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WIS NEWS

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Key Events

- ❖ **Health Week**
4 – 8 April
- ❖ **Year 8 Girls Vaccinations**
7 April
- ❖ **Boys Inter Intermediate Football** 11 April
- ❖ **Girls Inter Intermediate Football** 12 April
- ❖ **Merit Assembly**
15 April
- ❖ **Last Day Term 1**
Friday 15 April
- ❖ **First Day Term 2**
Monday 2 May

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians

Water-only School – Can we be one? What do you think?

For a number of years now we have restricted the availability of sugary drinks in our school. Students have also been discouraged from bringing and consuming sugar-laden soft drinks and high-energy drinks at school.

Now there is a suggestion from the Ministry of Education for all schools to consider becoming water-only places.

As you may be aware, obesity, and in particular childhood obesity, is a growing problem in New Zealand. Sugary drinks are a very big contributor to obesity, damaging children's oral health, causing tooth decay, and increasing their likelihood of developing Type 2 diabetes.

The good news is that we know how to address that. Eating well and leading a healthy lifestyle play a big part in this, and replacing sugary drinks with water also helps fight obesity. All parents already know this but can I reiterate these simple steps for our school:

- ✓ *Students bring water in their drink bottles to school*
- ✓ *Parents OMIT the sugary drink when they bring a late lunch to school*
- ✓ *Coke, fizzy drinks, fruit juices be banned in school.*

Can we count on your support to encourage a healthier life-style and good habits for our children? We can only do this with your support.

72% of students think we should be a water-only school.

Yours sincerely

*Pearl Murti
Principal*



Girls A Touch Team

Respect Responsibility Rigour
Striving for Excellence

'READING TOGETHER' AND 'MATHS TOGETHER'

For the last 4-5 years we have offered our parents and students the opportunity to be involved in the 'Reading Together' programme as part of our Home-School Partnership.

This year **Maths** will be added to this programme.

This is a great opportunity for parents to come to school on a Wednesday evening for 4-6 weeks to learn how to help their children with Maths as well as Reading.

At the end of this newsletter is a FORM which I'd like interested parents to fill and return to school before the end of this Term. This will give us some idea how many parents to cater for.

Expected Outcomes:

- ✓ Knowledgeable parents/ Lead parents
- ✓ Focused, higher achieving students
- ✓ Helpful resources Teacher support.
- ✓ Helpful strategies for solving problem

Our goal is to raise student achievement in both Literacy and Numeracy and we will be happy to give up our time to help our students. All we need is for you to join us with your child! More info soon!

LEARNING CONFERENCE 1

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended their child's learning conference with their child and their teacher in the last two weeks.

We place a lot of value on these conversations in order to improve achievement and keep you informed. If we know where your child's learning needs are, we can work together to address these.

If for some reason you have not met with your child's teacher yet, please make an appointment with them before the end of this term.

- *Know what your child is learning in school*
- *Talk to your child about their learning*
- *Talk to your child's teacher regularly*
- *Support your child with homework*
- *Encourage rigour and diligence*
- *Do not condone or accept excuses for not completing work or for poor attitude.*

STUDENT OF THE MONTH MARCH 2016



***Alexis Tauaneai
Top WIS Y7 Girl Athlete
2nd Place Inter-School Shotput***

STAFF NEWS

Mr Ryan Clark, Room 12 teacher and a Senior Teacher at WIS, will be leaving the Intermediate at the end of this Term to take up a PE Instructor position with Upper Hutt Council and Auckland University.

He will be based in Upper Hutt and working with schools there.

Mr Clark started his teaching career at WIS in 2005, left for his OE in 2008, then returned in 2012 to WIS. He became a Senior Teacher at our school in 2014.

We will miss Mr Clark and his solid contribution to our school, both in the promotion of sports and PE and as an excellent classroom teacher.

We wish him the very best for the future.

Congratulations!!

