

Welbourn School Newsletter

Te Kura Tuatahi O Pukekura

February 8 2018

Newsletter 2

Tena ra koutou ki nga hau e wha ;Greetings to everybody; Kia ora, Talofa lava, Bonjour, Ni men hao, Guten Tag, Konnichi wa, Buenos dias, Kem cho, Namaste, Huan Yin, Anyunghaseyoo, Bom dia, Ahoj, Xin Chão Nēih hoū, Goeie more.

Our school Goal this term is: School Goal: RESPECT: Manaakitanga - For self and others.

 A warm Welbourn welcome to Oracle Grindlay, Zoe and Ethan Miller, Kiana Voyle, Nikau and Kauri Ngohe, Alicia Smith, Avajejan and Lukah Riordan, Nikora McKay, Yaksh and Darsh Deshwal, Charlene Williams, Nikau Coe, Jolee Lin, Caprice Marsden, Kasyn Martindale, Emme Sigurdsson, Jacob Ostler, Zac Johnson, Imaan Ahmed, Poppy and Thatcher Ellmoos, Rowan Lord, Miracle Rapaea-Matulino, Phoenix Tutahione-Neilson, Zahabiya Adam.

Nga mihi ki a koutou. Naumai, Haere mai ki te tau hau.

Welcome back everyone to the start of the 2018 school year. A very warm welcome to new families who have just joined our school.

Children have quickly settled back to their school learning and are making positive connections with their new teachers and classmates. Teachers are revisiting school expectations we all have to ensure that our school is a safe and happy community and developing class agreements or treaties with the children about their shared class expectations. Look for these on display in rooms soon.

A general school information sheet from our Parent/Caregiver information Handbook was sent home last week. The handbook is given to all families on enrolment and is on the school website www.welbourn.school.nz

NB: Please fill out the contact details sheet coming home with this weeks Newsletter.

Important Dates

15th February - Meet the Teacher 5.30pm

21st-23rd February - Kakapo Camp

27 February - BOT Meeting 5:30 pm

5 March - Home & School Meeting 7:30pm

12th March - Taranaki Anniversary

BOT NEWS:

Principal Appointment Community Consultation

The appointment of a new Principal is a critical process for our Board to undertake. We want to attract quality applicants who can continue to lead the school forward. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate how they meet the person specifications the school identifies as being important for their Principal to possess.

The aim of this survey which closes on **Tuesday 13th February at 3pm** is to assist the Board with identifying the characteristics and qualities that you as members of our school community see as being the most important for our new Principal <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/78T6J6L>

The Board appreciates the time and thought you are giving to this important task.

No individual who responds to this survey can be individually identified.

Ngā mihi

Welbourn School Principal Appointment Committee

Term Dates

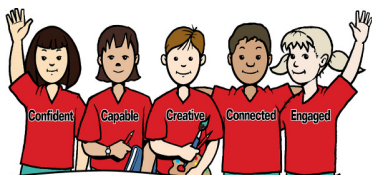
2018 Term Dates

Term 1: Thursday February 1st to
Friday 13th April

Term 2: April 30th - July 6th

Term 3: July 23rd - September 28th

Term 4: October 15th - December 18th



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally each year on 6 February and promotes the safe and positive use of digital technology. Coordinated in New Zealand by Netsafe, Safer Internet Day is an opportunity for everyone to learn about the things we can do to stay safe online.

For Safer Internet Day 2018, Netsafe has created a **Staying Safe Online Guide** to make staying safe online easier for everybody. The guide is full of helpful advice, tips and how-to guides from some of the biggest names in tech like Google, Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, and Trade Me. You can find the full guide from the following link:
<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/staying-safe-online/>

Welbourn School ICT Responsible User Agreement

Using ICT (Information & Communications Technology) responsibly is very important and something that we take seriously at Welbourn School.

This week each class has spent time relooking at their team 'Responsible User Agreement' (R.U.A).

It is important that each child and parent knows what their R.U.A covers. A copy of your child's R.U.A will be emailed to you today, via school links. Please take time to look at it and discuss what is expected of your child at their year level. Children who have changed team levels will be required to bring a signed RUA back to school.

Netsafe Parent Evening Session: Tuesday February 13th 6pm at Highlands Intermediate Hall Open to Welbourn Parents

Netsafe is an independent, non-profit New Zealand organisation focused on online safety. Netsafe provides specialist support for schools, educators and school communities around digital citizenship, responding to online incidents and other online safety issues. They are holding a Parent Evening at Highlands Intermediate on Tuesday 13th February at 6pm. Key messages that will be given are:

- * the landscape of young people online and potential challenges and complexities;
- * looking at ways parents/whānau can positively support young people online – pragmatic strategies;
- * resources and contacts available for parents/whānau and young people.

As children have increasing access to the internet and social media, this would be a great opportunity for parents to gain some knowledge and helpful tips on how to keep their child(ren) safe when using ICT.

If you have any questions regarding the use of ICT at Welbourn please speak to your child's teacher.

Road Patrol Parent help needed - Please can you help we urgently need a parent for **Thursday mornings**. Please consider giving half an hour in the mornings from 8:25am to 8:55am to keep our children safe. Contact our school office if you are able to help.



Meet the Teacher - Parent Picnic evening

Next Thursday the 15th February at 5:30pm.
Come and join us at this first school gathering for 2018.

Teachers will have classrooms open from 5:30-6:30 pm and look forward to meeting you. All classes will be open during this time for those of you who wish to take a walk through the school. New families and parents of junior children may like to take advantage of this. We encourage the children to be your host and show you around their class and school environment and introduce you to their teachers.

The Home & School group is supporting the Kakapo team to fundraise for camp costs. There will be barbeque sausages, sponsored by Hellers, for sale on the covered concrete area in front of the junior block. Bring along your own picnic fare and relax with other parents and teachers after visiting rooms.

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Sports News

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to coach and manage teams this season. Without your support these teams wouldn't be able to play.

Touch Rugby – I have room for more U12 players (yrs 5-6) Boys and Girls. This is played, Wednesday after school at Hickford Park, Bell Block. Games are at 5:10 and run for 30 minutes. Registrations available at the school office or email me and I can email one out to you. Season runs from February 28th through to April 4th.

Inline Hockey – places still available. Games from 5:30 at East End skate rink. Gear needed from home: helmet (bike helmet ok), mouthguard and knee and elbow pads. Rink supply inline skates and hockey stick on game night. Season runs from Thursday February 15th through to March 29th

Kiwi Cricket – Registrations closed. Season starts Friday 16th February through to season end Friday 6th April.

Summer Soccer – Registrations closed. Season runs from Tuesday 13th February at Merrilands Domain, from 6pm. Season finishes on Tuesday 20th March.

Taranaki SuperKidz Tryathlon series: Yr 1-9 students run over 5 Thursdays from 22nd Feb to 22nd March at Spotswood college. Registration – 4:30, Race start 5:30. For more information and online entry: www.tritaranaki.nz

Girls T20 cricket: Monday night competition Years 3-8 for Term 1. Girls register directly online to play in this 6 week competition. This is run separately to the Saturday competition. Season starts Monday 19th Register at: <http://www.taranakicricket.co.nz/>

Any queries to Suzanne Hopkins, Sport Administrator
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Nga Mihi Kind regards

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