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## Waitangi Day at NZIS

February 6th is New Zealand's Day to celebrate its bicultural strength through its relationship between Maori and Pakeha and the value each culture brings to create New Zealand's cultural identity.

At NZIS, we live in a multicultural climate, where having respect for everyone's religion, culture and nationality are fundamental for being a respectful and nurturing community.

Celebration and enjoyment are fundamental pillars of Primary and this was clearly evident yesterday at our Primary assembly and activities. Ms Denise and her staff had arranged a dynamic rotation of activities designed to stimulate and engage all learners.

Later the Secondary students taught all Primary students their Maori waiata, which has become synonymous with the school.

There was collaboration, laughter, involvement and passion and these themes are fundamental to any Waitangi day celebration.

Thanks to all staff and students for sharing their enthusiasm and respect for a significant day in New Zealand History.

Lastly, I want to thank all those parents who came to the BBQ evening last night, Mr. Rocky for his words in Maori and our secondary students for supporting us with their singing. Have a wonderful weekend and well done everyone on a pretty special week.

**Inga Tamou** -Principal



Over the last two weeks our teachers have been discussing their Maori class names with their students. It is appropriate to add a little explanation of each here, having celebrated Waitangi Day at NZIS yesterday.

## PRIMARY CLASS NAMES



**KEA** – a mountain parrot that is intelligent, large and bold

**PUKEKO** - probably one of the most recognized native birds in NZ, with its distinctive colourings and habit of feeding on the ground. (Pukeko means 'purple swamp hen!')



**TUI** - a bird unique to NZ and belonging to the 'honey-eating' family. It mimics human speech and the songs of other birds.

**KIWI** - North Island brown flightless bird with feathers like hair and a long bill. The Kiwi is nocturnal and the most famous of all NZ wildlife. One often refers to people from New Zealand as 'Kiwis'.



**HOIHO** - is a yellow-eyed penguin. The adult has a band of yellow feathers starting at the eye and encircling the back of the head, and slate-grey underparts. The yellow-eyed penguin was named for its call.

**PAPAKANUA** - Papakanua is the Maori name for the Hector's dolphin of New Zealand. The Papakanua are the smallest and rarest marine dolphins in the world. They are not only very cute, but also known for their friendly and playful natures.



**UENUKU** - simply means Rainbow. A significant Maori ancestor had this name.

**WHANAKE** - Cabbage Tree, - a palm-like tree with strong, long, narrow leaves; the young inner leaves are eaten both raw and cooked. The verb whanake means to move onwards, upwards and grow!



## PRIMARY POST!

**TANE MAHUTA** - According to the Maori creation myth, Tāne Mahuta is the son of Ranginui the sky father and Papatuanuku the earth mother. Tāne Mahuta separates his parents until his father the sky is high above mother earth. Tāne Mahuta then sets about clothing his mother with vegetation. The birds and the trees of the forest are regarded as Tāne's children.



**MANA** - The word is taken from the Māori and refers to a person or organisation of people of great personal prestige and character.

**MANAIA** - The Manaia is a mythological creature in Māori culture, and is a common motif in Māori carving and jewellery. The Manaia is usually depicted as having the head of a bird and the body of a man, though it is sometimes depicted as a bird, a serpent, or a human figure in profile. The Manaia symbol is used as a guardian..



**RANGATIRA** - means to be of high rank, enobled, rich, esteemed, revered. How appropriate for our NZIS Primary student leaders in Year 6!

## PARENT EVENING

Our staff were very pleased with the attendance at the Information Evening last night. It is hoped that this opportunity provided answers to a range of questions and eliminates the need for lots of repeated questions about the same theme. In the last week of this term there will be an opportunity for our Early Years and Primary parents to meet one-on-one with each teacher to discuss each child's transition to their new class. Thanks to all those who could attend the information sessions and the barbeque afterwards. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to build community and welcome our new NZIS members for 2015.

## PRIMARY STAFFING

This week we said goodbye to **Ms Elis** after 2 ½ years working at NZIS. We were sad to see Elis go but wish her every happiness in her exciting and challenging role in a local kindy. Today we farewelled **Mr Dika** who joined our teaching team last year in Ms Josie's Year 3 class. This year Dika has been working with our Year 5 class. Mr Dika leaves us to work at another International School in Jakarta. We wish him all the best in his new role.

