



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, Salam Alaikum, Namaste, Huan Yin, Anyunghaseyoo, Bom dia, Ahoj, Xin Chāo Nēih hoū, Goeie more, Shalom.

Key Competency Focus: Managing Self - Te whakahaere i a koe anō

2022 Important Dates Term 4

- Fri 9th Dec—Prize Giving Assembly (Highlands Int Hall) 11am
- Fri 16th Dec (12pm) - End of Year
- Wed 1st Feb 2023—1st day for all children
- Mon 6th Feb—Waitangi Day

Service & Duties

A huge thank you to all the wonderful Year 5 and 6 (and a small number of Year 4) students who take on responsibilities around our school. (photo above). These students all received certificates at our services and duty assembly yesterday. We are so grateful for our children who make our Welbourn community a great place, by taking on roles such as road patrol, sports leader, banker, Let's Go leader, school council, librarian, junior duties, peer mediators, bike shed and rubbish monitors.

Home & School

As the year comes to an end I would like to thank our wonderful group of parents that form our Home & School Committee. The time and effort that they put into fundraising for our children & school is fantastic. From the recent Bikeathon, which has raised over **\$11 000** towards our pump track, to pizza lunches, raffles, calendar art, providing funds to teachers to buy items for their classes and welcoming new families at the New Parent Lunch, to name a few events, the H&S team make a positive difference to our school. At the end of this year we will be saying farewell to Matt Stuck & Melissa Holdom, as their children leave Welbourn. Thank you for all that you have given to Welbourn.

End of Year Reports

Teachers have been very busy completing end of year reports for all children. These will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 14th December. Please look out for these so they don't end up living at the bottom of the school bag. These reports let you know how your child is achieving in relation to their year level, effort shown, what your child can do and also next learning steps. These reports also form the basis of the first student, teacher & parent conference next year.

Please take note of the 'Next Steps' and try and work on some of these over the holiday break. This will help to avoid what is known as 'The Summer Effect', or 'Summer Slide'. This is when children lose some of what they learned over the school year. The summer holiday breaks the rhythm of instruction and can lead to sliding back in their learning.

A few things you can do to keep the learning going over the holiday:

- Encourage your children to read books they enjoy. They are more likely to finish books they pick rather than ones forced on them.
- Connect your reading to family outings. E.g.: Read about places you might be visiting or would like to visit
- If travelling by car: add, or multiply the digits of number plates. Practice basic facts, add the value of presents bought or shopping lists
- Let them share the strategies they have been taught in reading or maths
- Make the learning fun & relate it to real life experiences. Every little bit will make a difference to their learning

Students vs Staff Netball & Cricket

Over the past couple of weeks the students challenged the staff in cricket & netball. Both games were played in great spirit and were a lot of fun. Congratulations to the staff who narrowly won the cricket and netball. I'm sure the Y5 players in these games will be looking for revenge in 2023.



Lost Property

Please get your child to look in the lost property for any clothing items you think they have misplaced. There is a lot of nameless clothing waiting to be returned to their owners. All unclaimed items will be bagged up at the end of the year and donated to charity.

Home & School News

BIG Thank you to all the Welbourn Community that made Friday's Bike-a-thon possible! From the amazing baking donations, The Home & School Team, as well as all the extra parents that made it all happen! New World Merrilands for the help with bread and sausages, and The Sweet Spot for that amazing cake that was raffled! To the Parents who came and supported on the day, to the teachers for pulling it together and to the amazing children that biked, scootered and got sponsored for doing so. What a team you all are! Just a reminder to get your Bike-a-thon money banked - you can do this by paying straight into the Welbourn Home & School Account - Account 15-3957-0043879-00. Please add a ref to your payment: Child name, Room No, Bike-a-thon.

Thanks all

Sports News

Summer sports:

We still have outstanding Hockey uniform tops, can we please have these back by Monday at the latest.

We are after some more players for Term 1, 2023 sports. If your child wishes to play the following sports please fill out the following registrations.

Kiwi Incrediball Cricket :3x Div 2 players. For more information on this sport, click on the registration link.

[Term 1 Superstar Incrediball & Kiwi Cricket 2023](#)

Touch Rugby: 3x U8's players, 4x U10's players and 4x U12's players. For more information on this sport, click on the registration link.

[Term 1 Touch Rugby 2023](#)

Any queries to Sam Cresswell, Sport Administrator, sport@welbourn.school.nz

What has been Happening in the gardens?

In the school garden (Te Maara) room 13's garden and the food forest (Ngahere Kai), our school gardening club, with help from our caretakers Charlie and Nigel, have worked together to plant a variety of fruit and vegetables. We now have plums, apples, grapes, tamarillo, berries, zucchini, cucumber, squash, pumpkins, pepino, passionfruit, artichoke, rhubarb, strawberries, rocket, cabbages, carrots, peas, beans and lots of tomato plants and sunflowers that we grew from tiny seeds. There are always things happening in the garden/Te Maara, picking vegetables, planting, weeding and watering plants. If you would like to try some tasty fruit and vegetables check the big boxes at the gate. On Thursday lunchtimes the garden club is busy planting, weeding, harvesting, tasting and watering the plants at Te Maara (the garden). On Fridays room 13 are often harvesting plants to put in the big boxes or making some yummy food. If you would like to be a part of the healthy and sustainable fun go to the garden on Thursday lunch times.

By Eilidh and Jacob Rm 13



Road Patrol - We have really appreciated the time, effort given and responsibility shown by our Y6 road patrol monitors on the crossing this year. A special thank you again to our parent volunteers who have supervised the Cumberland crossing in the mornings.

We really appreciate your commitment each week. If any parent is able to help with Road Patrol we require a parent for Thursday morning 2023, from 8:25 to 8:55am.

Please contact our school office.

Nga Mihi Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Carr". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John Carr: Principal