

Week Five Term Three

Friday 25 August 2017

We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves.

Dalai Lama XIV

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our theme for weeks Five and Six is ACCEPTANCE. This theme helps our students to focus on their acceptance of self and in turn the acceptance of others. We know that we are all original, made in the image and likeness of God and loved by God. When we accept who we are and work to become the best we can be we grow in wholeness which is what God asks of each of us. For children to learn how to accept others they do need to hear that they themselves are accepted and loved, despite failings and mistake. How often do you tell your children they are loved just the way they are? Take some time to talk to your children about how much you accept them and encourage them to share their understanding of acceptance of others.

Coming home with this newsletter is an Asthma booklet. This is a resource for all students and their families. It would be great if you could take the time to fill this out at home. It does not need to be returned to school. Asthma is a significant medical condition in our community so it always helps to be well informed about the illness and the preventative measures that can be taken.

OUR NEXT 2 WEEKS IN VIEW:

28	29	30 Kapa Haka 1.30pm	31	01 Sept
04 School Photos	05 7/8 Hockey	06 Science Expo T 9–10.30 H 11-12.30 Pasifika 1.30pm	07	08

Have a great weekend

Sue Jury

If you haven't heard, we have an election on Saturday 23 September. Help create a future of active, engaged citizens by ensuring you talk to your children about what elections are all about and how important it is to vote. Also make sure you are informed about what each party's stance is on education. Here are some useful guidelines as you are making a decision. Visit **voteEducation.org.nz** to find out how each party's policies stack up.



WHAT DOES VOTING FOR EDUCATION MEAN?

Our children deserve the best education in the world. They need better funding for better learning.

Early Childhood Education

The best ECE can set children up for life - but at the moment only some kids get the benefit of 100% qualified teachers. Look for:

- 1. The immediate restoration of funding cut in 2010 to employ teachers, and the un-freezing of the ECE subsidy which hasn't increased since 2008.
- 2. Reduction in the ratio of children per teacher, and smaller group sizes. Every Child is Worth It.

School

School Funding needs to keep up with the real cost of education. Lately it hasn't - which is why parent donations are increasing and kids are missing out on much needed support from teacher aides.

Look for:

- 1. An immediate catch-up boost to core school operations funding, following by regular increases that keep up with rising costs.
- 2. An end to National Standards and charter schools which narrow learning, and siphon money from public education.
- 3. A plan for recruiting and training more teachers to address the shortage.

EDUCATION FOR ALL, NOT JUST SOME

Children with additional learning needs have the same right to go to school and learn as other kids do. But, if they are not given support to learn, then they are denied that right.

Look for:

- 1. A tripling of the Ongoing Resourcing Scheme to end the rationing of funding for children with high needs.
- 2. A special needs coordinator in every school.
- 3. Central funding of teacher aides and support staff, so children don't lose support when funding is tight.

Maori & Pasifika Students

Children who can access their own culture and language do better at school. Look for:

- 1. Funding for recruitment, training and retention of teachers of te reo Maori.
- 2. Funding bilingual education for pasifika students.
- 3. More kura kaupapa Maori which are proven to work for tamariki.

Thank you for thinking about this information. You do make the difference for our children.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

Students were sent home today with a notice about upcoming school photos. All students will have their portraits and class photo taken. You do not need to order until after photo day as a proof will be sent home for you to view first.

If you wish to order family or sibling photos, then you can complete the form given out today and return this before photo day.

Wainuiomata Tennis Club OPEN DAY - Seniors and Juniors SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

anytime between 10am-4pm. Main Rd, Village. All welcome. We offer Junior Group Coaching & Fun on Tuesdays for 9 yr +

Junior Aces Wed for 5 - 8+ yrs, Senior events

Come along, have a hit - have some fun. Sausage Sizzle. You can register your child . Senior Registrations welcome too. For more info phone Julie on 564 3075 / jday@mierslabs.co.nz or see our website for contacts: www.wainuiomatatennis.org.nz

WAINUIOMATA SOFTBALL CLUB – Junior Registrations

Wainuiomata Mall 16 & 23 September. \$30 per child, \$50 for two or \$70 3 or more per family. For more information please phone: Vanessa 027 2588 347 or Matt 021 0817 0182

WAINUIOMATA SPRING FLOWER SHOW - SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Wainuiomata Primary School Hall, Main Road

All entries received – 9am – 11:30am

Public viewing 2pm – 3:30pm - Trophies presented 3:30pm

Children's section – Free Entry

(All work must be completed by Entrant – adult supervision only)

Children's cooking

Up to 8 years – One Pikelet
(judged on texture & taste)
9-12 years – one cupcake
(Judged on texture & taste)

One Decorated biscuit
(judged on decoration only)

One decorated cup cake
(Judged on texture & taste)

Junior Decorative

5 years and under 6-8 years 9-12 years
Posy of fresh flowers Decorated Vessel with flowers America's Cup

Raw vegetable/fruit

Sand saucer creation Fruit & Flowers

Junior Handcraft Section

Knitted item, Cross Stitch, Soft Toy or another item (must be an item that has not been shown)

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Carterton Daffodil Festival

t's getting to that time of year when the Daffodil bulbs are popping up all over the Wairarapa district, a sunny little reminder that spring is almost upon us, bringing with it the annual Carterton Daffodil Festival on Sunday 10th September. What is now for many a time-honoured tradition, the festival includes the picking of daffodils at Middlerun, a historic property in Gladstone. As in 2016, there will be FREE buses departing throughout the day starting at 10am from Broadway, to shuttle eager festival goers to and from Middlerun.

The Daffodil Express Steam Train, enroute from Wellington, will be arriving at 10.40am at the Carterton Railway Station before proceeding to Masterton. The short trip between Carterton and Masterton offers local residents and visitors a taste of the historic steam train, whilst still making the most of the festivals activities. To book a round trip Carterton to Masterton return email: carterton.rail.museum@xnet.co.nz to book a Wellington return trip visit http://www.steaminc.org.nz/.

The festival will be as wonderful as ever with the Big WaiArt Sale, live music, the Daffodil Express Steam Train excursion and all the fun of the fair!

If you are looking for accommodation try our own Carterton Holiday Park www.cartertonholidaypark.co.nz or phone Phil and Sharrie on 063798267, for a full list of accommodation in Carterton contact Infocentre@cdc.govt.nz

There will be the normal public trains running on the day check out the timetable on the Metlink website www.metlink.org.nz

For more information about the Carterton Daffodil Festival please visit http://cdc.govt.nz/daffodil-festival/ or our Carterton Daffodil Festival Facebook Page.

<u>Nitsy Pixies - No more Nits!</u> In-salon treatments or take home products WORK AND INCOME SUPPLIER! Contact Lisa on 0800 nitsypixies (648 797)_or www.nitsypixies.co.nz

COMMUNICATION 2017

We want to communicate well with parents and whanau and know that we have to do this in a range of ways, our most preferred forms of communication are digital as they do not require so much paper.

Our School App – this is downloadable from the app store – if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2017 as there are new room names and teachers.







Thanks for your continued support.