WAIRAU INTERMEDIATE
NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Taloha Ni, Ni sa bula, 你好, Namaste, 안녕하세요, Hola, اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ .

Celebrating Block 2 Camp!

As we look back on the past week, I want to congratulate Block 2 on a highly successful camp experience! This memorable event would not have been possible without the incredible dedication and commitment of our Block 2 teachers, alongside the wonderful support of our parent helpers.

A sincere thank you goes out to our teachers for their careful planning, organisation, and leadership, which ensured the camp ran smoothly from beginning to end. We are also incredibly grateful to the parents who generously gave their time and energy to support our students throughout this experience.

Eid Mubarak

We would like to wish a very happy and blessed Eid al-Adha to all of our students and families celebrating this special occasion. Eid al-Adha, the "Festival of Sacrifice," is a deeply meaningful time of reflection, gratitude, and charity. It is a beautiful reminder of the importance of generosity, compassion, and looking out for one another.

To everyone celebrating, we hope your celebrations are filled with joy, peace, and wonderful moments shared with family, friends, and loved ones.

Māori / Pasifika Hui Whānau

We are looking forward to connecting with our Māori and Pasifika whānau this evening between 7:00pm and 8:30pm. This informal gathering is a wonderful time to meet, eat, and connect. It will also be an opportunity for us to share updates on how we will report on your child's progress at the end of this term. Thank you to everyone who has contacted the school to let us know you are coming.

Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day saw incredible participation from both our staff and students. Bullying has absolutely no place at Wairau Intermediate; it is completely at odds with our core values of Respect and Integrity. It takes Courage to stand up against bullying, and Empathy to support those affected by it. Thank you to everyone who stood up and went pink!

Student Learning Conferences (Parent / Teacher Interviews)

We are also excited to give you advance notice of our end of Term 2 student Learning Conferences on Wednesday, 1 July between 1.00 and 7.30pm. These conversations are a fantastic opportunity for teachers to share your child's progress, achievements and next learning goals.

For information on how to book please see overleaf 'Book School Interviews Online'.

Winter/Seasonal Reminders

While regular school attendance is a priority, we understand there are times when students are genuinely unwell. If your child is experiencing flu or cold-like symptoms, please keep them home. Please note that you will still receive an automated absence email; however, if you have already contacted the school with a genuine reason, no further action or follow-up is required.

With the cooler mornings and evenings setting in, this is a timely reminder that students have the option of wearing a school hoodie or a softshell jacket as part of their winter uniform. These items can be purchased directly from NZ Uniforms online https://wairauinterm.nzuniforms.com or at their Albany Store, 19a Douglas Alexander Parade, Rosedale.

With the extra layers coming to school, our lost property pile is growing. Please ensure all items of your child's uniform are clearly named so that any misplaced clothing can be returned to its owner as quickly as possible.

Up and Coming Events

This term there are several opportunities in which students and whānau can engage. Please remind your child to listen out for daily notices and announcements so that they can participate where possible.

Water Polo Zone Day Thursday 4 June (students already selected)

Girls Rugby Zone Day Friday 5 June (students already selected)

Westlake Girls & Boys Visit Thursday 25 June (during school)
– WGHS and WBHS students will speak with our Year 8's about all that there is to offer at their schools for 2027.

Matariki Celebration (Wairau and Contributing Schools) Thursday 25 June 6.30pm–8.00pm
– Ticketed event for families for performing students.

Mid-Year reports Emailed to Parents Monday 29 June

In addition to these events, we encourage students to be involved in day-to-day activities within and beyond the classroom. With all that Wairau has to offer, academic, sporting and cultural, we ask that you encourage your child to be fully involved in the life of the school.

Congratulations to Jake S, Caleb B and Harper R for making it in to the Representative Team for the Glenfield Watepolo League. All the best for the upcoming Winter Festival tournament 11-14 June! We know you will represent Wairau Intermediate with pride.

Warm regards,

Yolanda East
Principal

Important Dates

Term Dates	
Term 1	3 Feb - 2 Apr
Term 2	20 Apr - 3 Jul
Term 3	20 Jul - 25 Sep
Term 4	12 Oct - 16 Dec
Term 2 Public Holidays	
Monday, 1 June	King's Birthday - School CLOSED
Sport	
Thursday, 4 June	Waterpolo Zone Day
Friday, 5 June	Girls Rugby Zone Day
Events and Other	
Thursday, 4 June	Year 8 Immunisations
Monday, 15 June	Dental Van visit
Thursday, 25 June	Westlake Boys & Girls Visit
	Matariki Celebration

WAIRAU INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

2026 Mid-Year Learning Conferences

Book School Interviews Online

Our mid-year learning conferences will be held on **WEDNESDAY 1 JULY between 1:00pm and 7:30pm**.

These learning conferences **take place in your child's classroom** and have a focus on student learning. All conferences are timetabled for **10 minutes** duration. However, **please arrive at your child's classroom 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time** so that your child can share their classroom environment with you.

Technology and specialist classrooms will be open between 1:00pm and 6:30pm. We encourage you to visit these spaces to meet your child's specialist teacher so far this year.

It is essential that your child also attends the conference as they may be sharing with you aspects of their work that they are proud of, where they could make improvements and where their successes have been. Their homeroom teacher will be present to support your child through the process. You will receive your child's school report prior to the conferences and will therefore be able to ask any questions you may have relating to the report.

Opportunities to talk with your child's homeroom teacher on a more personal level are always available. Please email your child's teacher if you have other concerns or questions you would like to discuss before the scheduled conferences.

To book your learning conference, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, and enter the event code **dn8vu**. Then follow these three simple steps:

First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.

On the next page, select the block, then choose from the list the teacher you want to see.

Then you will see a timetable showing when your chosen teacher is available. Simply click on the time that suits you.

When you have finished, your learning conference timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and enter the event code **dn8vu** again to change or cancel your booking. If you do not have internet access, please phone the school office on 09-410-7805 and they will be able to make a booking for you.

OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 28 JULY

6-8PM

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Anna (12)

Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"

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KIDS PARENTING COURSE (ages 0-10)

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- Be the parent you always wanted to be
- Manage emotions, tantrums and meltdowns
- Build secure attachments with your children
- Manage sibling interactions skilfully
- Set healthy boundaries that work again and again

TEENS PARENTING COURSE (ages 11+)

Gain practical tools to:

- Deepen your connection for a life-long relationship
- Prepare your pre-teen/teen for healthy adult life
- Set age-appropriate boundaries (screens/chores)
- Journey skilfully through mental health challenges
- Have fun together - that never changes!

With: **Shirley Pastiroff**, Counsellor MNZAC. Author of The Mindful Parent

WHERE & WHEN

Live online viaZOOM

Any missed sessions can be watched on demand.

Date:

Kids Parenting Course (ages 0 - 10)
starting Wednesday 29 July 2026
7.30 – 9pm for 6 weeks

Teens Parenting Course (ages 11+)
starting Wednesday 21 October 2026
7.30 – 9pm for 6 weeks

Cost: $249
Couples rate: $349

TESTIMONIALS

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