



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

Issue 08 – 17 June 2020

PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent and Whānau

Nothing too prosaic from me this newsletter, more a list of things you need to know about and take some actions on. So here goes...

Fireflight! Fireflight! Fireflight! Fireflight! Fireflight! Fireflight! Fireflight!

On **Thursday 2 July** we will present the original theatre work created by a group of year 4-6 students working with Lisa and Dan Allan, professional theatre producers. **Fireflight!** Is the story of the Wakefield fire and evacuation in 2019, as told by your children. It is a visual feast and a great piece of storytelling. Performance time is 7pm, tickets are available through the school office - no cost, first come, first served. **Fireflight!** will also be performed at the Nelson Fringe Festival in August, and will be transformed into a full-scale production by the entire Totara syndicate later in term three. **Fireflight!** is funded through the Ministry of Education's Creatives in Schools programme.

Parking and Drop-offs Parking and Drop-offs Parking and Drop-offs Parking and

A big thank you to all who are using our carpark and drop-off zone correctly before and after school. For others who are not sure or have forgotten how we operate please follow these rules:

1. The yellow drop-off zone is a drive-through zone at all times. DO NOT PARK OR WAIT in this zone. Parked vehicles cause a back-up of cars and create a safety hazard for children walking across the carpark. This tends to happen most at the end of the day. If your child has not yet appeared when you turn up to the drop-off zone you must drive on, find a park and return to collect your child.
2. The car parks along Edward Street opposite the school are no parking areas before and after school. They are signposted as such (although the signs are easily missed). This is to avoid congestion on Edward Street, especially around the bus turning area directly in front of the school. The police patrol this area so be warned.

Thank you for your support to keep our children safe.

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Speaking of parking congestion, have you considered walking, cycling or scooting to school as a travel option for you and your child? A keen group of parents are working with Clare Scott of Easystreet Cycling to encourage more of that, and their focus at the moment is on improving safety for pedestrians crossing Whitby Road at the Arrow Street and Village Green established crossing points. You can read in this newsletter their letter to the TDC and NZTA with suggestions for improvements and you can support this work by adding your name to the letter - the more names we collect, the more chance we will have of making progress with this excellent work. You can sign the letter at the school office or by contacting one of these parents: Krystal Rooney, Rebecca Dephoff, Anne Malham, Jenny Lines, Simon Goodwin.

Whoops! Dirty dogs Whoops! Dirty dogs Whoops! Dirty dogs Whoops! Dirty

We've had a couple of incidents lately of dog poo in the school grounds. Thank you to all who respect our rule of keeping dogs out of school. If you notice people with dogs in the grounds after school or at weekends please politely remind them of the rule. We don't mind people walking dogs through the grounds to get to Faulkner's Bush as long as they are on lead and their owners clean up after them.

Reports and Learning Conferences Reports and Learning Conferences Reports

As signalled a few weeks ago there will be no mid-year reports or learning conferences this term. We will hold learning conferences early in term three, on **Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 July**. At the learning conference you will receive a shortened version of the mid-year report with essential information about progress and achievement in the main learning areas, and have an opportunity to review your child's learning, agree priorities for the rest of the year and how all of us - parents, teachers and child - will work towards these. **You will need to attend the learning conference to receive the report.** We'll send out more information about this at the start of the term.

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Our 2019 Annual Report (which shows our financial performance and progress against strategic goals) is on our school website: www.wakefield.school.nz Click on the tab: About Us and then the right hand sidebar under Charter and Annual Report.

School Assembly is back! School Assembly is back! School Assembly is back!

School assembly returns **this Friday, 19 June, at 2.30pm**. We look forward to welcoming parents and whānau back to this important community time.

I hope you enjoy the samples of children's learning in this newsletter. It is so good to see our young learners hitting their stride again.

Have a great week.

Peter Verstappen
Principal

peter.verstappen@wakefield.school.nz

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL



Wakefield School & Community Pool Committee AGM

The Wakefield School & Community Pool Committee AGM will be held in the school staffroom at 5.30pm on **Monday 10th August**. This will be followed by a general meeting.



In the 2019 BOT Community Survey, over 90% of respondents said that they highly valued having a swimming pool. We are lucky to have such an incredible resource but we need help to keep it running. If you are able to donate some time or know of a family member or friend in our community who would be able to join our committee please contact Olivia or Allison in the school office. Last year we managed to raise a huge amount of money to purchase new heat pumps and solar panels to heat the pool. We are a small committee and we desperately need more members to help maintain our pool for our children and the wider community.

Pool Keys to be Returned

We hope you had a wonderful swimming season over the 2019/2020 season. It is now time to return your key to receive your \$20 bond refund, you must return your key before Monday 29th June to be entitled to receive your bond refund, this is longer than normal but under extra ordinary circumstances with covid-19 we have extended this timeframe. Please return your key to the school office between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

Thanks to those who have already returned their key.

