

# Waiheke Island

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### Newsletter 3, 1 Pipiri (June) 2018

Kia ora e te whānau

Great news - the Ministry of Education has confirmed our status as a fully registered school!

As Matariki approaches and the changeable weather keeps us on our toes, we look forward to some mid-winter community celebrations.

The Ceilidh (pronounced 'kay-lee') Barn Dance (June 16) promises to be an entertaining night out for all ages. Thanks to musicians Gráinneog and Tommy Picket for donating their time and to **everyone** involved in organising this event - FUN-raising as well as fundraising.

We have been invited to take part in '*Kotahi Aroha*' (*One Love*) along with the other island schools and some pre-schools. This is a Matariki celebration of waiata and kapa haka at Te Huruhi Hall on Wednesday June 20. See ad below for details.

This term we will create work for the Matariki exhibition at Te Whare Taonga o Waiheke / Waiheke Community Art Gallery. The exhibition title 'E tipu e rea' comes from an entry written by Sir Apirana Ngata in a schoolgirl's autograph book in 1949. The tuakana-teina kaupapa of the exhibition is about the reciprocal relationship of matauranga / learning between older and younger. The exhibition will run from Friday July 6 to Sunday August 5.

We will finish the term on a high note - the much-loved, community Lantern Festival. Children will be making lanterns and grottoes in the lead up to the festival. On the night itself, we will follow a similar format to last year - stories and songs followed by the lantern walk, songs around the bonfire, then bread and hot soup. Details about food and specific jobs will be sent out separately.

Phew, what a term! Welcome to Awatea and Tui, newest members of our growing whānau. Term ends on Friday June 29. Teachers are working on mid-year reports. We have a three week break for these upcoming holidays. Term 3 starts on July 23. Keep warm, keep well.

Ngā mihi mahana  
Sarah Hoult  
Teaching Principal



# CĒILIDH BARN DANCE



## ALL WELCOME! PALM BEACH HALL

16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 5<sup>PM</sup> TILL 10<sup>PM</sup>

LIVE MID WINTER MUSIC WITH  
GRĀINNEOG AND TOMMY PICKETT

GATHER YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
AND COME ALONG TO A NIGHT OF  
FOOT STOMPING, FOLK DANCING FUN,  
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GATHER YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND COME ALONG TO A NIGHT OF FOOT STOMPING, FOLK DANCING FUN, FOOD AND LAUGHTER! DELICIOUS MEALS & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE. TICKETS ON THE DOOR AND VIA WAIHEKE ISLAND STEINER SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE.

FAMILY: \$35, ADULTS: \$15, CHILDREN: \$5 CASH AND EFTPOS AVAILABLE.

## Pānui / Notices

### Enrolment Inquiries

Limited spaces available for children born in 2011 onwards. If you know of people interested in joining our growing community school, please advise them to contact [office@waiheke.steiner.school.nz](mailto:office@waiheke.steiner.school.nz) for an enrolment and information pack.

### Spare Clothes

As it is getting wet and muddy around our outdoor areas we urge you to pack a spare change of clothes for your child every day. Raincoats and gumboots are essential. Having a warm pair of socks or slippers to have at school is a good idea too!

### Anthroposophical Studies

If you are interested in learning more about anthroposophy, a weekly group will be meeting on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Ostend. Get in touch with Tania for more information.

### Kindergarten Teacher Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a registered early childhood teacher in the kindergarten. Please keep an ear out and spread the word for anyone who would be interested.

### Transition to School Meeting

An information evening for parents of children born in 2012 to discuss the process of transitioning from kindergarten to school. To be held in Class 4-5, June 7 at 7pm. (A meeting for parents of younger children will be scheduled for next term.)

### Reminder – payment of fees

Please remember that if you are paying school fees by the term, the full invoice should be paid within the first 2 weeks of term. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Class 1 Happenings

Kia ora whanau, firstly a warm welcome to Tui! Our small class is starting to grow at last.

It has been a great term so far – as the cold winter weather has set in the knitting needles and wool has come out! Thanks to the help and wool donations from Karianne and her whanau, we have started to progress from finger knitting to knitting with our own homemade needles!

Our main lessons for Term 2 began with an Introduction to Maths, where we focussed on understanding the value of Roman Numerals up to 10. As the year goes on we will build on this knowledge, as well as progressing to Arabic Numbers and the Four Processes.

We have also come back to Form Drawing and have taken to Oneroa Beach most days to draw wonderful patterns in the sand. This has also presented an opportunity to develop road safety awareness and skills.

*Antonia Anderson*



## Class 2 & 3's Adventures of Late Summer/ Autumn

It has been a lovely first half of term here at Fossil Bay Farm. The sunshine lured us out the first two weeks - every morning we set off to the golden sands of Oneroa to move, sing, stretch, draw, work, and gather seaweed and driftwood for our gardens. The autumnal feeling has been there, yet there is still so much warmth in the sun and so much green everywhere.

