



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 07 – 05 May 2021**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Recapitulation Consultation Meeting Tuesday 11 May, 7.00pm**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you probably know, the board of trustees is considering a proposal from the Ministry of Education to recapitate Wakefield School to a full primary; that means including years 7 and 8. This is part of a wider review of schools in the Richmond/Waimea area that has identified a desire to reduce the roll growth pressure on Waimea Intermediate.

The Ministry of Education has asked the board for a decision by mid-year. The board met with parents last November and has continued to seek feedback. To help us make the most informed decision possible you are encouraged to attend a meeting next week on Tuesday 11 May, at 7.00pm in the school library. At the meeting the board will share the information it has about recapitating, answer your questions and hear your point of view.

This is a crucial decision for the board. Becoming a full primary school will mean our children will no longer attend Waimea Intermediate so we need to consult carefully and widely. Make sure your voice is heard.

Kind regards

Ryan Edwards  
Chairperson  
Board of trustees

# PRINCIPAL

Kia ora dear parents/whānau/families,

Thank you for returning your child to school after the holidays refreshed and eager to learn. There is a positive, calm sense of purpose around the place, and the added attraction of heaps of beautiful autumn leaves to rake, revel and roll in.

## Te Whare Matauranga (the House of Learning) Curriculum Review - Construction Update

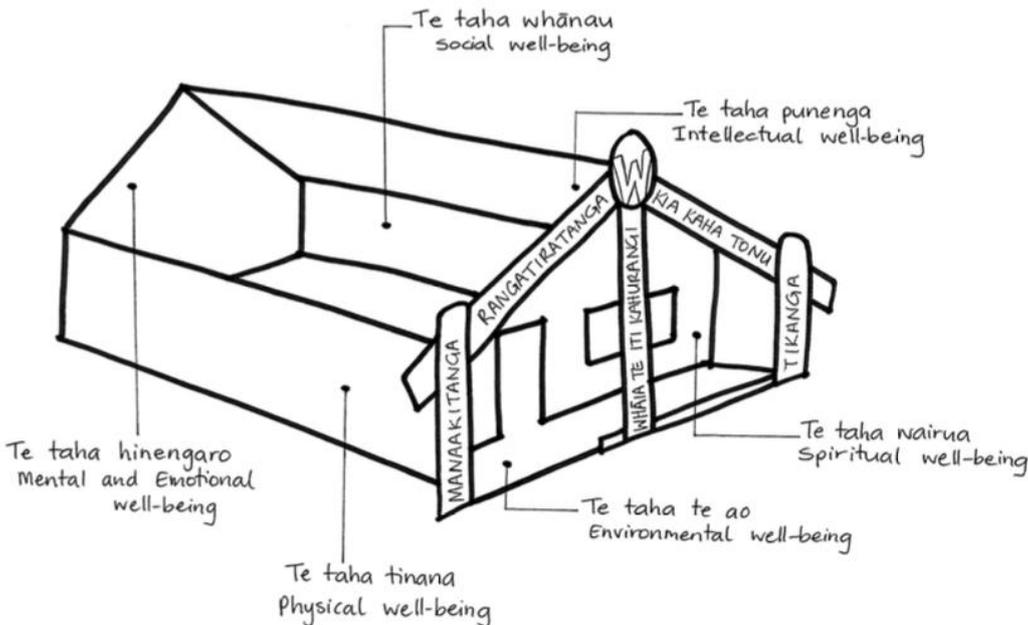
Last term I introduced you to our major curriculum review based around wellbeing. To refresh your memory here's what I wrote in February:

*We've noticed in the past few years that schools and education aren't what they used to be. We now have more children with high and complex learning and behaviour needs, we're expected to teach a wider range of subjects, we're required to personalise children's learning and we're always, always chasing the technology wave.*

*This is not to complain, because every challenge is an opportunity, and the opportunity we've discovered in these changing times boils down to something quite simple - children learn best when they are calm. A child who is anxious, fearful, hungry, tired is not well placed to concentrate on reading, writing and maths. A child who lacks self-control is generally such a bundle of emotions there's not much energy left for other stuff.*

*So we've decided to put wellbeing at the centre of our curriculum, and we've designed Te Whare Matauranga - the house of knowledge - to show what we mean (with acknowledgement to Sir Mason Durie for his Whare Tapa Wha model).*

## Te Whare Matauranga



## How are we doing?

So, how are we going in constructing Te Whare Matauranga? We've made it the centre of all staff professional development activities this year. Our teachers talk daily in their teams about this work, and meet weekly in either syndicate or whole-staff meetings to check progress, discuss successes and challenges, help each other with advice and work with experts. Support staff also share the journey at some meetings.