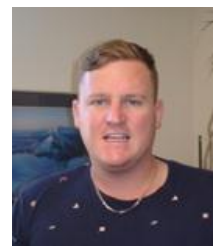
- ❖ To Mrs Va'a, who takes up the Acting Senior Teacher role in Area 1 and
- ❖ To Mr Hayes who takes up the Sports and PE leadership role in our school.



Mr Clark



Mrs Va'a



Mr Hayes

We are in the process of appointing a new teacher for Room 12 from a field of 17 applicants.

'READING TOGETHER' and 'MATHS TOGETHER' start in Term 2. Have you registered?

INTER-INTERMEDIATE ATHLETICS DAY

On Monday 21 March, 30 WIS students took part in the annual Inter-Intermediate Schools Athletics Tournament at Newtown Park.

The team had a very successful day, with 4 students placed in the top 3 in events, which is an outstanding result:

Unique Edmonds - 3rd in Senior Girls 1500m
Elesha Kirk - 3rd in Senior Girls 800m
Mohan Taylor - 2nd in Senior Boys Long Jump
Alexis Tauaneai - 2nd in Junior Girls Shot Put.

Also, special congratulations to **Tamzin Toa, Tori-Anne Tuirangi and Waaka Poutu** who all qualified and raced in 100m and 200m finals.

Well done to the WIS Team - they were quite outstanding in their behaviour and effort.



2016 Athletics Team



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TOTAL TOUCH FINALS

WIS had a very successful first Friday night Total Touch season.

On Friday 18 March, 3 out of 4 WIS teams played in the finals in their respective grades.

The Mixed A and Boys A teams both had very close finals and were unable to get the win. However, both ended up finishing second in their division. Boys B had an outstanding game and were placed 3rd in their division.

Girls A had a very tight final against St Peter and Paul's but won 8-0, which meant they won their division. Our girls team scored over 45 tries in five games and never had one scored against them, an outstanding performance!

Awards (MVP= Most Valuable Player):

- ❖ Boys A MVP - Tane Mumu
- ❖ Boys A Rookie - Emmanuel Solomona
- ❖ Boys B MVP - Blake Rongokea
- ❖ Boys B Rookie - Mikey Tutaki
- ❖ Mixed A MVP - Makaio Taumata
- ❖ Mixed A Rookie - Katie Fifield
- ❖ Girls A MVP - Trenell Leota
- ❖ Girls A Rookie - Tamzin Toa.

Well done to all the students who participated and thank you to all the parents who supported.

2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you are interested in becoming a school trustee please contact the school for a copy of *A Parent's Guide to the role of the Board of Trustees* booklet or visit <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee> for more information.



Welcome to our 11 Thai students, pictured above with their buddies, attending our school until 11 April.

MUFTI DAY

Last month our staff and students raised \$376.20 for the Fiji Cyclone Relief Fund. A big thanks to everyone for their support!

MARCH GOLD SLIP WINNERS

Ceara Courtier (14), Kylee Williams (8), Makaio Taumata (3) Trazel Moses-Wharepapa (8)

Come and share your ideas with us!

You are all invited!

We have a great opportunity to work together to develop a Community of Learning in Wainuiomata. We would like to have a conversation with you about the possibilities and opportunities for learners in the Wainuiomata Community.

Connected Community, Successful Learners!

7pm-9pm
Tuesday 12th April 2016
Wainuiomata Community Centre

Hosted by:

Arakura School, Fernlea School, Konini Primary School, Pukeatua Primary School, St Claudine Thévenet School, Wainuiomata High School, Wainuiomata Intermediate School and Wainuiomata Primary School



READING TOGETHER & MATHS TOGETHER

I am interested in attending these workshops in Term 2 with my child, _____
in Room _____. My name is _____. My phone contact is: _____

NEWSLETTER RETURN FORM

I have read this newsletter dated 31 March 2016

Name of Student: _____ **Room:** _____

Parent/ Caregiver's Signature:

Winners of the 29 February draw: Jaiken Herman (9), Amy-Jean Winchester-Young (8), Londyn Cuthbertson (4)