The flip-side to saying farewell means we get to welcome new staff. This week we welcomed **Mr Dhafa** into Year 5. The students were very excited to welcome Mr Dhafa back to NZIS as he was their TA in 2012. In Year 4 we welcome **Ms Bia** and in the Early Years **Ms Sukma** has joined the team, working with Ms Sunita in Kiwi.



## SICKNESS

Parents, please be advised that we encourage you to keep your child at home if they are too sick to participate in the full school programme due to illness. At NZIS we must consider the welfare of all community members and ensure that we do not share illnesses with classmates and staff. This week we have had to send a number of sick children home throughout the day and have had many staff absent on sick leave. Let's keep our school healthy and consider the welfare of all!



## BOOK CLUB

Hopefully all Book Club orders were submitted to front office today. As the letter did state Monday we will accept orders on Monday morning before 8:30am, for those who would still like to choose some books from the catalogue. Ms Feny will be collating the orders on Monday and sending them to Scholastic so that we can receive our book packs before the Easter holidays. Remember to submit orders in an envelope with the exact money.



## COMMUNICATION

Parents please be aware that the before school timeslot is a convenient one for you to meet with teachers if there is something you need to discuss briefly. The teachers welcome the little snippets of information you may have for them in the morning. Please feel free to visit the classroom between 7:45am and 8:00am while your child is supervised in the playground for a quick chat. If you require a longer time then just make an appointment.

## UNIFORM

Congratulations to all students and parents on the amazing improvement in the wearing of correct WHITE socks! On my spot-check this week the children were proud to show off their correct socks! Unfortunately, we are not having quite so much luck with the shoes! There have been lots of questions about the formal black shoe! I have made it very clear to all the children that if the shoe is ALL BLACK (sole, laces, shoe) it may be worn with formal and sports uniform. This may be a sports shoe or leather shoe but it must be ALL BLACK! If their sports shoe is not all black then the students must have a second pair of ALL BLACK shoes to wear with their batik uniform. They may not wear their white sports shoes with their batik uniform! Notes were being sent home this week from teachers and there will be another check next week. I have found 'all black' sports shoes and formal shoes at Block M markets and Centro Semanggi, but I know there are a lot of other outlets selling them, as many of the local students also wear them. Let's work together so all students can wear our NZIS uniform with pride.



## PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) & CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES (CPR)

Our first PSG meeting will be held in the Meeting Room in Primary at 8am next Thursday morning. We are hoping to get a big crowd of primary parents coming along! Please don't be shy. Come and find out what it's all about. New parents are very welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

Class Teachers are also keen to have their Class Parent Representatives nominated before then. In the coming weeks we will hold a quick orientation session for all our new Class Parent Reps (CPR) and provide them with a kit which has all the guidelines and sample letters you can use to send to parents. Basically, the role of the CPR is to be a support for the classroom teacher for such things as reminding parents about class events, excursions, special occasions etc. Ideally the Class Parent would establish a phone tree made up of the class parent contacts to make communication an easy task. This could be a fun role and you could ask a friend to assist you. In the younger classes the CPR might arrange a class play in the park or parent coffee morning to allow new parents to mix and meet others. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in this role for 2015. It is a great way to build community at NZIS and get to know others.

## THE JASIS 5TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

is to be held on March 6th at the Netherlands Inter-Community School. A Spelling Bee is a contest where students have an opportunity to compete against each other by out-spelling them. Spelling Bees are an enjoyable way to help promote spelling and vocabulary growth.

We are currently getting our Spelling Team organized for this event. This week our Year 4 to 6 students had a class spelling competition and the best four performers have now been chosen. Mr Jeremy will work with these students to get the best two for each age group from 7 1/2 up to 12 years old. It is possible to have students from the same class representing two different levels depending on when their birthday is. Unfortunately our Year 3's are unable to participate this year as they will be on camp. We will announce our JASIS Spelling team in a couple of weeks.

**Ms Denise Roache**  
Head of Primary

# Kia ora to all our Kiwis on this 6th day of February which is Waitangi Day!





# Buddy Class

**Pukeko Kindergarten** and **Tane Mahuta Y3** classes thoroughly enjoy buddy time every Monday morning.

It is wonderful to see new friendships developing and lots of positive peer tutoring. The children spend time together exploring the EY environment: reading stories, building with Lego and making music. It is always a fun morning of sharing and learning together.

PRIMARY POST!

