



Waerenga-O-Kuri School Newsletter
School Roll: 31

Week 5, Term 1, Wednesday 1 March 2023

STARS OF THE WEEK

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Beau Webby: What a fantastic start in the senior room. You're super organised and we love your positive attitude to school life.

Ted Kirby: A fabulous start to the year. Very focused and so organized in the classroom. We love the energy you bring to school each day.

MATHS AWARD

Angus Webby: Amazing start to your basic facts home learning. You're a star completing it first, with super accuracy.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2023 TERM 1

Monday, 6th March
 BOT Meeting - via Zoom

Tues 4th & Wed 5th April
 Life Education Visit

Friday, 7th April
 Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 10th April
 Term Break - School Holidays

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023 TERM 2

Monday, 23rd April
 First Day of School

A Night At The Races, Saturday 20th May *CANCELLED*****

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THINKING OF OUR COMMUNITY

We hope our community and friends are coping with the fallout from Cyclone Gabrielle. We're thinking of everyone who has been affected, and we appreciate the big clean up many of you have ahead. Also the issue of access to and from your properties with slips, bridges and roads that have been washed away. It's definitely a challenging time, but we know Gizzy folk are made of tough stuff and everyone is pulling together to help one another. Keep your chins up!

FOWS - A NIGHT AT THE RACES ***CANCELLED***

After the affects of Cyclone Gabrielle in the region, FOWS and the BOT have made the decision to pull the pin on 'A Night At The Races' fundraising event this year. We agree that it would be inappropriate to continue with plans. Thank you to all of those who made moves to purchase tables, we very much appreciate your support. FOWS will look into holding this event in 2024.



RURAL SCHOOLS' TRIATHLON ***CANCELLED***

Please note the Rural Schools' Triathlon, scheduled for this Friday 3rd March, has been cancelled for now. We will look at possible postponement at a later date and inform our parents once a decision has been made.



TENNIS IN SCHOOL

A huge thanks to Mrs Greaves for travelling up to school to start this term's tennis lessons. It's a privilege to have a member from our wider community coming up and sharing her knowledge and expertise with our kids. These lessons will continue for the rest of this term so please encourage your children to wear appropriate footwear, and bring along their racket if they have one.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESIGNATION

With sadness, the Waerenga O Kuri School Board of Trustees would like to announce the acceptance of their Chairperson, Taryn Helm's resignation.

Stu and Taryn are relocating to Omakare in

Central Hawkes Bay, to take up a farm managers position. We would like to wish the Helms all the best with their move, and thank Taryn for her contribution as a contributing board member these past two and a half years.

The BOT is looking for a new member to join the team. If any of our parent body are interested, please contact Richard to discuss ph: 867-8145.

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WELCOME TO SCHOOL ARCHIE, JACK & TESSA!!

This term we welcome Archie Holden, Jack Amor and Tessa Thatcher into the Junior and Senior classrooms. Already they're fitting in well and making friends. We can see they're going to make awesome WOK kids!!



HOMEWORK



We have seen the progress achieved by children who regularly complete home learning tasks and we as a school want all our children achieving to this level. Homework is a proven way to reinforce and enrich a child's learning and retention of taught concepts.

Children will need to meet the criteria by the end of each term to be able to join in with the privilege day activities:

- Read a minimum of 20 stories / books each term signed by a parent
- Complete dragon maths tasks set by the classroom teacher
- Have three out of four spelling nights checked and signed by a parent

If children do not meet the criteria they will have an extra day of learning instruction on privilege day to catch up on home learning tasks.

LOVE OUR KIDS & OUR PLANET



This year we would love to see a focus on healthiness in our kids' lunch boxes. As part of our enviro school focus we are aiming to reduce the amount of rubbish in each lunch box, and reduce the amount of packaging and sugary treats.

We are asking for parents help in giving one or less pre-packaged item per lunchbox, and limiting the amount of rubbish by using reusable containers, zip lock bags or beeswax wraps.

Thanks for your help parents, we have already been impressed by lots of students and their healthy, litter-less lunches.

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BAR DUTY:

FRIDAY 10 MARCH
Mike G & Sam H

FRIDAY 24 MARCH
Diesel & Trent

PLAYGROUP:

We meet on
Fridays at the
Community Hall

10am until 12 noon,
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COMMUNITY HALL:

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