

## **WAIPARA SCHOOL TEACHER ONLY DAYS ORGANISED FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR**

There are two TODs organized for the rest of this year – Friday 29 May and Friday 21 August. Please pop these dates into your diary, so that you can be forewarned and forearmed!

### **LEADERSHIP CAMP NEXT WEEK**

On Sunday 15 March, Levi McNae, Hamish McGuckin, Charli MacMillan, Maia Moore and I head off into the hills to Windy Point (aptly named) and The Boyle River to take part in one of the premier events on our school calendar – Leadership Camp. The children are involved in problem solving challenges intermingled with physical challenges to keep brains and bodies moving. Our four children will join with children from Waikari, Greta Valley and Hanmer Springs Schools in these challenges, forming friendships along the way. The Principals of the above named schools will be in attendance as well as Mr. Stone (ex Greta Valley). We will be leaving our school gate at 3.30pm on Sunday and children need warm and waterproof clothing. I will send a note home with the children later in the week regarding how to contact us on camp should you have to in an emergency. I don't have the finer details of this to hand...Leadership Camp is a wonderful experience and on the Thursday (after we return on the Wednesday), I have organized Mr. Stone to come and work with the children on their Leadership Camp presentations so please ensure children are at school. Thanks.

### **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY**

It is really important that children attend school every day, unless they are sick or attending a dental appointment – these are the only justified reasons that children can be absent from school. Waipara School over the years has generally posted a very good attendance record for children. Not so this year, with the 26 February being the first day **this year** that all of the children were present in Harakeke and indeed the whole school! That's a month with a child / children being absent every day!!!! And the reason for absence was not always sickness or dental visits! Valuable learning is lost when children are absent from school and over time, this impacts. Please ensure your child's attendance at school every day. Thank you.

### **THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

Five children – Hamish McGuckin, Maia Moore, Riley Girdlestone, Charli MacMillan, Toby Coxon and myself - will be heading to Gore Bay to undertake Enviroschools' work with other Enviroschools' leaders from other local schools, some representatives from ECan and Matt Stanford. We will be leaving school just after 9 am and heading to Gore Bay for the day, returning by 3pm. Children may wear muffti clothing to be involved in the activities we will be doing. A hearty lunch and morning tea, water bottle and jacket will be required. This is the first such day to be organized for our schools and we are looking forward to what we can learn.

### **FRIDAY 20 MARCH AFTERNOON**

During the afternoon of Friday 20 March, whilst the above children and myself are in Gore Bay, the rest of the school children will be involved in a Rugby Skills afternoon session organized by the Canterbury Rugby Union. Hence why, there will be no assembly on this day.....