Kind regards
Wakefield School and Community Pool

TRAVEL PLAN



The Mayor and Councillors
Tasman District Council
(per Christeen Mackenzie)

12 June 2020

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Road Safety - Wakefield

We are writing as a group of parents living in Wakefield, with support from the Wakefield School Board of Trustees, to express our growing fears for the safety of our children and other Wakefield residents crossing the main highway that cuts our village in half.

For years we have been concerned about the lack of safe crossing options on Whitby Road. This problem is now acute because the volume and speed of traffic through the village is increasing and will continue to do so, and the numbers of children and other users crossing the road is growing as housing development expands on the river side of the highway.

There is a high risk of serious accident and injury to children and parents using the pedestrian refuges adjacent to Arrow Street and the Village Green, especially before and after school. Dangers at these crossing points include:

- the centre refuges being too small to offer protection to a family attempting to cross together, especially with cycles or prams
- visibility along the road in both directions from the Arrow Street crossing is insufficient to allow for safe crossing, given the speed of traffic coming around the corners.
- Signage at both crossing points is inadequate. Drivers are often unaware of the crossing and make little effort to slow down or avoid pedestrians.

As part of its Travel Plan review, Wakefield School, working with Nichola Brydon from TDC, has held a couple of community meetings, one of which (16 March) included TDC engineer Mike Van Enter. With TDC support Clare Scott from Easystreet Cycling in Nelson has been engaged to help us find better ways to promote safe independent options for our children to travel to and from school.

We are asking you, the Mayor and Councillors, to urgently prioritise the following improvements for safe crossing of Whitby road at Arrow Street and the Village Green:

- Make the crossings and refuges much more visible to approaching traffic, through improved signage, repainting, bollards on the kerbsides
- Enlarge the central refuges. At present they are too small for a parent with children crossing, especially if the parent also has a pram.
- Incorporate new signage created by children of Wakefield School, to catch the attention of drivers
- Remove carparking adjacent to the crossings to improve visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles.
- Negotiate with NZTA about changing the speed limit through Wakefield
- Develop 'walking channels' through the village by painting the school logo or similar at regular intervals on selected pathways. This will improve safety by encouraging children to walk together on shared routes.
- Investigate the feasibility of an underpass or overbridge at one or other of these locations
- Explore other strategies to encourage more children and parents to travel to school on foot or by cycle.

We look forward to further contact with you on these matters.

Yours faithfully,



Krystal Rooney
Parent Representative



Ryan Edwards
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

FROM PIWAKAWAKA

Last Tuesday was Support Staff Day. Piwakawaka wanted to thank Bruce for everything he does around the school.

The children all talked about why they wanted to thank Bruce and they each drew a portrait of him which we stuck onto a long banner outside our classroom. See if you can find Bruce in the picture!



FROM TUI 4

Children in Tui four have been describing their favourite fruits and vegetables. Here are some of their delicious descriptions.

Potatoes by James F

The sweet sweet taste of potatoes
The soil all over the potatoes
Potatoes are yummy
I like them when they are fresh
Potatoes are sweet

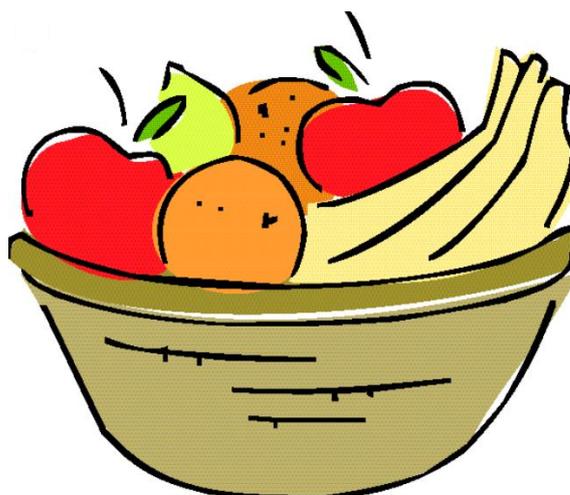
Guess my Favourite by Declan

The sweet taste strikes the tip of my tongue
It makes me giggle silently
As it goes down my throat
To my stomach acid.

(Can you guess what Declan is eating? Answer below)

Mandarins by Isha

I snuck into the garden
I stuffed heaps into my mouth
Oh, I love them!
They taste sweet
They are wrinkly
Mum says, 'stop!'
'Your tummy will make you sore!'
'Stop eating the mandarins!'
But I love mandarins
They taste sweet



They feel soft
They are wrinkly
Oh, I love mandarins!

Tomatoes by Holly

Smooth skin on my tongue and on my gum
Slowly biting it
It pops in my mouth
Seeds go everywhere and it's juicy
I pick another one - yum!
It's like rubbing you against a kitten!
When I eat it I feel warm inside
'Stop eating tomatoes, or you will turn into a tomato!'
Oh, I love tomatoes!
But you have to put the whole thing in your mouth
Or else...explosion!

(Declan's favourite is - apple)



SPORTS

Netball

Netball teams have now been organised and registered. The season is a little shorter than previous seasons and as a response to this Nelson Netball has reduced all team fees by 50%.

The fees for this Netball season are.

