



Wainui School

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Small Enough to Nurture Dreams
Big Enough to Realise them
'He iti noa hei whakapoipoi moemoeā
He nui noa hei whakaea ai'

An Information Booklet For Parents & Caregivers



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Hello, Tena Koutou Katoa, Welcome.

To our school families and the wider community, I welcome you aboard.

To prospective parents and caregivers, we invite you to find out a little more about our unique school and the exciting educational opportunities we can offer your child.

We are a full primary school enrolling children from year 1-8. Our school is set in a beautiful rural environment with a substantial piece of bush on our grounds. We are fortunate enough to have beautiful beaches close by, as well as being only 40 minutes from the Auckland city, enabling us to participate in all that the city has to offer.

We are keen to ensure literacy and numeracy, our core business, is taught well but we enjoy our Inquiry learning topics plus lots of sports, art, music. Our year 7 & 8 Students enjoy an enriched curriculum that prepares them for the college of their choice. They are given leadership opportunities, are offered technologies and learn a language.

If you wish to know more about our school, please don't hesitate to contact us. I would be happy to show you around and introduce you to all our friendly staff and children.



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Presiding Member: Mrs. Pip Catchpole

Principal: Mrs. Gillian Bray

Members:

Staff Rep Mr. Jason Irvine
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Mr. Joe Long
Mr. Chad Mexted
Mr. Chris Scott

KEY ROLE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The governance of the school is entrusted to the Board. The Board are elected every three years, and provide the link between the school and the Ministry of Education. Five members are elected representatives of the parents and one member is the elected representative of the staff. The principal is automatically a member of the Board.

The current Wainui School Board has determined its own unique governance/ management approach based on delegated levels of responsibility for the following functions: administration, curriculum, finance, property, personnel and student support. The continuum below clearly shows our concept of governance. The day-to-day management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal.

WAINUI SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Type of School:

Wainui School is a co-educational, rural, state, full primary school U5Equity Index (EQI) No.: 419. Wainui School is Zoned as from 2023.

School Vision:

Wainui students will be confident, creative and successful lifelong learners.

Mission Statement:

To create modern and innovative learning environments, which equips our students with the skills and attitudes to respond to life's challenges in a connected world.

School Values:

The 5R's: Relational, Respectful, Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective.



Strategic Plan:

Our vision at Wainui School is to be:

- **Confident** (Whakamanawa) – Believe in yourself.
- **Connected** (Herenga) – We're in this together.
- **Creative** (Auahatanga) – Nurture the seed and the blossom will grow.

Our goals are:

1. **Learners at the Centre** (Akonga) – Ensuring the learner is engaged and achieves their potential in an inclusive environment.
2. **Quality Teaching & Leadership** (Rangatiratanga) – Develop and implement a creative and responsive curriculum underpinned by evidence-based teaching and learning practices.
3. **Connecting to the People** (Manaakitanga) – Strengthen our sense of community by improving the ways in which we communicate, engage and collaborate.
4. **Connecting to the Place** (Kaitiakitanga) – Care for our unique environment while building a sustainable future.

Description of the Community:

Wainui School is a rural school with a long history. It was started in 1879 in a single classroom which survives to this day, restored as an example of an early New Zealand school at the MOTAT (in Auckland). The majority of our pupils are drawn from the farming areas of Tahekeroa, Upper Waiwera, Upper Orewa and of course Wainui itself. We are, however, beginning to enrol children from further afield. While traditionally a farming area, the make-up of the school has changed somewhat in the last ten years. Most of the contributing families are now small holding 'life-style block' owners, city or towns-people who have moved into the area to experience the quieter rural life. The school still has members from some of the original settlers in the area. With an open enrolment zone, students choose to come from Millwater, Red Beach and Kaukapakapa.

Many occupations are represented by the school's parents / caregivers, with many commuting to the North Shore or to the city. Many children use the daily bus service to travel to and from school.

Description of the School:

Wainui School is set back from Waitoki Road and is surrounded by farmland and bordered by native bush, which is owned by the school. This school is approximately 50 km from Central Auckland City, 14 km from Orewa on the Hibiscus Coast and 12 km from Silverdale.

