



Manaakitanga **S**how Respect
Rangatiratanga **T**ake Responsibility
Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi **A**im High
Kia Kaha Tonu **N**ever Give Up
Tikanga **D**o the Right Thing
E Tū Kahikatea

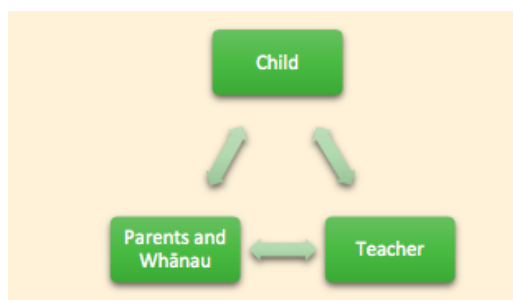
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PRINCIPAL

Kia ora! Welcome to a new school year.

If you are new to Wakefield School a very warm welcome to you and your child. We are eager to get to know new families and to catch up with old friends.

Triangle of Success



The triangle is strongest when we work together to create a family-like environment for learning. The strongest education for our children is one where learning flows easily between home and school, where we respect each other and always keep in mind our common focus - the child.

Three Excellent Tips for Success

Make these your priority for your child's education this year:

1. **Attendance. 95% is the magic number.** Attendance rates less than 95% affect a child's educational success over time. Check the attendance figure on the bottom of your child's 2018 report. How did it look? Can it be improved this year?

Ways to improve attendance:

- Make sure your child has lots of sleep, good food, water.
- Think hard about taking that holiday during term time. Weigh up the gains for your family against the costs to your child's learning.
- Keep the pressure down: limit the number of late nights, out-of-school activities, sleepovers.
- Tell your child's teacher if you are having battles getting to school in the morning. We will help.

2. **Opt in, not out. Insist that your child says 'yes'** to the opportunities offered at school. Encourage your children to make choices but to understand that choice is not freedom to simply give up or opt out. Be kind but firm; don't be persuaded by your child that they need a note from you to get out of, say, cross country or swimming, unless there is a very good health reason.
3. **Connect your family's rules and values to school.** Talk about STAND and our excellent message, 'Is it safe? Is it fair? Is it kind?' Use our restorative practice card to help resolve conflicts at home (ask for another card if you don't have one). Your child will feel safe and flourish when the expectations and values are the same at school and home.

When we work together to make these things happen I promise that your child will have a positive and highly successful education.

LEARNING CONFERENCES (MEET THE TEACHER)

Learning conferences for every child will be held on **Monday 11 February and Tuesday 12 February**. This learning conference is vital to making a positive start to the year for your child and **we expect all parents and children to attend**. The learning conference will establish goals and expectations for the year and share important information about your child's learning programme. You will receive information about online bookings at the end of this week.

LUNCHES AND DRINKS

We encourage you to purchase a 'nude food' lunchbox - with compartments so you can cut down on food wrappers. Choose foods that have minimal or no packaging - often these are the healthiest foods. **We do not allow sweets or other sugary items at school. We are a water-only school**, with the exception of the Fonterra milk in schools programme which is free to children who want to use it.

You can find more information about healthy food on our policy document at www.schooldocs.co.nz. or follow the link on our school website homepage.

SCHOOL CLOSURE NEXT WEEK & TERM DATES

School will be closed on these days next week:

- **Monday 4 February** **Nelson Anniversary Day**
- **Tuesday 5 February** **Closed**
- **Wednesday 6 February** **Waitangi Day**

We have added an additional day at the end of the year to make up for the Tuesday closure.

Our term dates for 2019 are:

Term 1: 30 January - 12 April
Term 2: 29 April - 5 July

Term 3: 22 July - 27 September
Term 4: 14 October - 17 December

Have a beaut couple of weeks and remember, if you don't know, ask!

Kia kaha tonu

Peter Verstappen
Principal



MUSIC

2019 In-School Music Programme

Our 2019 music lessons will again be running on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the year, with children attending their lessons during class time. Tom Watson will be teaching guitar, ukulele and bass guitar and Katrina Hylkema will be teaching piano, keyboard and group vocals.

On offer is individual tuition in guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and piano while group lessons will be offered for vocals, guitar and ukulele. Lessons are open to children year three and upwards.

If you are interested, please fill in the form below and return to the school office as soon as possible to be included in term one's timetable. All fees for the in-school music programme are payable at the commencement of each term and are paid directly online to your tutor – each tutor will invoice you personally.

Thank you

Katrina Hylkema and Tom Watson

Wakefield In-School Music Programme Enrolment Form 2019

Child's name: _____

Year: _____ Room Number: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Tick the box for the lessons you would like to enrol for:

- Individual guitar 15 minutes @ \$125 per term
- Individual guitar 30 minutes @ \$250 per term
- Individual bass guitar 20 minutes @ \$175 per term
- Individual keyboard 20 minutes @ \$175 per term
- Individual piano 20 minutes @ \$175 per term
- Group vocal lessons @ \$60 per term
- Group guitar lessons @ \$60 per term
- Group ukulele lessons @60 per term

SPORTS

There will be a sports newsletter coming out in the next couple of days. Look out for it to be ready to register for summer sports.

OFFICE

Absentees

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, please let the office know. You can do this by sending a text to **027 541 8021**, email to absentees@wakefield.school.nz, or phone **541 8332** and leave a message.

Please ensure your child reports to the office if they arrive at school late. If you are required to pick your child up during the school day, please notify the office. Also please check that your contact details are up to date with the office.

SUN SMART

A reminder that term 1 requires all students to be sun smart. This means wearing a bucket style hat that shades ears, neck and nose and wearing clothing that covers shoulders. All classrooms have sunscreen available.



