

WALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Rāpare tēnei rā, te 7 Hui-tanguru
Thursday 7th February 2019, Week 2 Term 1
At our school we value Walton...

Dates to Remember...

7th March
Senior Swim Sports

8th March
Junior Swim Sports (pm)

15th March
Interschool Swim Sports

3-5th April
Senior Camp

12th April
End Term 1

29th April
Start Term 2

Lunch Orders

4th February
Sarah Bruce

11th February
Pamela Waddell

18th February
Lisa Suisted

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Nau mai, haere mai. Welcome back to Walton School everyone.

This year promises to be an exciting one with our staff already buzzing about heaps of awesome things that will take place. There's school and inter-school swimming sports coming up. The older students have their senior camp in week ten, which is going to be MEGA FUN! Also we'll have FLIP in our final week, which I know is a highlight for many of our learners each term. And not to forget all the cool topical learning that will take place in each class. It's going to be great!

At the end of last term we asked parents and whanau to complete a community survey when they attended their child's Student Led Conference. Over the break I read through these. It was pleasing to see so many positive comments that reaffirmed what we do around here as being the right thing. It also provided us with some ideas and insights into how we may tweak a few things, specifically around how we could provide a broader curriculum that isn't so fixated upon just literacy and maths. So I'd like to say a big THANKS to all those who took the time to fill out a survey and provide us with some good feedback.

Nga mihi nui

Jeremy Kurth
Principal

Success

Perseverance

Integrity

Respect

Innovation

Teamwork

We have 129 students here at Walton School
A big welcome to Lexus (Rm4), Karma (Rm2), Josiah (Rm3), Ellie (Rm4), Lucus (Rm3), Mason (Rm6), Koby (Rm6), Pupuhi (Rm4) & Felix (Rm6)

Term Dates 2019

Term 1

Tuesday 29th January to Friday 12th April

Term 2

Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July

Term 3

Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September

Term 4

Monday 14th October to Friday 13th December

Summer Term ... Now that we are in the summer term, please ensure that your child brings a NAMED drink bottle of water to school each day. We have drinking fountains but it's a great idea to have a bottle to sit on their desk during the hot weather.

Scooter News ... If your child is bringing their scooter to school, please ensure they also bring a helmet – no helmet, no scooter – this is an important safety issue!

Assembly There will be an assembly this week – Friday at 2:30 – everyone is welcome to come along. Our presenters this week will be Blake and Ariana with rooms 1 & 2 sharing their work.

Week	Class Sharing	Hosts
1	No Assembly	
2	Room 1 & Room 2	Blake & Ariana
3	Room 3 & Room 4	Harry & Charli
4	Room 5 & Room 6	Jed & Jemma
5	Room 1 & Room 2	Kayde & Lesa
6	Room 3 & Room 4	Kees & Shayla
7	No Assembly – interschool swimming	
8	Room 5 & Room 6	Myhkai & Tamsyn
9	Room 1 & Room 2	Tate & Te Teira
10	No swimming – senior camp	
11	FLIP Sharing	Jakson & Melody

Pizza ... PTA PIZZA FRIDAYS..... A little run down for all new families on how this works. The PTA organises this as a fundraiser for the school and is available throughout the year on a Friday (subject to change). This year we are trying to reduce the amount of paper this fundraiser requires so we will not be sending out order forms each week. You can just note their order on an old envelope or reusable ziplock bag too. It would be super helpful if you can please try and send the correct change, or send the order with the oldest child for your family, this helps reduce teachers having to give back change or change getting lost in school bags or on the way home. Orders need to be given promptly to the class teachers Friday morning so order can be placed. The flavour options are:

- Ham & Cheese
- Hawaiian

Its \$2 per slice (it's the larger size pizza so it's a decent size piece). Our wonderful PTA committee kindly donate their time and collect the pizzas and deliver to school at 12.30 (still hot) for the children. Any queries direct them to Liana call or text 0212674287, Kate 021621054

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 (please note that plain mince pies are no longer available).