The school consists of 15 classrooms, a hall and staffroom, Music Room, Art Room, Technology Rooms, Resource Room, Library and an Administration Block.

There is also a swimming pool, and a school house on the side of the driveway. Other outside facilities include a sports field, tennis/netball courts, 2 exciting adventure playgrounds (junior and senior children) and, a bike track with bikes. All facilities are kept well maintained.

Included within the school's boundaries is a large area of bush with a stream running through it near the edge of the playing field.

Roll growth is increasing and we currently have a roll between 280 – 330 pupils.



As a full primary, we cater for children from the New Entrant level up to Year 8. On completion of their schooling at Wainui the majority of our pupils move to Orewa College, although some undertake secondary education at a school on the North Shore, Helensville or in Auckland City.

Our Teaching and Learning Team use Inquiry Based Learning, Integrating Information, Communication Technology (ICT) and infusing Thinking Skills into the holistic programmes to encourage independent, critical and creative thinkers. Our programmes are child centered, personalising the learning as much as we can.

Professional learning is highly valued and well supported by the Board of Trustees. The school encompasses a balance of tradition and innovation to prepare students for their future as life long learners.

School Organisation:

We have a well-organised school with sound management structures in place. We know that children learn best in a supportive, caring environment where learning objectives are clearly set. Each child is valued as an individual and specific learning needs are catered for. Individual progress is monitored regularly and realistic expectations established for each child. Children with special abilities are catered for within the classroom programme and offered extension opportunities.

At Wainui School we have both composite and single level classes depending on numbers in the year levels.

School Hours:

9.00am to 3.00pm	Monday to Friday
School Opens for drop off	8.15am
Brain Food break	10.00am for 5 minutes
Morning tea	10.10am - 10.35am
Lunch	11.45pm - 12.15pm
Third Break	1.25pm – 1.50pm



The school cannot accept responsibility for children who arrive at school before 8.15am or who remain at school after 3.30pm. The co-operation of parents would be appreciated on these points.

Term Dates 2022

Term 1	-	Thursday 3rd February	-	Thursday 14th April
Term 2	-	Monday 2nd May	-	Friday 8th July
Term 3	-	Monday 25th July	-	Friday 30th September
Term 4	-	Monday 17th October	-	Friday 16th December

General Information: (in alphabetical order)

Absence from School:

By regulation, children are required, by law, to attend school unless prevented by illness or some special home circumstances. For all holidays/ trips taken during term time, permission must be obtained by emailing the principal. If your child is absent please either phone or email to let the school office know (09 420 5127 or mobile 027 525 1848) before 9am.

Addresses:

It is very important that we have an up-to-date list of postal, email addresses and telephone numbers. Please inform the school of any changes.

Ag Day and Young Farmer of the Year:

In October each year we hold our annual Ag Day, a day when children can compete in various categories with their pet calf, lamb or goat. An exhibition of the children's arts and crafts work is also on display. There is a Country Market, cafe and children's games once the competition is finished.

A Young Farmer of the Year competition is also competed for in four divisions - senior, intermediate, middle and junior school. They compete in various activities associated with farming i.e. putting up a fence, hale bale races etc.

After School Care:

sKIDS (Safe Kids in Daily Supervision) is available at Wainui School, Monday to Friday until 6.00pm. Parent Handbook for information and enrolment forms available at the school office.

sKIDS provides a fun, safe, out of school care programme. It is New Zealand's #1 provider of out of school care, offering quality care since 1996. Visit their website www.skids.co.nz for more information and enrolment.



Appointments and Interviews:

Parents are warmly invited to visit the school to discuss matters relating to the progress and development of their children, for it is only when there is close co-operation and understanding between parents and teachers that children benefit to the maximum from their schooling. When you wish to meet a teacher, please phone or send an email, so that a convenient time can be arranged. If the phone is unattended, a message can be left on the answer phone and will be answered as soon as possible.

