

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Respect The Rest & Be Your Best

30 Aug 2017 – Term 3– Week 6

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Kia ora Koutou

Congratulations to our students who earned Highly Commended for their exhibits at the Cantamaths fair in Christchurch. Children from all over Christchurch and beyond exhibited their projects at this event.

Back left to right:- Tom, William, Donny, Holly, Gabby, Lauren
Front left to right:- Annie, Ella, Jorja, Lexi

Well done to our **year 7 and 8 teams** who competed in the Cantamaths competition in the early evening and made us very proud. (photo in last weeks newsletter) I think we, the audience, were as exhausted as they were after shouting encouragement as they battled to answer some very difficult questions in the timeframe.

All the best to **Annie and Lauren** who will represent the school in the Ellesmere Speech Competitions **next** Monday night. Both won our school competition with their entries, Annie with her speech titled "Healthy Food Choices" and Lauren with "Inequality in Women's Sport".

Thank you to all those parents who came along to discuss their child's anniversary report with teachers last night (years one, two or three students who have had a recent birthday) Discussing your child's progress and needs with your child's teacher is valuable for everyone and is an important part of ensuring we are all working together to give your children the best.

School Policy review

For those of you new to our school environment, we are required to have a number of policies to ensure we are compliant with legislation. Our policies also guide us as to best practice.

Like a number of schools, we employ School docs to look after our policies. They advise us on any legislative changes along the way and set up review procedures for us. Most policies are reviewed on a three -year cycle. This term there are two policies up for review Students with Special Needs and Child Protection and you are invited to contribute to these reviews. You can do this by following the instructions below:

1. Visit the website <http://weedons.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the user name (weedons) and password (weedons).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

Diary 2017

24 Jul –Term 3 Begins

04 Sep – Nathan Mikaere Wallis

11 Sep – FOW Meeting 7.30pm

29 Sep – End of term 3

16 Oct – Start of Term 4

23 Oct – Labour Day

27 Oct – Spring Fling

17 Nov – Show Day

15 Dec – Last Day ½ Day

2018

30 Jan – Term 1 Begins

06 Feb – Waitangi Weekend

30 Mar – Good Friday

02 Apr – Easter Monday

03 Apr – Easter Tuesday

(School Closed)

13 Apr – Last Day of Term 1

30 Apr – Term 2 Begins

04 Jun – Queens Birthday

06 Jul – End of Term 2

23 Jul – Start of Term 3

28 Sep – End of Term 3

15 Oct – Start of Term 4

22 Oct – Labour Day

16 Nov – Show Day

14 Dec – Last Day Term 4 2018

Dear Weedons Parents,

We thank you for sending us to Weedons School. We love the mufti days, playgrounds, the art that we do, the environment, the teachers, the Monday and Friday lunches, the back field and the chickens.

But...we have a huge problem with the litter in our school. Room 4 picks up 4 or 5 bags of rubbish EVERY WEEK ☹️ We want to obliterate garbage at Weedons.

We think Weedons should be litter free and plastic free. This could start with our lunch boxes. Can you please help?

From Room 4 Monsters

Lost Property – Just a reminder that we have a huge amount in our lost property bins, also please name everything, it makes it so much easier to return to your child. Please keep an eye out for a named blue puffer jacket, named Cooper T. Please return to the office.



Spring Fling!

Our Pet and Craft Day

Friday 27 October

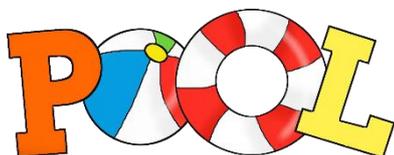
More information to follow in next weeks newsletter.

Top Performer

This week's top performer, Lauren, comes from our senior class, Room 1 Totara. Lauren as a Year 8 has been consistent in her approach to all work this year and this extends back through her time as a Year 7. She has shown that she is fast to take up opportunities and to make sure that she is whole-hearted in her approach. Like all students she meets new challenges along the way but the old saying "feel the fear and do it anyway" certainly applies to her. Lauren has been outstanding in all areas of literacy and is always ready to share her learning with others. Even though literacy is a strength for her she is a great example of someone who understands her strengths but doesn't settle for standing still in those skills. Lauren is always looking to progress. We have been entertained by her mature approach to writing narratives and inspired by her approach to speech writing and delivery. In the sports arena Lauren can be relied on to give her full effort for team mates and has a never give up attitude. Most importantly, Lauren is a great person to have in a class as she brings a positive attitude with a smile every morning. We have been so lucky to have her and I can only imagine the value she will add to her chosen high school next year and beyond. You are a star Lauren and this recognition is well deserved and overdue. We appreciate you and what you have added to our class and your school.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported the bingo night last week and especially Frank and Angela Dowle who called the bingo numbers and Shane O'Brien who ran the auction. As always they did a great job and we appreciated their support! We raised approx \$2500. We are also busy applying for grants to cover flights and accommodation for all of the kids so this will show that we have made a good effort towards fundraising ourselves. Thank you to the teachers for the loan of the counters and to Debs and Marie for selling tickets. Special thanks to our sponsors which included The Warehouse Rolleston, Countdown Rolleston, the Silver Dollar, a Pocket Full of Spice, Kate Caird McCormack Hair dressing, West Melton Physiotherapy, the Tactix, Islington Tavern, West Melton Pub, Liquor Land West Melton, Cavalier horse products, Templeton Pharmacy, Joy Curragh. Special thanks also to the Weedons Country Club for letting us use the club rooms for our venue and to those who donated a bottle for the mystery bottle auction.



We have been teased with warm weather lately – lets hope it is a great summer. I am looking for people to help me with the school pool this summer. This will involve testing the water and vacuuming the pool. The more people we have the easier it is and the less time involved for everyone. It would be great to set up a weekly roster. The testing only takes about 5 minutes and the vacuuming takes an hour and needs doing once a week. I will

be involved with Weedons School for two more years so am also on the lookout for someone keen to take on looking after the pool with the support of Wayne, the caretaker. If you are interested, please let the office know or give me a shout. Thanks very much Fiona S

Friends of Weedons

Mega Air Fundraiser – Thursday 28 September from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Tickets are \$15 each. Please contact the office or Kerry to reserve your tickets.

ONLINE ORDERING:

The Friends of Weedons have been exploring options around moving Monday and Friday lunch ordering (and potentially our future fundraisers) to an online system called Kindo. If you would like to know more about this, or you have had previous experience with Kindo, or you have any other feedback in general, then we invite you to join us at our next committee meeting on **Monday 11 September @ 7.30pm**(invite to follow) to discuss further.

Reminder that we have a **skip at school** that we need to fill with **scrap metal** to help fundraise. The skip is behind room 6. If you have any larger items please make an appointment to come out of school hours, by



contacting Wayne 0278787647

Monday Lunch Order Form

Name:	Room #	Lunch Order:	Amount:
		TOTAL	\$