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WAKANUI NEWS

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Since the start of the term in Kawakawa we have been super busy and have already covered 2 topics.

First we looked at ANZAC day and what it was all about and what it meant to us and our families. To help us get a better understanding we shared family memories connected to the wars, baked ANZAC biscuits, read lots of books relating to the topic and even had a trench in the classroom.



We have also been learning about being fire wise. We have learnt about smoke alarms, how to get out of a fire and what to do if we find a fire. We had Steve and Donna from NZ Fire and Emergency come and talk to us, they brought the escape tunnel with them and all the children had to crawl through to other end in the pitch black.



IMPORTANT DATES

17 May – Technology
17 May – Junior Assembly
17 May – BOT 6:30pm
18 May – Pizza Lunch Day
24 May – Technology
25 May – Pizza Lunch Day
29 May – 2 June Swim Week Y1-3, EA Pool
31 May - Technology
1 June – National Young Leaders Day Y8 ChCh
1 June – EPRO8 - Y5/6 9:30am, Y7/8 5pm
1 June – Pizza Day
5 June – King's Birthday, School Closed
6 June – Hot Food Box Lunches Begin
7 June – Counties Cross Country
7 June - Technology
7 June – School Assembly

Save the Date...
Festival Choir Evening
13th June, 7pm at AEC with our
Y6-8 students involved.

With winter fast approaching
jackets, beanies and gumboots
(all named) are a good idea to
bring each day

Thank you to ... Matt & Julia Paton for allowing us to use their paddock again this year for our Cross Country course.

Ashburton Canvas in South Street for the very speedy repair of our flags to use at the Cross Country!

Kia ora Koutou,

Congratulations to all our tamariki for their amazing endurance and efforts at Cross Country last Thursday! Ka pai Mr Smith for your organisation.

Cross country is not everyone's favourite event of the year, but the smiles were widespread. The weather played its part and a massive thank you to **Matt and Julia Paton** for setting up such a brilliant cross-country course. There were even some cows watching on from the centre of the course, to add to the 'country' feel. Well done to those that achieved the qualifying placing to compete at the Counties Cross Country on June 1st, (year5-8) and to those younger students there are some very speedy up and coming runners.

It's been a busy start to the term with classes looking at the significance of Anzac Day, as well as the junior school learning about fire safety. Some of our Year 8 students were able to enjoy a great week with other Year 8 leaders from around the district.

This week starts our Read Read Read Campaign. I hope everyone is encouraging more time to read at home, with the focus being that all reading is reading. Be great to see every Wakanui Student reach their individual goal.

On Monday Jeanette Tarbotton came to read to students 'Paddington at the Palace' to honour the Kings Coronation. We purchased 'Paddington at the Palace' and 'Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants' with a book voucher from the Wakanui Country Women's Institute for our school library. We are also planting a Kōwhai Tree which was given to us by Volunteering Mid & South Canterbury, to mark this occasion.

I hope you all get the chance to see the local production of Wizard of Oz, starring our very own Miss Farr, Mrs Wells, Anna and Ella-Kaia. May 19-27- get your tickets from the Ashburton Events Centre!

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