WALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

STAND TALL AND PROUD

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Rāpare tēnei rā, te 27th Hui-tanguru
Thursday 27th February 2020, Week 4 Term 1

At our school we value Walton...

Success

Perseverance

Integrity

Respect

Innovation

Teamwork

Kia ora koutou katoa,

This week our Year 5&6 akonga had the opportunity to apply to become the 2020 Hapu Kaiarataki (leaders). I was blown away firstly by how many were keen to give the challenge a go, and secondly, by how amazing they all were. It made the task of voting for only two in each hapu extremely hard for all the other Y5&6 children!

With 24 applicants competing for only a handful of spots, it unfortunately meant that there was always going to be some akonga who would miss out. But I'd like to say how proud I am of them due to how well they conducted themselves when receiving the news that they hadn't won the kaiarataki roles. They all displayed great integrity and respect.

I'd like to congratulate our newly appointed 2020 Hapu Kaiarataki (shown on page 4) for being voted in by their peers. WELL DONE!!! I look forward to working with you this year.

On another point, I'd like to welcome Tamara Kiore to the Walton School team. Tamara is our new cleaner who began at the start of the year. She's doing a stellar job already, making it sparkling clean and is even leaving nice little notes in the toilet for our tamariki :)

Ngā mihi nui

Jeremy Kurth
Principal

Dates to Remember...

Senior School Swim Sports
5th March
(Thur)

Junior Swim Demo
13th March
(Fri PM)

Interschool Swim Sports
20th March
(Fri)

End of Term
9th April
(Thur)

Good Friday
10th April

Lunch Orders

2nd March
Lisa

9th March
Sarah

We have 133 students here at Walton School
A big Walton Welcome to :
Summer (Rm6), Reid (Rm6)

School Stuff

Term Dates 2020

Term 1
Tuesday 4th February to Thursday 9th April
Term 2
Tuesday 28th April to Friday 3rd July
Term 3
Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September
Term 4
Monday 12th October to Wednesday 16th December

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.

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 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.**

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 ... This has not started yet, 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.

School Bus ... Please ensure that you are at your allocated bus stop 5 minutes prior to the bus arrival time, with the amount of students we currently have our bus can sometimes run a little late – also, if lots of children are absent this can mean the bus is early, so being prepared is the best option. The bus times have been given to all parents, however, the town bus usually gets to the church at around 8:40 and returns at around 4:10. Please also ensure that your child(ren) is wearing their bus vest at all times. Please remember to let us know by 2:30pm if your child is **not** catching the bus so that we are not running around at bus roll time looking for them ☺

School Bus Note from Kane ... Kia ora whanau, we often have requests from families to pick up and drop off children at various locations on bus runs. As a school we are funded by the ministry for a certain amount of distance and time for drivers. There is some flexibility in how we use this as a school to ensure that all students are picked up as close to home as possible, in a timely manner, to ensure safety and convenience for families. If you would like the bus to pick up and drop off your child(ren) at a different location than current pick up and drop off points then please request this in writing. Letters must be addressed to the school and will be passed on to the Walton School BOT. Requests will be discussed at the next BOT meeting. The BOT will consider people's wishes but there are many considerations taken into account such as extra cost, time and safe stopping areas.