Some of the changes we've introduced to children include:

- Value boxes - more of a focus on students' wellbeing and how they can use those values and how it makes them feel.
- Happy notes and Warm Fuzzie awards
- Students making superpower poster of themselves (character strengths)
- Daily mindfulness
- Daily reflection time at the end of the day
- Setting up class culture with daily karakia and whakatauki
- Focusing on 'we are one team' mantra - with individual strengths and weaknesses as well as team strengths and weaknesses
- Dr Seuss - Learning profile posters
- Weekly whakatauki that prompt students to learn and apply our values
- Relationship building through technology challenges (Taskmaster, STEM)
- Taking time to make Plus-Minus-Interesting (PMI) chart- reflect before moving onto the next thing
- Use of Te Reo Māori in class
- Hui timatanga - a short school assembly on Monday mornings to promote the 'value of the week' and encourage young and older children to support each other
- Coaching opportunities/ Leadership roles
- Taking time to learn about the 'backstory' of our students and understanding where their behaviour comes from through the lens of emotional well being
- Sharing growth mindset videos (by Joe Boaler: check out her work here: <https://www.youcubed.org>)
- Character strength cards - helping children identify and apply their strengths.

We're learning as we go - there's no blueprint for a wellbeing curriculum in schools - and sometimes the things we try don't work the first time, or even the second, but we're keeping at it, talking endlessly among ourselves and with the children, and getting excellent help from our guide, Keryn Hooker of ImpactEd.

We're measuring how this work is impacting on children's learning and wellbeing through surveys and tracking documents. We look forward to giving you more feedback by the end of term two.

We welcome your interest in Te Whare Matauranga; ask us questions, challenge our thinking, share your own bright ideas. We're all in this together - he waka eke noa!

Have a beaut week,

Peter Verstappen





**The Wakefield School &  
Community Pool  
is now closed for the season.**

**Please return your key to the  
school office (between 9.00am and  
3.00pm) before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
in order to receive your  
\$20 bond back.**

# AHOY! TERM 2 LIES AHEAD

DOWNLOAD THE SKOOL LOOP APP TODAY AND NEVER MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT INFORMATION AGAIN. OUR SCHOOL APP ENSURES EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION MOVING INTO TERM 2!

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## Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



## Here's some tips to ensure you receive notices and push notifications

- When you download the Skool Loop App you will be asked if you would like notifications please **tap yes**. Some devices don't ask this question and automatically tick yes for you. This can be changed in your settings
- If your notifications are turned off in your device settings, some phones apply that to all apps when downloading. In the phone settings please make sure your notifications are turned on
- Check your App Store or Google Play regularly for any outstanding updates
- There are 2 different notices school will send out: **push notification** (banner and ding) or a **notice** (visual alert only)
- You will only receive a push notification if you are not using the app at the time
- If your volume is off you will not hear an alert
- You will see a visual alert if a **notice** has been posted. You will not hear a ding
- You will only hear a ding if the school sends a **push notification**.



# Kindo – School Payments Online

## School payments online

Our Kindo School shop is our preferred method of payment for your child's school expenses, and we encourage you to set up your family account today. It's easy, convenient, open 24/7 and available on our school website.

### New users

New users can set up an account easily!

Click [here](#) and enter the email address the school has on file for you, then click 'continue'. A confirmation email with a link will be sent to you.

Click on the link and enter a password to complete your registration.

### Existing users

Already have an Ezlunch or Kindo account?

Simply login with your email and password and click on the 'Fees and Donations' service to link your students to our school records and view your family account. [Click here](#) to log in.

## Payment

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' option.



Bank Transfer	No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.
Account 2 account POLI	No fees. Instant transfer. <b>**RECOMMENDED**</b> No fees. Instant transfer. <b>**RECOMMENDED**</b>
Credit/Debit Card	50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer. Visa / MasterCard / American Express / China UnionPay available.

## Shopping

From your family account, you can choose to pay the full amount by clicking '+' next to the item or make a part payment, by

changing the amount before clicking the '+'.  