Assembly:

We endeavour to hold whole school assemblies at least 3 times a term on Fridays at 2.00pm to celebrate achievements and share learning. Parents are welcome to attend. The newsletter has more details if there are changes to this format.

Behaviour Management:

We believe very strongly in every child having the right to a quality education. We have a no tolerance policy toward bullying throughout the school. We insist on Respect and the use of our school values from the children to all staff members, visitors to the school and to other children. We do not tolerate rudeness or lack of respect from any child in the school and hope parents appreciate these values. Parents will be called and informed if misbehaviour continues or step 4 is reached on our behaviour plan.

We expect respect for school property and resources, and do not like to see children writing on furniture or walls, or mistreating school equipment.

Clothing:

Daily – Children are free to choose their own clothing, there is no school uniform.

Representation of the School – In cultural, sporting, class trips etc, children are expected to wear their own “school representation T-shirt”. These are available for order and purchase at the school office.

Lost Clothing – Please label all clothing and footwear.. We all work together to ensure clothing and footwear is all returned. We do have a lost property box but would prefer it contains very little clothing.

Cultural Visits and Performances:

During the year performers or groups may visit the school. There is usually a small charge.

Curriculum:

The subject areas taught at Wainui School are defined by the Ministry of Education.

These subjects are:

- The Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- English
- Learning Languages
- Technology
- Social Studies including Inquiry Learning
- Health and Physical Education



While each of these subjects has a defined content area for each year your child is at school, children learn at different rates. Subjects are not taught in defined periods, but rather are combined throughout classroom time to achieve the curriculum objectives.

Alongside our traditional teaching, computers, iPads and laptops are part of the learning tools. Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) at Wainui School is now compulsory for Years 7 & 8.

Years 1 & 2	Wainui School will provide devices
Year 3, 4, 5, & 6	BYODs are optional. Wainui School will provide some devices.
Year 7 & 8	BYODs are compulsory.

Dental Clinic:

Children from our school have their dental health cared for by the Waitemata Health Board Dental Therapists. Once a year the mobile dental clinic is at the school with therapists doing work on-site. For emergency work contact the Stanmore Bay School Dental Clinic 09 424 6046.

Donation:

2023

1 Child	\$200
2+ Children	\$200 + \$175

Through the efforts of the FOWS (Friends of Wainui School), BOT, parents, children and staff of Wainui School, we now have a well equipped and successful school.

We can only achieve everything we do with everyone's school donation and fundraising. A high decile school such as Wainui receives the lowest amount of Operational funding from the Ministry of Education. By contributing your donation, we can achieve our goals.

Educational Trips (EOTC):

It is widely recognised that first hand contact greatly helps learning and understanding. For this reason your child may have the opportunity to take part in educational trips, which will be aimed at developing further understanding and insight into some aspect of school studies. Such visits often require extra adult supervision and parents are encouraged to offer their assistance for these trips. We usually ask for a contribution towards these trips.

Enrolments:

New Entrants may be enrolled at any time on or after their fifth birthday. There are a few forms that need to be filled out by parents, which if possible need to be completed before the children start. Parents will need to bring the child's birth certificate and Immunisation Record, or Immigration papers if necessary. Preschoolers have several visits prior to starting school available to them.

To enrol other children (not new entrants), please bring any records or books from the previous school plus birth certificates and immunisation records.

To enrol please make an appointment with the Principal.

Emergency Procedures:

In the event of an accident or sickness children are attended to in the sick bay. If staff are in doubt or the situation is serious, parents will be contacted immediately. If we are unable to contact your family we will notify your listed emergency contact, or if appropriate, a doctor. We keep an up-to-date list of children with medical problems and courses of action necessary, in the sickbay and office.

Hall:

We are very proud of our school hall which we built in 2004. This is used for many school events. The Board of Trustees will hire it out for special events. There is a hall hire application to do so.

Hats:

In accordance with our Sun Protection Policy, the wearing of hats is compulsory during Terms 1 and 4 when students are outside. There is a Wainui School hat for sale (\$18.00) but any wide brimmed hat or cap is permissible.

