

# Principals Column

## WHAKATAUKI O TUMUAKI

Kia Ora parents, whanau and care-givers, Term two begins with an extended summer. The weather is still warm and mostly sunny and children are making the most of it with lots of outside games and play! This term our core focus unit is **Game On**. This is a social studies/PE/technology combination unit that focuses on different kinds of games, including board games, drama games, outside games and learning games. It involves learning and explaining the rules, examining various strategies that improve play and using both fair play and competition as appropriate. It involves rules and regulations, team work and leadership, and modifying and inventing new games based on traditional games. Teachers are focusing on an inquiry approach to this unit, with an emphasis on where the students are at in their learning. The first phase of the inquiry approach is immersion. Please encourage your children to bring their own games from home to share with others in their class. Students need to be able to explain the rules and the aim of the game to their peers and share useful strategies if possible.



Four students attended the **Waikato Kids Lit Quiz** in Hamilton on Tuesday night. Well done Lily, Connor, Macie and Emma for representing our school and making us proud! A lot of fun was had by all. A great literacy extension for these students and a great team effort!!

### Western Waikato Cross Country

In three weeks Waitetuna School is running the Inter-School Cross Country. This is a great opportunity to raise money for the PTA. A PTA meeting will be held next week, time to be confirmed to organise the food for the event.

### School Office Hours

Lorna's working days are now Monday to Thursday. As the office is unattended on Fridays and I teach in the middle room on this day, please avoid using the school office on Fridays.

### Fun Run

Please remember to share your Facebook page again so that your child's Fun Run Promotional Page is shared on your friends and families feed.



So far these students have raised the most money on facebook: Kahu, Jamie, Finn, Macie, Cory, Hazel and Abby.

Those that are collecting cash for sponsorship remember to ask friends, families and work colleagues.

The School Fun-Run date has been changed to the Inter-School Cross Country date: **27th May 2016**, as this is when **most sponsors are attending the Cross Country race**.

### Measles update

We have recently had confirmed cases of measles in the Waikato Region. Measles is a highly infectious viral disease. It is spread from person to person through the air by breathing, sneezing or coughing. The first symptoms of measles are a fever, and one or more of a runny nose, cough and sore red eyes. After a few days a red blotchy rash comes on and lasts up to one week. The rash usually starts on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. Measles can be very serious. Students and teachers with measles are infectious from 5 days before to 5 days after the onset of rash and must stay away from school and follow the advice of the local Medical Officer of Health.

## Up Coming Events

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Week	Term 1	Events
2	10th May	BOT Meeting
	11th May	Ten Pin Bowling /Foot Golf
	12th May	Dog Safety Programme
3	20th May	BOT Nominations close noon
	20th May	Waitetuna Cross Country
4	23rd May	NYLD (year 7/8 )only
	27th May	Inter-School Cross Country
5	3rd June	Close Poll Election Day noon
	5th June	Raglan Art to Wear
	6th June	Queens Birthday
		School Closed

# Our Learning

## HE AKO Ō TĀTOU

Leonardo Da Vinci

Leonardo was a good painter and he painted The Last Supper and The Mona Lisa. He was also a scientist and he was a builder. He liked to make things that no one had made before like a big tank. Leonardo Da Vinci is a good friend because he let the birds out to be free from the cage.

By Khobie

Leonardo Da Vinci

Leonardo Da Vinci was born in Vinci town and his country was Italy. He loved exploring and the outdoors. He liked to go to the market to buy birds and let them go in the forest. He stopped and looked at the birds and said, "how does that bird fly? How do those wings carry the bird?" Do you know?

Leonardo Da Vinci went to art school at the age of 14. His teacher was the most famous artist called Verocio.

Leonardo also like to invent things that other people had never thought of before. He made the Toy Lion for the King of France and he made the Soldier with a Drum. He also invented the Diving Suit, the Wooden Bike, the Armoured Tank, the Robot Knight, a machine gun and he also designed a parachute.

I think Leonardo was a very talented man.

By Jasmine

**BOT Elections**  
Nomination forms are in the mail this week. If you don't receive these forms please contact Sarah Grambrill or Lorna.

**NUTRITIOUS LEGUMES**

Legumes (beans, peas, chickpeas and lentils) are a great source of protein and fibre. They are a great substitute for meat or filler for any dish!

TOWAYS WITH BEANS, LEGUMES AND LENTILS

## Gratitude Column

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

Huge thanks to Robyn Marquand for: Organising the Kids Lit Quiz. Running the Kids Book Club at School. Leading the Kids for Kids Choir.

## Waitetuna Way Heroes

**Dog Safety & Bite Prevention Programme**  
The aim is to educate and inform students on the correct way to approach a dog that they do not know, how to avoid being bitten by a dog and offers insight into the daily routine of an Animal Control Officer. It also teaches children the basic responsibilities of dog ownership.

**Xander**

Became a Waitetuna Superhero by showing awesome:

**Perseverance**

I can do anything I set my mind to

Date: 8th April 2016

**Emma & Macie**

Became a Waitetuna Superhero by showing awesome:

**Aroha**

Respond to problems rather than re-acting

Date: 15th April 2016



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