

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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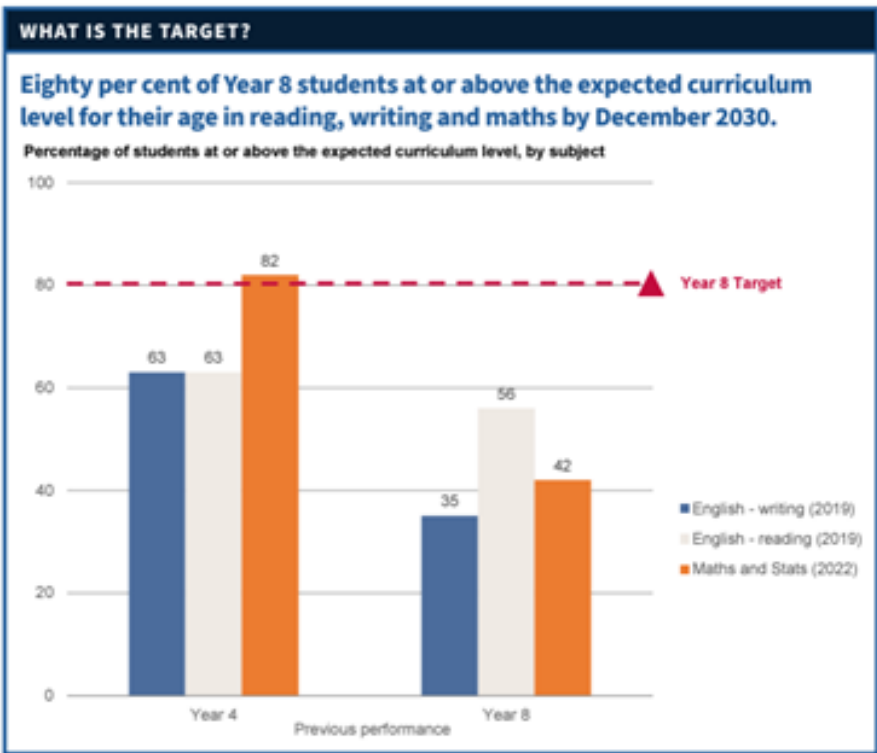
Tēnā koutou Whanau,

I hope you enjoyed the long Matariki weekend and managed to spend some quality time with your families. Our own Waitoki School Matariki celebrations on Wednesday 26 June were well attended and a great success. It was wonderful to see so many of you able to join us around the bonfire and in the hall for the kapa haka performances. Many thanks to all the staff and parents who helped out behind the scenes to make this event a success, you know who you are, and your help was greatly appreciated.

Mid-year reports updating you on your child's academic progress and achievement are due to be sent home on Friday 5th July. These will be followed by three way conferences on Tuesday 23rd July from 12.30pm - 7.30pm, which is an opportunity to talk about progress and next steps with your child and their teacher. Bookings will be made online through Skool Loop from Wednesday 3rd July.

A question I am frequently asked by parents is how our student achievement at Waitoki School compares with tamariki nationally. You are probably already aware that the government has set a national target that 80% of all Y8 students will be achieving at the expected level for their age by 2030. National standards were removed in 2017 and as a result individual school's achievement data in reading, writing and maths are no longer compared with one another. The national standards were replaced with the expected level of achievement for their age that students should be achieving at, and this is what we report to parents.

The table below shows **nationwide achievement data for Y4 and Y8 students only** as NZ schoolwide data comparisons are not published anymore.



Waitoki School-wide mid-year achievement data 2024

In preparation for reporting to parents and writing mid-year reports,

teachers have been assessing their students and collecting achievement data for reading, writing and maths. We have analysed the data to see how our student achievement compares with other schools nationally. As the current Y8 cohort is small, we have combined our Y7 & Y8 reading, writing and maths data.

Reading - **90%** of students at Waitoki School are achieving either at or above the expected level for a student of their age, which is 10% greater than the government's 2030 target. In comparison with nationwide data, Waitoki Y4 student achievement is higher than nationwide data, as **76%** of our Y4 students are achieving at or above the expected level in reading, which is 13% greater when compared to 63% nationally. Nationwide reading data identifies that 56% of Y8 learners are achieving at or above the expected level in reading. In comparison, **87%** of our Y7 & Y8 students at Waitoki are achieving at or above the expected level in reading, which is 31% higher than nationwide data and 7% above the national target for 2030.

Writing - **66%** of students at Waitoki School are working either at or above the expected level for writing. Nationally, 63% of Year 4 students are achieving at the expected level. **74%** of Y4 Waitoki learners are achieving at or above the expected level, which is which is 11% higher than nationally. **61%** of Waitoki Y7 & Y8 students are achieving at or above the expected level in writing, which is significantly greater by 26% than the 35% of Y8 students nationally who are achieving at the expected level in writing.