Homework:

While children are at Primary School they are introduced to many extra-curricula activities which help them now and later, to live full lives - dance, surf club, learning to play a musical instrument, sports, clubs, etc. It is important that homework should not prevent children from taking part in these social, cultural and physical pursuits. At the same time the habit of regular work at home is a worthwhile one - it requires self-organisation by the child, provides opportunities for practice with and reinforcement of work undertaken at school and affords parents opportunities of finding out something of their child's work, and work habits in various fields.

In the Junior School (Y1 & Y2) this will mainly take the form of reading. Children will be given books or poetry (at their own reading level) to take home to be read to/and with parents. The importance of taking an interest in your child's reading cannot be over-stressed, and your co-operation in this matter is eagerly looked forward to. As mentioned elsewhere these books are costly, receive a great deal of wear, and we ask that the parents see that the books are returned to school in good order. Please **do not** mend books, especially with cellotape.

In the Middle & Senior School (Y3-Y8) a wider variety of home activities will likely be carried out. Work set will be work that the child should be able to do him/herself with material brought from school or known to be readily available at home. Here again parental interest in homework is not only welcome but also desirable. Many children become especially interested in some classroom topics and wish to follow up with research at home. This should be encouraged and parents can help by showing an interest and asking about current projects.

The importance of reading as a valuable homework activity cannot be over emphasised. If parents could constantly be on their alert to their children's reading habits and interests, could encourage them to join and borrow from libraries and then read the books borrowed, they would be reinforcing the work done at school and doing much to ensure that their children will be able to take a normal place in this modern technological age where the various reading skills are of such importance.

Friendly interest in discussion about books read, and thus encouragement to read more can be most helpful. Discussions on comprehension, spelling, grammar and so on should be avoided as they may dampen interest in reading.

Houses:

Each child is put in a "House" on commencement at the school. Families are all in the same house. We have four houses and these are named after early settlers in the area (Hutson, Lloyd, Lamont, Jacob). Each house has a colour to identify them. Points are awarded to individuals throughout the year through academic exploits, sporting achievements, class points and on various other occasions. At the end of the year the Straka Shield is awarded to the winning team.

Information Evenings:

During the year there will be parent evenings held to explain aspects of the curriculum, and to consult and inform parents on issues facing the school.

Library/Information Centre:

Our school library is bright and attractive with a wide selection of new books. The library is open every school day for borrowing or returning books. Books are a very costly item of school expenditure and it would be appreciated if parents do all they can to see that books borrowed are not lost or damaged. All junior children must have a library bag when they borrow books. These will help minimise damage while the books are out of the library. Book bags can be purchased from the school office. Children are asked to removed their shoes while in the Library.

Lunches:

Sushi is available to order on-line for lunch on Wednesday & Thursdays. It is delivered to the office on at lunchtime ready for students to collect.

Music Tuition:

We have several itinerant tutors coming into school to give private lessons in various instruments. We have children being taught drumming, keyboard, guitar and vocals. Contact details of these teachers is available on the noticeboard in the school office and on the website.

Newsletter:

Every Tuesday a school newsletter is sent home via email through our website. Sign up for the weekly news on our website www.wainui.school.nz. A hard copy can be sent home if you do not have an internet facility at home, please request a hard copy at the office. The newsletter is our main source of communication between the school and parents so please make sure you read it.

Office Hours:

The Office hours are from 8.30 am to 3:30 pm. The Principal is usually close at hand, except when she is visiting classrooms or at various meetings. The telephone has a messaging facility. Please leave a message on the answer phone, which is checked regularly, or ring several times if no-one answers and it is an emergency.

Parent Involvement in Daily Programmes:

We are most grateful for the support and assistance many parents give in our classrooms. The help in our reading and language programmes, trips, art intensives and other areas is much appreciated. Children benefit greatly from this lowering of the adult/child ratio in the classroom. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to help. Please note that all parent volunteers who are in contact with students in the classroom will need to be fully vaccinated.

Parking in the School Grounds:

Please respect all designated parking areas and do not park or stop in the bus pick-up/drop off zone from 8.15 - 9.00am and 2.45 - 3.30pm.