Future Ferns Years 5-6 \$35 per player

Future Ferns Years 1-4 \$15 per player

Please pay these fees before the end of term 2.

Cross Country

The **Wakefield School Cross Country** will be held on **Friday 26th June at Faulkner Bush**. Students will meet on the hardcourt after morning tea, and walk down to the Picnic area in their year groups. Races will start with the new entrants/year 1 runners at approximately **11.00am**. We will work through the year groups, finishing with the year 6 boys. If the weather isn't good the event will still go ahead for years 4-6 in the afternoon at Faulkner Bush, starting at **2.00pm**.

The course will be very similar to last year, with all year 4, 5 & 6 students running 2 km's. The fastest runners from year 6 and year 5 & under, over the 2 km distance will go through to the **Waimea South Cluster event** which will be held at **Rabbit Island on Tuesday 30th June**. To date there is no regional event this year.



FROM THE PTA

Wakefield School PTA AGM

Monday 22nd June
6:30pm
Wakefield School Library

All welcome to join us. All funds raised by PTA benefit your children. Come along and see if it's for you.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos

These will be ready by next week. All photos will be sent home with your child unless you have already organised different delivery with the photographer.

SAY CHEESE!



IMPORTANT DATES

22 nd June	PTA AGM – 6:30pm School Library
24 th June	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
26 th June	Wakefield School Cross Country
26 th June	Enviro Toy Sale Fundraiser – 12:30pm
30 th June	Cluster Cross Country
02 nd July	Cluster Cross Country Postponement Date
03 rd July	Save The Tigers Bake Sale
02 nd July	Fire Flight Show – 7pm Wakefield School Hall
03rd July	End of Term 2
20th July	Start of Term 3
28 th & 29 th July	Learning Conferences
06 th August	WIS Visiting Wakefield Yr 6's
06 th August	Wakefield School Arbor Day – 1:30pm
10 th August	Wakefield School & Community Swimming Pool AGM – 5:30pm-6:30pm Wakefield School Staffroom
12 th August	Yr 3&4 Hockey Tournament – Saxton Hockey Pavilion
17 th – 21 st August	Wakefield School Book Week
19 th August	Yr 3&4 Hockey Tournament – Postponement Date
25 th August	Yr 5&6 Hockey Tournament – Saxton Hockey Pavilion
26 th August	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
27 th August	Yr 5&6 Hockey Tournament – Postponement Date
01 st September	Yr 3&4 Kiwisports
02 nd September	Yr 5&6 Kiwisports

08 th September	Rippa Rugby Tournament
10 th September	Rippa Rugby Tournament – Postponement Date
11 th September	Wakefield School Disco – 6pm–7:30pm - TBC
16 th September	WIS Parent Information Evening for Yr 6's – 7pm WIS Hall
23 rd September	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
25th September	End of Term 3

Community Oral Health Service Clinics

NELSON

(03) 539 5324

32 Franklyn St (cnr Franklyn & Tipahi Sts,
parking off Tipahi St)

BLENHEIM

(03) 520 9922 or 0800 833 849

Corner of Nelson & McLauchlan St

MOTUEKA

(03) 539 5311 or 0800 833 846

Parklands School, 9-19 Pah Street

RICHMOND

(03) 539 5320

Henley School, 56a William St

STOKE

(03) 539 5321

Nayland Primary School
225 Nayland Road

MOBILE CLINICS

Tasman 0800 833 846

Marlborough 0800 833 849





KIDS' Pre-Loved TOYS AND BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER!!

Hi, The Enviro team is having a kids' toy and book sale to raise funds for a rainwater tank for the Wakefield School garden to water the plants in summer and autumn when we don't have a lot of rain.

Please bring your old toys and children's books any time over the next 2 weeks to room 4.

The fundraiser will take place on
Fri 26th June 2020 (week9)
from the Enviro Team



Save the Sunda Tigers!

The Sunda tigers are the smallest tiger species and they live in the Sumatran islands where their homes are made into Paseo toilet paper. These tigers are endangered and no one knows why these people are doing this but we want to save them and I think you would too.

There will be a bake sale at the end of the term. If anyone would like to make some food for the bake sale we would like that alot.

Thank you!

Abbey, Finley, Jamie, Lotte



NELSON SUBURBS FOOTBALL CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – JULY 2020

We are finally pleased to announce that we will be running yet another one of our fabulous school holiday programmes during the school holidays. Our holiday programmes are very popular so be sure to get in early and register. Details are as follows:

- Ages: 6 - 13 yrs, boys and girls
- Date: **MON 6TH – WEDS 8TH JULY 2020**
- Time: 9am - 12pm
- Venue: Saxton Field
- Price: \$25 per day
- Head Coach: Ryan Stewart (Skippy)

Please visit our website www.nelsonsuburbs.co.nz to REGISTER.

Payment must be made directly into our bank account - Nelson Suburbs FC, Westpac, Nelson - 030703 0354112-02. Registration is not confirmed until payment is made.

For further information please contact Sandy on 0275525668 or at sandy@nelsonsuburbs.co.nz.

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