple thing – Mr Kurth



7 August 2019

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To Whom it May Concern

#### PEST CONTROL: Whitehall-Te Miro and Pukemako

I am writing to inform you of a pest control operation scheduled to be undertaken in The Whitehall-Te Miro and Pukemako area (operational map on reverse). The operation will be conducted by EcoFX Ltd on behalf of Waikato Regional Council to lower numbers of Possums and rats

This operation will begin around the beginning of September and will be completed in the new year.

In conducting this operation EcoFX may use the following Vertebrate Toxic Agents:

- Diphacinone ZAP® in biobags
- Pindone® in biobag or bait stations
- Brodifacoum 0.05g/kg Pestoff® cereal pellets in bait stations
- Diphacinone in bait stations or bio bags.
- Potassium cyanide (Feratox®) in bait stations.
- Cholecalciferol (Decal® & Feracol®) bio bags.
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I have submitted applications to the Waikato District Health Board to undertake this work.

Warning signage will be erected at all legal and obvious access points to the treatment area. These signs will remain in place until the end of the cautionary period.

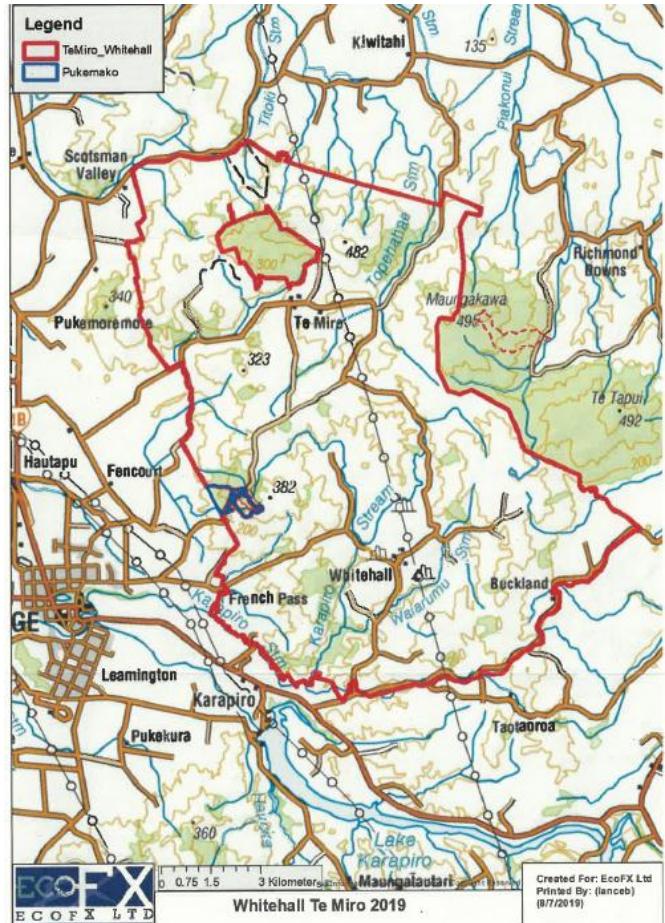
If you would like a company representative to deliver a short presentation about pest control to your pupils', please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours faithfully

Lance Buckman

Lance Buckman  
Technical Support Officer

EcoFX Ltd



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Matamata Intermediate School Open Day

If you have a Year 5 or 6 child, please take this opportunity to come along and experience our:

- Unique environment to develop the confidence and independence of emerging adolescents
- School culture based on character virtues
- Strong academic, cultural and sports focus
- A tour of our classrooms in action with current students



**WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST**

**9AM-10.30AM**

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST TO  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE 07 888 7221



**Do you have an Ag Day Trophy from last year? Please ensure that these are returned to school by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September (at the latest) – Thank you ☺**



# "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:

## Room 1



- \* 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.*

## Room 2



## Room 3



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 ☺

## Room 4



## Room 5



## Room 6

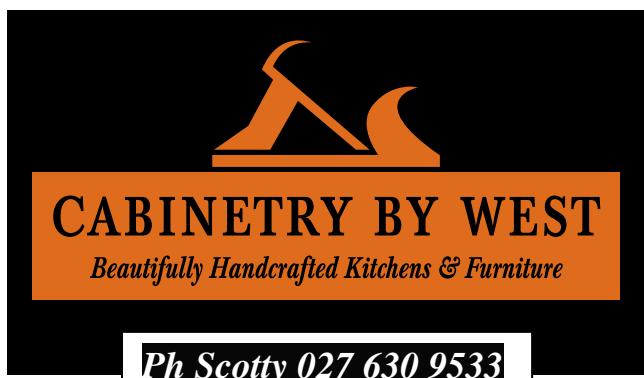


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**Waharoa Transport  
for covering the cost of the diesel for our school bus.  
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