



Waitetuna School

Together we're growing the seeds of success

5th May 2017

Welcome back everyone. Fantastic weather all holidays which has given us all a great break.

The Board of Trustees is governed by the Ministry of Education under 6 NAGS (National Administration Guidelines).

1. Curriculum
2. Review
3. Personnel
4. Finance & Property
5. Health & Safety
6. Legislation

The Board's role is to adhere to the requirements of these NAGs. As a Board we are currently focusing on Health and Safety issues related to Waitetuna School. This is NAG 5 and ensures the Board -

- Provides a safe physical and emotional environment for students
- Promotes healthy food and nutrition for each student
- Complies in full with any legislation currently enforced

The MOE is encouraging best practice for schools and under the guidelines NAG 5 Waitetuna School will be conducting Police Vetting from term 2 2017 for overnight stays to ensure safety of all children in our care. Police Vetting will be conducted for any of our overnight stays where parents are required to supervise children. All Waitetuna Staff are Vetted on a regular basis.

Child Restraints

By law your child requires a booster seat for children under 7yrs of age. If one is not provided by parents when needed for school trips, parents will be contacted to pick up their child from school to return home.

Transport forms for school are currently being reformatted to be in line with school transport requirements and will be approved by the Board at their next meeting.

All travelling arrangements are organised by the teachers prior to trips. If your child requires special travel arrangements, please let us know at least the day before the trip. Please do not buy treats when transporting children in cars as our school promotes healthy eating and nutrition.

Cross Country

We have our big interschool Cross Country on the 2nd June, (there will be no postponement date for this event). We are looking for lots of help with cross country food prep and cooking in the tent as well as home baking for fundraising. If you are able to help out with selling of food (so everyone can watch their child run their races) please let us know. Thanks

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Using child restraints in New Zealand

Under New Zealand law, all children under seven years of age must use an approved child restraint appropriate for their age and size. Children aged seven must be secured in a restraint if one is available in the vehicle.

Requirements for child restraints

Age of child	The law says you must:
Until their 7th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint
From their 7th to their 8th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle (and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available)
From 8th birthday to 14 years old	Must use safety belts if available. If not available, they must travel in the back seat.
Over 14 years old	Must use safety belts where they are available.