Mathematics - **82%** of Waitoki students are achieving at or above the expected level for a child of their age in Mathematics. Nationally, 82% of Year 4 students are achieving at the expected level compared to **79%** of the current Y4 cohort at Waitoki School. **66%** of Waitoki Y7 & Y8 students are achieving at or above the expected level in maths, which is 24% more than the 42% of Y8 students achieving at the expected level in Mathematics nationally.

It is pleasing for us to see how well Waitoki students are doing in comparison with nationwide student achievement. We are on the right track to support our students to continue to grow as individuals and meet the national target that 80% of all Y8 students to be achieving at the expected level for their age by 2030.

Term 2 ends on Friday 5th July. I hope you all have a fabulous mid winter break and I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on Monday 21st July.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Staff update:

You may be aware that Rūma Ono is growing and now have 19 students in the class. From Term 3 Suzy Fury will be teaching full time alongside Sharon Hartley. This will be beneficial for all the students to have two full time teachers as the class continues to grow. It is anticipated that the class will grow to approximately 27 students by the end of Term 4.

Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome Harley to the New Entrants room.
We hope you have had the best day
Harley!



Upcoming events to add to your diary:

Term dates:

Term 3 – Mon 22 July 2024 to Fri 27 Sept 2024

Term 4 – Mon 14 Oct 2024 to Thurs 19 Dec 2024

Bi-weekly Assemblies: Fridays at 1.15pm (no assembly this week)

Vets North AG Day Talk—Wed 3rd July at 2.30pm

Rippa Festival #1 — Wed 3rd July

Rippa Rugby Activations— Fri 5th July (in-school lesson)

Teacher/Parent/Student conferences—Tues 23rd July (school closes at 12pm, conferences start at 12.30pm)

BOT Meeting—Wed 31st July

Whole School Cross Country—Tues 6th August

Tough Guy & Gal Challenge—Wed 7th August

Kaipara Cross Country - Mon 12th August at Muriwai

Rippa Festival # 2—Thurs 29th August

BOT Meeting—Wed 11th September

In other news

sKids Holiday Programme & Teacher/Parent/Student Conferences

If you are needing any childcare during the school holidays, sKids is here to help! To book, please click on this link—[Skids Holiday Programme](#)

sKids are also available on Tuesday 23rd July when the Teacher/Parent/Student conferences will be held to assist with childcare from 12pm onwards when the school closes. Please click [here](#) to make a booking.

AG Day & Country Fair

Lambs, calves and goats

If you are keen to raise a lamb, calf or goat for AG Day, please remember that your new animal must be born between the 1st of July and 15th September. If you are planning on raising one of these three animals, please email admin@waitoki.school.nz over the next week so we can start to plan for the day.

Lamb daycare will be opening up for business on the first day of Term 3. More information to come soon.

Jolly Jars for Country Fair

Scroll down to see the attached poster which has a fun activity for the school holidays as well as being a great help for the Country Fair!

Volunteers for Country Fair

Just a reminder that if you are keen to assist with manning stalls, baking, helping with sponsorships, and running games. If you're willing to roll up your sleeves, we'd really appreciate having some extra hands on deck. Ideally, we're looking for three or four people from each class to get involved. Please register your interest with a quick email to Sara and Chantelle—fundraising@waitoki.school.nz Your support will make a big difference! Thank you,

Thank you

We just want to say a massive thank you to Koen Neville and his family for filling in the potholes in the carpark. What a difference it makes for our community!

Well done

Congratulations to Hayley Roberts for competing at a Taekwondo competition on the weekend and for receiving a gold medal. Well done on displaying grit Hayley!



Community

Local Speech Therapist

If you are interested in a speech therapist for your child, Jo from Speech Bubbles is a local therapist in the area and is available to help in speech and language development. To read more about what Jo has to offer, please click [here](#).



A great school holiday project for the kids...

Waitoki families, please bring along a “Jolly Jar” to donate to our upcoming country fair.

A Jolly Jar is a plastic or glass jar (clean & dry) filled with fun & interesting goodies for children. Ideas for filling the jars include stickers, mini toys, pens, lollies, marbles, cars, hair-clips/ties, play jewellery, craft bits, leftovers from party bags, dry recipe mixes, jams etc....

Jars can be decorated with stickers, ribbons or anything to make them look extra inviting!

Jars will be selling for \$2-\$12 each depending on their contents.

Jars can be dropped off anytime before 12th of October to the “Jolly Jars Box” in the school office.

Please feel free to make more than one, the more jars the better, Last year we sold out these were so popular!

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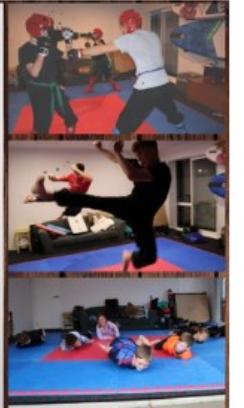
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