Playgroup:

A pre-school playgroup meets each Wednesday & Friday morning from 9.30am at the Wainui Hall. Parents with preschoolers are very welcome to go along and meet other parents on this day.

Public Health Nurse:

Our Public Health Nurse, El Mann visits the school regularly. Also the Hearing and Vision Nurse tests children each term. Staff or parents can refer any concerns to them, through the school office or class teacher.

Reporting to Parents:

A child's progress through school is a legal requirement of education, one which concerns both teachers and parents. In terms 2 & 3, parents are invited to come to school to update themselves on the progress of their child with the teacher in Learning Conversations. A written report will also be completed.

School Buses:

We have three bus runs solely for Wainui students that live in the Transport entitlement zone. The Ministry provides free bus transport for children who live more than a 3.2kms distance from school if they live on the Ministry bus route to their nearest school.

Children **will not** be allowed to alter their usual bus arrangements unless a written note or phone call is received at school. It must be stressed that children will be sent home as per usual unless we are notified by you the parent, not by word of mouth from the children.

Buses run in the areas of Tahekeroa, Haruru, Monowai, Upper Waiwera, Upper Orewa, Whitehills and Wainui Roads.

Bus Run 1 - Route 20213

7.40am 850 Haruru Rd - First pick-up
Tahekeroa Rd
Krippner Rd
Upper Waiwera Rd
Monowai Rd
Weranui Rd
Waitoki Rd
Whitehills Rd, turn around at Bodhisattva Rd
Waitoki Rd to Wainui School

Bus Run 2 - Route 20203

7.55am 539 Weranui Rd – First pick-up
Upper Waiwera Rd
Turn around Wood Access Rd
Return Upper Waiwera Rd
Weranui Rd
Waitoki Rd
Waitoki Rd to Wainui School

Bus Run 3 - Route 20219

8.05am 851 Weranui Rd - First pick-up
Upper Orewa Rd
Wainui Rd
Kowhai Rd
Wainui Rd
Waitoki Rd to Wainui School



Children must be waiting for the bus in the morning 5-10 minutes beforehand. Children must be met off the bus in the afternoon, this is a safety requirement.

All children catching the bus wait outside the office at 3pm. The bus duty teacher checks the bus list each afternoon and ensures every child is accounted for on the bus.

Non Bus Children must wait for parents to pick up on the footpath at the top of the roundabout, or from under the large tree area by the lower car park.

Sickness:

Every now and then your child may feel unwell while at school. If children are not well, they will be taken to the Sick Bay, and we will attempt to contact the parents to ask that the child be collected from school.

For urgent conditions we will contact a doctor or ambulance. Please let us know of any special medical conditions your children may suffer from. Please do not send your children to school if they are sick.

Smokefree Policy:

Wainui School wants to provide a safe working environment for both staff and pupils. Therefore a complete smoking ban (including vaping) is in force within the school grounds at all times.

Specialist Education Services:

Specialist Education Services are available to parents through the school. They are a School Psychologist, Speech and Language Therapist, Hearing and Vision Tester, Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour, and Counsellor. Should you need assistance from any of these people, please talk to yo

Sport:

The following sports are usually available at Wainui School - Touch Rugby, Rugby, Rippa, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Tennis, Cross Country, Athletics, Soccer, Swimming, Cricket, Cycling, Softball and Volleyball. Parents are encouraged to help in coaching sports and supervising school teams away for inter-school matches. School Sports Uniforms must be worn when representing the school. These can be ordered through the school office.



Stationery:

Stationery is ordered on-line through the MySchool section of the Office Max website.

Swimming Pool:

Swimming instruction is given to **all** pupils during the first and sometimes fourth terms each year, in our pool. We expect all children to participate and expect parents to co-operate in making sure their children bring their swimming togs, swimming cap and towels to school each day.

A pool key is available, at a small charge, from the school office for out of school hours use.

Wet Days:

There is **no** change in timetable during wet days, as occurs in some city schools.



HOUSE TEAMS AT BEACH DAY



**We hope you enjoy your time with us at Wainui School.
Please contact us if there is any further information required.**

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