



Thursday 16 February 2023

This week's PB4L Focus: Showing Compassion "Diversity and Kindness"

This week PB4L has focussed on fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion. Learners have been learning about each other's culture and places where their classmates come from. They have been discussing what it means to have a compassionate mindset, accepting each other's unique differences and demonstrating kindness. Parents might like to share further with their child about ways they can respectfully share and learn about each other's unique cultural backgrounds.



He aha te aha? What's on top? - with Mr Kaiser.

Ngā mihi mahana koutou katoa e te whānau - Warm Greetings to you all

Another Week of Disruption

We had hoped that this week might have been a 'normal' week, but Cyclone Gabrielle put paid to that! We now hope and plan that Week 4, next week, will be a normal full week at school.

Here at school we only experienced a couple of minor leaks, and lots of branches and leaves all round our property. We were busy cleaning up school on Tuesday afternoon to be ready for re-opening on Wednesday.

Classes

Our class lists are now set, and we expect children to now be settled into their new class and to be actively learning expectations set by their teacher.

Keeping healthy and well

We have had an unexpected disruption to learning in several classes with staff away sick. Please remember to reinforce the hygiene message with your children. Wash your hands carefully, use sanitiser and stay home when sick. We know in this humid weather that bugs spread easily. It is uncommon for tummy bugs to circulate at this time of year.

Diversity Parade

Tomorrow morning we will be celebrating all the cultural diversity in our school with children invited to wear either traditional cultural costumes, kiwiana, or service club uniforms such as Scouts. We will be on the flagpole court at around 9.15.

Room 18 and 19 'Meet the Teacher'

Miss Weiss and Mr Lee will be at school this evening, from 6.30 - 7.30 to meet parents of children in their classes. These two teachers were unable to attend last week. Please make your way over to Room 18 and Room 19.

Thank you - shukran

Thank you to the many families who have donated clothing, household goods and toys for the family of our new Syrian refugee student. They are very happy and send a big thank you.

Peter Kaiser



Picking up your child at 3.00pm

A reminder that School finishes at 3pm each day. If you are late picking your child up, please ring the office so that the children can wait outside the front of the office for you. Do not ask them to play at the playground.

Sunhats

Every learner is expected to wear a Tirimoana bucket hat or school cap. These can be purchased for \$12 from the office.



School Stationery

Your child has been issued with their stationery pack and an invoice has been sent home.

Ways to pay. The invoice needs to come back to school.

- **Pay online** (we prefer this option if possible)

School Bank Account details

ASB 12 3039 0881101 00

Please make sure you child's name, room number and the word 'stationery' are added in the reference sections



If you pay online, please send the invoice back to school with your child.

- **Send the money and the invoice in a named envelope back to school** with your child
- **Pay by eftpos at the school office**



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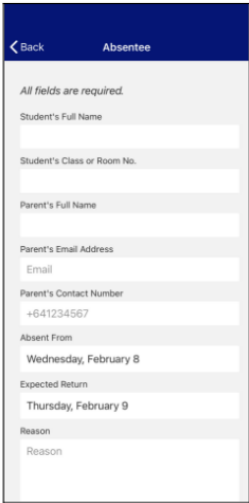
2023 sees your child/children in a new year level, a new classroom, with a new teacher.

Please update your 2023 Alert Groups found in the 'Alert Group Selection'

The image shows a sequence of two screenshots from the School App. The first screenshot shows the 'Alerts' screen with a search bar and a refresh icon. An arrow points to the second screenshot, which shows the 'Alert Subscriptions' screen. This screen has a 'Back' button and a 'Classrooms' section with a dropdown menu. Below the dropdown, there is a list of alert groups with radio buttons for selection: Year 0/1 Team, Year 2 Team, Year 3 Team, Year 4 Team, Year 5 Team, Year 6 Team, Kapa Haka, Pasifika, and PTA.

Reporting an absence

Reporting Absences is easy using the School App



The screenshot shows a mobile app interface for reporting an absence. The form is titled 'Absentee' and has a blue header with a back arrow. Below the header, it says 'All fields are required.' and lists several input fields: 'Student's Full Name', 'Student's Class or Room No.', 'Parent's Full Name', 'Parent's Email Address', 'Email', 'Parent's Contact Number' (with the number '+641234567' pre-filled), 'Absent From' (with 'Wednesday, February 8' pre-filled), 'Expected Return' (with 'Thursday, February 9' pre-filled), and 'Reason'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Reason' field from the text on the right.

Please let us know if your child will be away for more than one day.

Clearly state the reason for your child's absence.

School Lunches

Our lunch online ordering system will begin again for the year next **Wednesday 15 February**. Please remember to record your child's new class for the year to ensure they are delivered to the right class.



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Pita Pit every Wednesday

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WAITAKERE LEARNING SUPPORT (TEACHER AIDE) PROGRAMME
AND
ENVIROSCHOOLS LEARNING SUPPORT AIDE PROGRAMME

30 WEEKS FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT
(excluding school holidays)
20 HOURS PER WEEK

Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme is continuing our "Return to the Workforce" programmes for parents who currently receive the Sole Parent Support benefit.

We are able to employ **Learning Support (Teacher Aides)** to work in one of the following schools: **Birdwood Primary; Edmonton Primary; Henderson Int; Liston College; Rangeview Int; Rutherford College; Rutherford Primary; Te Atatu Int; Tirimoana Primary; Waitakere College; and Waitakere SDA.**

We are also employing **Enviroschools Learning Support Aides**, with positions currently available at **Flanshaw Primary, Tirimoana Primary; (others to be confirmed).**

The 20 hours of work for both programmes is during normal school hours and terms.

The positions are for a **30 week fixed term period** (excluding school holidays) commencing **Monday 13th March 2023** and finishing **17th November**. The projects are partially funded by Work and Income through the Ministry of Development Flexi-Wage Project in the Community. The rate of pay will be \$22.75 per hour (A Grade, Step 1 Teacher Aide Collective Agreement). There is no guarantee that the Learning Support positions or the Enviroschools Learning Support Aide positions will continue after the end of the project.

Successful **Learning Support** applicants will develop learning support/ teacher aide skills through working with teachers and students in a classroom, supporting literacy, numeracy and general learning needs; and preparing teaching resources and other duties as requested by the school. A job description and training will be provided by each school.

Successful **Enviroschools Learning Support Aides** will receive training in the Enviroschools kaupapa and related content, including waste, horticulture, gardening and preparing food skills, pests, biodiversity, energy and water conservation through a network of resources as well as from Enviroschools and Auckland Council Sustainable Schools. (See <https://enviroschools.org.nz> for further understanding around Enviroschools kaupapa). General Learning Support/Teacher Aide skills will also be developed as an essential part of the role.

PLEASE NOTE: Successful applicants must complete a satisfactory police vet and to be available for interviews during the week Monday 20th – Friday 24th February 2023.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please collect an information pack and application form from the school offices listed above or email margaret@isap.org.nz for the information.

Please either deliver the completed application to any one of the above schools' offices or email your application to margaret@isap.org.nz

Applications close Friday 17th February 2023 at 12 noon.

All inquiries to: Margaret Campbell, Manager, Waitakere Improving School Attendance Programme.
Phone: 0274376126 Email: margaret@isap.org.nz

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