Senior Camp Photo Album

Waitomo Camp 2020

Our New Hapu Leaders

ANGITU

Hapu Kaiarataki – *Indie Fraser & Sienna Gartner*

Deputy Kaiarataki – *Lochlan McIntyre*

AUAHATANGA

Hapu Kaiarataki – *Ryley Bruce & Fern Suisted Tuhakaraina*

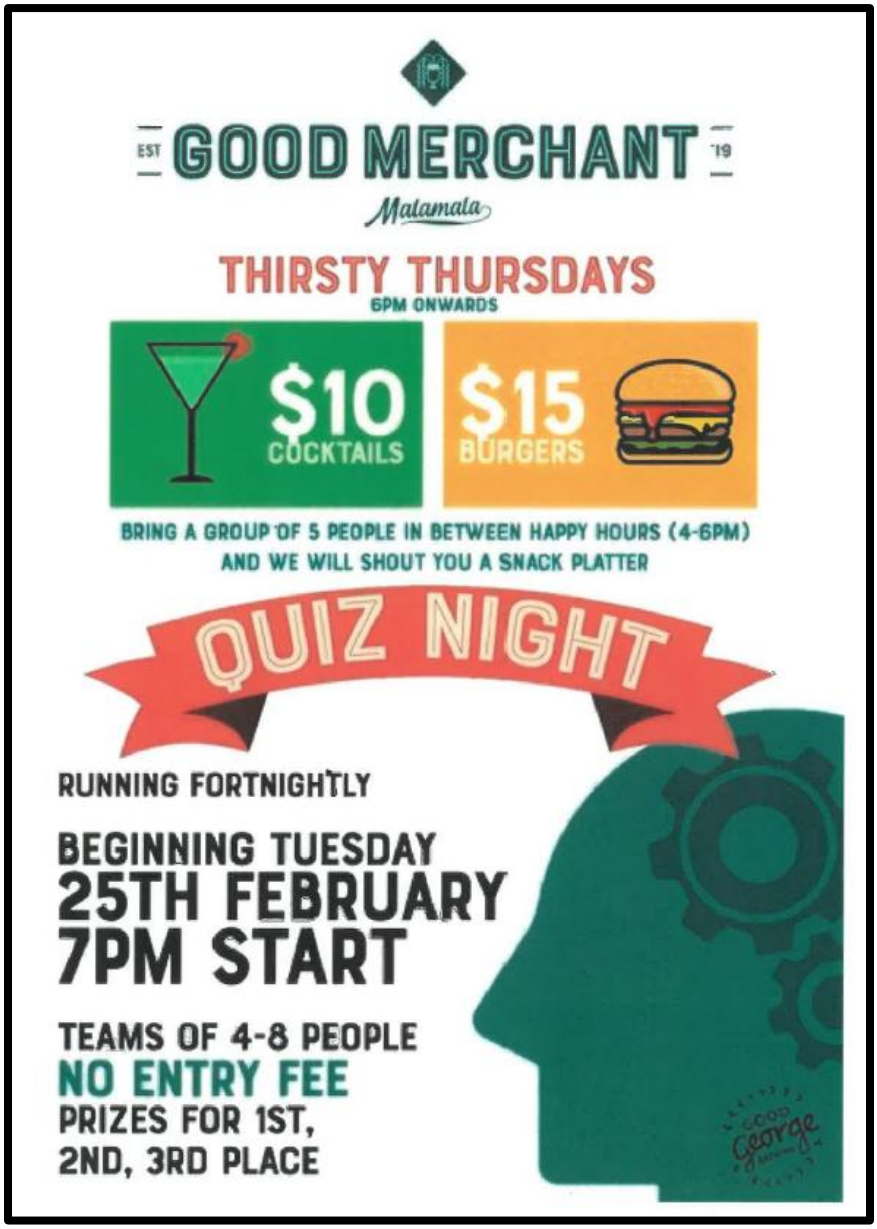
Deputy Kaiarataki – *Addison*

PAHEKO

Hapu Kaiarataki – *Austin Oliver & Emily Horne*

Deputy Kaiarataki – *Mackensie Hooker*

Community Stuff



Chess Sets

If you have a chess set that you are happy to part with, could you please send it along to Room 2
Thank you
Frances

TEAM PURPOSE

OFFICIAL BLACKSTARS NZ DELEGATE TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF PERFORMING ARTS 2020 HOLLYWOOD, USA

ILZE AND KYLIE

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THEM ON THE 14 TH OF MARCH 7PM IN MATAMATA COLLEGE HALL
WITH GREAT DANCING AND SINGING ETC !!!
COME AND ENJOY!!!!!

TICKETS $15 ADULTS KIDS UNDER 16 $10

Ticket sales
Food trip Matamata/ suzette @ 0272070944

Womens Nutrition & Wellness Evening

Presented by Vinka Wong, Clinical Nutritionist

WHEN: 7-9PM, 19TH MARCH
WHERE: MARLOW ROOM, WALTON SCHOOL
COST: $15
RSVP:pta@walton.school.nz

GET IN QUICK AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED!

Topics will include:

- learning how to balance hormones through food and lifestyle choices
- eating healthy in busy lives
- weight management tips
- improving digestive health
- Recipe ideas
- Time for Q&A

AND.....SPOT PRIZES & YUMMY NIBBLES!

PTA Stuff

Wow…All we can say is a MASSIVE Thank you to all those who were involved with the Walton Adventure Challenge. The volunteers, the sponsors and especially those of you who participated, it was an awesome day!! The Walton PTA managed to raise $2000!

Don't worry if you missed the fun, we will be back next year!

Huge shout out to our awesome sponsors for this years event- we ended up with some fantastic prizes to give away- thank you so much!

Check out the Walton Adventure Challenge Facebook page for more photos!

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Sport Stuff

Swim Sports Info …

Freestyle
Dive or start in the pool
No feet on ground, no stopping
No using lane rope for assistance
One hand to finish

Backstroke
Start in the pool
No feet on ground, no stopping
No using lane rope for assistance
Must stay on back for whole length
One hand to finish

Breaststroke
Dive or start in the pool
No feet on ground, no stopping
No using lane rope for assistance
Correct kick, frog style (no flutter kick)
Correct arm movement (hands to chest level only, full reach)
Two hands to finish

All events will start with swimmers behind starting blocks. Take your marks (step up onto block or get into pool)…BEEP - from starting station.
Multiple beeps indicate false start and restart required.
Teachers make judgement calls on the day passed on the guidelines set by the school.

Walton Tennis Club
Junior Tennis
Monday after school; 17th, 24th February 2nd, 9th & 16th March
Cost is $40.00 per child
No pre-registration required – just come on the first afternoon
Any questions, pelase contact Jan on 027 206 5134

Indoor Bowls

New season starts Thursday 5th March 2020.
We meet every Thursday night 7pm to 9pm.
Come along and enjoy a fun evening.

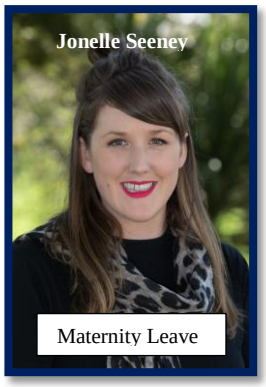
All ages welcome, if you have not played before we can show you how.

Phone: Simon Brough 888 3101 or Sharron Pratt 888 6627

‘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.

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 2

Room 3

Room 4

Room 5

Room 6

Emails

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