# Kiwi Class



In **Kiwi Class** children have been learning strategies through fun active exploration, thinking and reasoning. Through these activities our wonderfully keen and happy children develop verbal communication skills.

**Tui class** has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the ICT program this year. The i pads are great for developing their fine - motor skills as well as their hand and eye coordination.



# Tui class



Waitangi celebrations formed a big part of the week. Ms Helen, our new English teacher has started a NZIS Newspaper in her after school program. At this stage the students slowly understand the challenges of news reporting, interviews and ensuring their writing is stimulating and informative. This week Ms Helen offered them the challenge of finding out... what is Waitangi Day?... these are their words.

I have been to Waitangi Day a few times before at NZIS and there were some great experiences for my friends and I. I remembered having fun, but I had forgotten why I was celebrating it. So I did some research and here is what I found out:

## What is Waitangi Day?

Waitangi Day is a public holiday held on the 6th February every year to commemorate the signing of New Zealand's founding document – the Treaty of Waitangi – in 1840.

## Why do we celebrate Waitangi Day?

The national holiday was first declared in 1974, and since then, it has grown in significance for all New Zealanders through the Maori renaissance, which has led to a better understanding of the Treaty's ramifications. - By **Isabelle**, Year 8

This week we spoke to two students from year 12, Leilani and Natasha, about last year's Waitangi day. I was really excited because I didn't really know what to expect as a secondary school student.

Q: What are your highlights from previous Waitangi Days?

A: We got to go to Primary!

Q: What did you do in primary school while you were there?

A: We made paper birds and a Poi\*.

Q: Why do you like it?

A: Because Primary and Secondary get to celebrate it together.

\*Poi is a musical instrument that women swing around while the men dance.

By So Yeon Year 7

Waitangi Day is a significant day in the history of New Zealand and has a special place in every New Zealander's heart. This year NZIS has taken a different approach to celebrating it. It wasn't the typical fun and games as before, but instead, secondary students were assigned to teach primary 'Jakarta E' between houses. This helped to create closer bonds between the student communities. Secondary students who rose to the challenge put themselves in the frame of becoming prefects, head boy and head girl. The day ended with an amazing parent and teacher BBQ including a performance by the secondary senior students.

- By **Natalie**, Year 11

## SECONDARY STANDARDS!



Waitangi was a very special occasion for secondary students as it is very rare for both campuses to get together. Yesterday was a day to celebrate community and solidarity. It allowed our young leaders the opportunity to develop awareness, on how to motivate, how to teach and how to be flexible as a leader. I congratulate all the Houses and the respective leaders for their efforts and enthusiasm.

We have a song in Maori, which is pretty special for us and it is something that has actually set us apart from other international minded schools. The key now is to nurture this song, to add our school song, which Mr. Michael penned last year and maybe a song from Indonesia. We have a strong group of students who are keen musicians and in Mr. Rocky, a teacher who can help build that fire.





Camp information is well in process and Mr Rocky and Ms Veronica are our two camp leaders. They will be finalizing details by next week and will be able to present a detailed outline of camp requirements.

Finally, this year we have a specialist ESL teacher, Mr. Daniel. He is committed, professional and has a genuine empathy for his students and the challenges they face. Over the next two weeks we will be building a new stream in our curriculum, which concentrates on reinforcing English, looks at differentiation in mainstream classes and looks at what students will need when they leave NZIS.

I am really excited by what Mr. Daniel can offer our students and the way he has changed the attitude of this group of students.

- Mr Inga Tamou, Head of Secondary

## 2015 SCHOOL TERM DATES

As below these are our term dates for next year.

**2015**

**Term 1: Jan 20 - March 27**

**Term 2: Apr 13 - June 26**

A full 2015 Academic calendar is on our website so visit [www.nzis.school.nz](http://www.nzis.school.nz) to stay up-to-date.

## Upcoming Dates

- February, 14 - Skybattle Rugby 7's tournament at Jagorawi
- February, 19 - Chinese New Year Holiday
- February, 20 - NZIS Bridging Holiday
- February, 25 - Professional Development Primary (Primary school closed)
- February, 26 - Professional Development Secondary (Secondary school closed)
- March, 3-6 - Yrs 5/6 Camp
- March, 4/5 - Yr 4 Camp
- March, 5/6 - Yr 3 Camp
- March, 16-20 - Secondary Camps Yr 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 only
- March, 26 - Swimming sports in Secondary