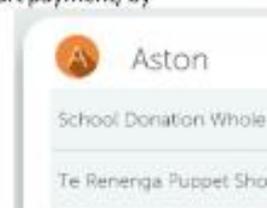
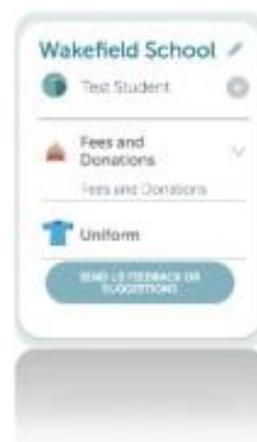

For an optional item, click on your child's initial next to the item to add it to your cart.

Once you have finished adding items to your cart you can select

Then simply click at  the checkout and you're done!

Your order will automatically go through to the school, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your payment or top-up!

 **Need assistance?** Call the Kindo helpdesk on free phone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).  
We are open Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm.



## IMPORTANT DATES

	<b>Please Note: Some school events may change due to Covid-19.</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Meeting – 7-8pm
26 <sup>th</sup> May	BOT Meeting – 5:30pm
04 <sup>th</sup> June	Wakefield School Cross Country
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Wakefield School Arbor Day
08 <sup>th</sup> July	Matariki Celebrations
<b>08<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>
<b>09<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day – School Closed</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Appletons Tree Nursery

Are you looking for a job that works within school hours? Appletons are looking for mum's, dad's or caregivers who would like to work 9 – 3pm weekdays. Appletons pride themselves on being a flexible family orientated nursery that are looking to build on the hard working and reliable local staff that we already have. If you think this might suit you, email your CV to [info@appletons.co.nz](mailto:info@appletons.co.nz).

# HARVEST GALA

Saint Paul's School, Richmond

COME  
JOIN  
THE  
FUN!

Saturday 15th May  
11am - 2pm



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Starts Thursday 6th May 12.30-2.30pm

Wakefield Playcentre, Treeton Pl, Wakefield

[fiona.programmes@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:fiona.programmes@playcentre.org.nz)

or contact Fiona on 0278086797

# Space

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For availability in your area visit  
[www.space.org.nz](http://www.space.org.nz)

Join Space for you and your baby to connect with other new parents and their babies as you explore parenting and children's development in a safe, facilitated environment.

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# CRICKET

## JUNIOR LEAGUES

**All competitions run concurrently  
with school terms 2 & 3.**

**25% OFF Food & drink from the Cafe/Restaurant  
on game days for players and parents.**

### PRIMARY INDOOR

**Wednesday Evenings | 4:00PM or 5.00PM**

**Cost: \$64 per term per player**

**6 Players per side | Starts: May 12th**

## New Physical Activity Programme for Kids Aged 5-11



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# Active8Kids

### Kia ora

The **Inclusive Sport Trust** are pleased to announce that we are running a new, fun, 8 week, after-school physical activity programme at Saxton Stadium in term 2 2021, called **Active8Kids**.

### Who's Active8Kids For?

**Active8Kids** is a great physical activity programme for 5-11 year olds with supported learning needs and it would also suit children who lack confidence when playing sport.

With a focus on fun games, each session will develop a range of sports skills and will build your child's confidence so that they experience the joy of being active.

Parents and caregivers are also encouraged to take part alongside their children.

### Where & When?

Meet at **Saxton Stadium** for the first session on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May** from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The sessions will be every Thursday, at the same time, until 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### Registration & Cost?

**Registration is essential.** It costs only **\$25 per child** for the 8 week programme. Families with a *Community Services Card* may be able to receive a *Sportstart Grant* to subsidise the fee. Contact Julie for further details and to request a registration form.

### Why Not Give it a Try?

Please bring your kids along to have a go! It is all about working with their ability and improving their skills in a positive and fun way. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our new, fun **Active8Kids** programme.



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**Every Thursday from May 13th-July 1st 2021**

**Saxton Stadium**

**3.30 pm-4.30 pm.**



*With a focus on fun games, the sessions will develop a range of sports skills and will help build your child's confidence.*

**Cost : \$25.00 per child.**

***Sport Start funding may be available for eligible families***

**For registration forms and further information contact  
Julie, Sports Co-ordinator, Inclusive Sport Trust,  
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