### Autumn Mandalas

Class 4 & 5 joined us for making Autumn Mandalas - using gifts from the trees found on the ground. Children were invited to set an intention as they did so - many wanting to improve on their fitness, focus on their music, writing, more kindness, love, harmony, and practising being more calm. A great activity for all ages, with beautiful results!

### Visit to the Spinners and Weavers of Waiheke

Our class were very fortunate to have been guests of the Spinners and Weavers, joining them for their regular Monday morning session. The children got to see the processes of carding raw wool, spinning the carded wool, observing the Umbrella Swift whirling skeins of spun wool into neat balls - as well as the end result - incredible high quality finished handwork. We farewelled them with a waiata and made plans to meet again in the near future. The end highlight was exploring the Grow Group garden next door, where the utter joy of the children in accumulating dew drops into nasturtium leaves caused us to linger a little longer.

### Kai Conscious Café at The Waiheke Resources Trust

Class 1, 2 & 3 got to meet the team on the ground at the Sustainability Centre on one of their Friday excursions. Carys and Kathy were fantastic hosts! We weeded, planted seeds, admired the worms in the worm bath, and all worked together in the kitchen along with other volunteers to prepare a huge feast from excess food (from local supermarkets/ shops/ cafe's) for anyone in the community. The children really enjoyed being a part of this, especially when the amazing feast was served up. Our school children were acknowledged, and were invited to sing the kai karakia / food blessing. This lovely community event happens every Friday from 11 -2 and is open to everyone. There is no charge for the feast, but koha is appreciated for items they don't always receive. You can opt to join in with food preparation, as we did, or just turn up for the feast and enjoy.

### Gardening

Class 2 & 3 are working super hard at getting their gardening going. They have planted out iris and harakeke along the bank, collected driftwood and dug up swamp sludge to create a succulent garden, planted out an edible flower garden in the wine barrel, and they are currently raising seedlings in the hope that our slowly growing vegetable bed will soon be ready for some winter planting. Any donations of topsoil, coffee grinds, seaweed, horse poo, seeds and so on are most welcome, and many thanks to those of you who have already donated plants and gardening items already.

A huge thank you to the GROW group of Waiheke - we applied for, and received some funding from them and have been able to purchase tools, gloves, seeds, seedlings and seed raising mix - this goes a long way to getting us gardening properly so we are very grateful.

*Olivia James*



## Class 4-5 update

We have recently finished our Main Lesson on Fractions and learnt that things that might look quite complicated in Maths language can be really easy to understand when you have playdough at hand. We are really getting into our knitting projects (gloves or socks) and we have all become authors. We've read some great stories and now we are writing our own.

Our new Main Lesson is the Art and History of Writing; not only will we learn about rock art, hieroglyphics, papyrus, paper making, printing, quills, nibs and ink, and so on, we will have a go at making those things too.

*Sarah Hoult*

## First Birthday Celebration

A big thank you to everyone who joined us on May 15 to help celebrate our school turning 1! It was a beautiful day, filled with kite flying, games and a shared lunch.

The morning consisted of flying kites (made by the children), sand castle building and beach games within the classes.

After morning tea we had a special visit from Heidrun and Dancing Dee who did a great eurythmy session with the group.

Following a shared lunch, we decorated a beautiful spiral in the sand with flowers and a shared a few specials word to commemorate the day.



### Dates to Note...

<b>Mon 4 June</b>	Queen's Birthday (no school)
<b>Fri 15 June</b>	Matariki begins
<b>Sat 16 June</b>	Ceilidh Barn Dance 5-10pm Palm Beach Hall
<b>Wed 20 June</b>	<i>Kotahi Aroha</i> 5.15-7.45pm Te Huruhi Hall
<b>Fri 29 June</b>	Lantern Festival 5.25pm start Fossil Bay
<b>Fri 29 June</b>	Term 2 ends
<b>Fri 6 July</b>	'E tipu e rea' Matariki Art Exhibition Te Whare Taonga o Waiheke / Waiheke Community Art Gallery (runs until 5 August)
<b>Mon 23 July</b>	Term 3 begins

## Matariki

## ahunga nui

*Matariki provider of plenty food*

Date: Wednesday 20 June 2018

Venue: Te Huruhi Hall

Kai-food: 5:15pm onwards

Time: 6pm-7:45pm

Entry: Gold coin koha

Karakia: 6pm

Waiata himene: He honore



- **Roopu 1:** Piritahi Childcare
- **Roopu 2:** Te Puna o te Matauranga o te Motu-arai-roa
- **Roopu 3:** Waiheke Kindergarten
- **Roopu 4:** Waiheke Children's Choir
- **Roopu 5:** Waiheke Island Steiner School
- **Roopu 6:** Te Huruhi Primary School
- **Roopu 7:** Waiheke Primary School
- **Roopu 8:** Waiheke High School

Finale Collective Waiata

Karakia: 8pm

# KOTAHĪ AROHA