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 ☺

HATS

It is imperative that ALL children are wearing their "school hat" at all break times, hats have been given to every child so there is really no excuse for them not to be worn. We are getting some pretty silly excuses as to why they are not wearing them. Please note that we provide the children with a free school hat, and if they lose it, another one for free, but if they lose that then the 3rd hat will be charged for. It is a basic school rule, and not just our school, that hats **MUST** be worn during the summer terms. We would appreciate you talking to your child/ren and reiterating how important hats are. Thank you.

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

PTA NEWS

Welcome back to Walton School for 2019.

The PTA would like to welcome both returning and new families to our fantastic little country school! We thought why not take this opportunity to tell you a little about the fabulous PTA and why you should join us (or at least come to a meeting and check us out)!

We are a fun bunch of parents, plus a couple of cool teachers! Our goal is to raise money to improve facilities and educational opportunities for our kids, keep the Walton Spirit alive both at school and in our community, and we have fun doing it.

Our first meeting of the year is on Monday 11th February at 7pm in the school staffroom. Come along, meet a great bunch of people, have a say in how we raise money and even better, have a say in how we spend it!! Absolutely NO pressure to join after the first meeting – just come along and see what it's all about.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Jodie Goudswaard
021 292 3909
Your Friendly PTA President

Playcentre ... Playcentre is hosting a First Aid Course on the 23rd February from 8:00 – 4:00 – cost is \$100 for full and \$65 for refresher – please contact Tracey Gaskell on 027 326 4291 for further details. Playcentre runs Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-12:00.

Bible in Schools ... This will be starting again in a few weeks time, 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 ... Please note that the newsletter will now be fortnightly, please let me know if you are happy to receive this via e-mail rather than a hard copy (save the trees!).

If ANY of your details have changed, please ensure that you let me know as I need to ensure that I have up to date details for each and every student registered here at school. I am sending home the details that I currently have, please ensure that you send these back with any changes as soon as possible.

Finally, if your child/ren is going to be away from school for any reason, please ensure that you either phone the school, text the school mobile (022 340 1936) or e-mail office@walton.school.nz with the reason that your child/ren is not at school, Ministry of Education requires that there is a coded reason for each absence.



STARS on STAGE

**Enrolments are being taken NOW
for Stars on Stage Introduction to
Theatre Course - Term One**

WHEN? - Monday afternoons 4pm - 5pm commencing
18th February through to 1 April 2019

WHO? - Students aged between 5 - 9 years of age

WHERE? - Matamata Musical Theatre Kea St

WHAT? - Acting, singing, stage performance,
public speaking, Theatre sports and games

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 Morrinsville Junior Cricket Club

For any child Years 1 - 8



Morrinsville Junior Cricket Club

Registrations are now open for term 1 2019

CRICKET

Register your child/children now at

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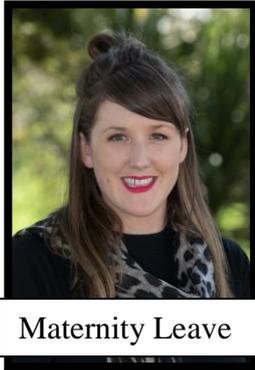
Starts – Saturday 9th February and Finishes – Saturday 6th April

- Rider briefing and tip of the week – 9.45am
- Riding 10 till 12 – Depending on skill level
- Recommended ages 8 to 15 – Adults welcome
- Bring a drink bottle or camelback & any medication you may need
- Under 8's to be accompanied by riding, walking or running adult
- Bikes must be suitable for off road use and in good working order
- Helmets and shoes compulsory (No exceptions)
- No cost for the rides but donations and new members more than welcome
- Sausage sizzle and drinks for sale afterwards – Please bring cash
- Rides are on, rain, hail or shine!
- Phone or text Linley for more information – 0272 363 778
- Please let Linley know if your child has any special needs so he/she can be put in a group with extra adult support if needed.

'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



Maternity Leave

- * 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



Emails

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