

WALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Rāpare tēnei rā, te 25 Oketopa

Thursday 25th October 2018, Week 2 Term 4 2018

At our school we value Walton...

Dates to Remember...

26th October
RAFFLE
TICKETS BACK
TO SCHOOL

29 October
FLIP week

2nd November
Walton Rock
n' Roll Evening

Lunch Orders

29th October
SARAH

5th November
PAMELA

12th November
LISA

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We recently surveyed our community about the idea of possibly changing the camps here at Walton. We had a good number of responses which has allowed us to make a decision that hopefully pleases most people. A large majority indicated that they'd be happy for a change, and so we've listened to this, but we've also listened to the views on the opposite side of the debate too, and we've come up with a camp progression that we feel will challenge our students at their appropriate levels, will be fun, and also will take a bit of pressure off the costs involved for parents and whanau.

As of next year, we'll have Year 3&4 students take part in an onsite overnighter with the year 3's sleeping in classrooms and the Year 4's camping in tents on the field. Along with camping they'll need to cook their own dinner and breakfast on cookers. Both the Year 3&4's will have a bonfire together in the evening, and then the next day they'll all take part in a mobile rock climbing activity that will be set up on the tennis courts. This is an 8 metre high structure with auto belaying and room for four students at a time...so we feel this should push these guys and girls out of their comfort zone! ;) The aim will be to have this camp cost only around \$30 per child.

Our Year 5&6 students will continue to have the two night off site camps that are more traditional. **BUT**, we are aware that this change may seem to be coming around quickly when considering there are current Year 3 students who would have had their hearts set on doing the 'big camp' next year. They may be feeling as though the rug has been pulled out from beneath them. And so we've taken this into consideration and are happy to make next year a 'transition year' in that any Year 4 students next year can also go on the two-nighter camp. This is an extra camp (and cost) as we'd still expect them to take part in the Year 3&4 overnighter as that's the priority camp for these students. But at least this still allows anyone who was desperately looking forward to going on this big camp to still take part if they and their parents/whanau should decide so. The following year (2020) this option will not be available as there would have been plenty of time for students to adjust to the new camp progressions and to have also seen how cool the Year 3&4 camp will be anyway :)

Nga mihi nui

Jeremy Kurth
Principal

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We have 141 students here at Walton School
Welcome to Addy McGaffin & Charlotte Hocking (Rm6)

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 ... ASSEMBLY this week @ 2:30, all welcome.

Pizza ... NO PIZZA for Term 4 – returning again Term 1. A big thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA with the pizza purchasing.

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 ☺

Lunch Service ... Are you a parent who hates making school lunches? Is it one of those mornings where you've run out of everything? I am providing a healthy lunch for your child, delivered to school – if this is something you are interested in, please call me – Rebecca Graham 020 413 55863. Thank you

PTA News ... Our next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 29th October at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along and see what it's all about and meet our fabulous team. Everyone welcome ☺

We would like to express our thanks to all the generous families who donated calves, we had 17 calves donated and the funds raised will be a massive help to our school.

Please can we also ask that you ensure ALL RAFFLE TICKETS (money and unsold tickets) are returned to school by Friday 26th October.

Calendar Art ... Forms have been sent home with students. These are due back, with payment, by Monday 5th November. Samples of products can be viewed at the office.

Ag Day Trophies ... Please return your Ag Day trophies to the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange for them to be engraved.

Please ensure that you do NOT leave your child/ren unattended at any of our school bus stops. It is your responsibility to ensure the safety of your child/ren prior to pick up. Leaving them alone or expecting other parents to supervise is not fair. We have had reports of children being alone at the stops and also reports of children mis-behaving at the stops. This is not something that makes us proud as a school. Please keep to the rules and supervise your child/ren at all times while waiting for the bus.

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

COMMUNITY PAGE

Walton Tennis Club ... Walton Tennis Club is once again hosting Junior Tennis for all primary and intermediate aged children. It will run for 6 weeks starting Monday 29th October at 3:30pm. The cost will be \$50. Exact times will be sorted once we know the number of kids participating as the group may get divided. Any questions, please contact Jan at 027 206 5134.

Social tennis will start on Tuesday 16th October at 6:30pm. This is for college-age students and adults of ALL abilities who just want to enjoy some social games. Any questions, please contact Jan at 027 206 5134.



WALTON PRIMARY HALLOWEEN DISCO

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COMMUNITY PAGE

Are you ready to
"Rock Your Socks Off"?



Come along and enjoy a night off, dress up in your best Rock n' Roll outfits, dance the night away to the live band, eat your heart out with food provided, have a few be vies and relax.

*Friday 2nd November, 7.30pm @ the Walton Community Hall
*\$15 per ticket, open to all of the Walton community and wider!!

All tickets sold will go into the draw to....

Win a Weekend for up to 6 people at Pauanui

- * Live Rock N Roll Demo from some famous locals
 - * Featuring Tim Armstrong and Band
 - * Supper provided
 - * Cash bar
 - * Silent Auctions
 - * Prizes to be won
- * Courtesy vehicle available at End of Night for Gold Coin Donation

ALSO FEATURING THE LIVE DRAW OF OUR TRAVEL RAFFLE



***Tickets will be available from the Marlow Room at school each morning 8.30 - 9.30am starting Monday 15th October**

Or contact Wendy Oliver 021 85 97 76 outside of these hours

YOU'RE INVITED!

LIGHT PARTY

A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

2018 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31
5:30 PM UNTIL 7:30 PM

AT MATAMATA BAPTIST CHURCH

Prizes and Lollies
Carnival Challenges
Inflatables
Face Painting
Sausage Sizzle

Gold Coin Donation

Costume Theme:
ANIMALS!

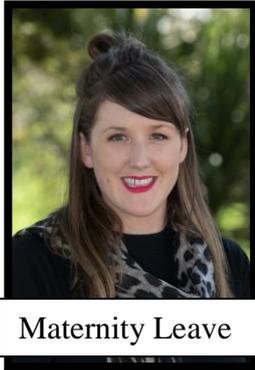
Costumes are encouraged
Please no scary costumes



'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



Maternity Leave

Emails

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