

# Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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# Grit Ownership Aroha Teamwork

TE WIKI O  
TE REO MĀORI  
14-20 o Hepetema 2025



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AKE AKE AKE  
MŌ AKE TONU TE REO

### Tēnā koutou whānau,

We have made it to the final week of the term and it is hard to believe how quickly the last ten weeks have flown by. I want to extend a huge thank you to all our staff for their incredible hard work and dedication this term, especially as they have been so busy preparing for Ag Day and the Country Fair. I also want to acknowledge the efforts of Melissa Neville and Melissa Smith from the fundraising team, whose support has been invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Becky, Serena and Seann for organising our Fathers Day assembly and warhammer figurine painting session. I hope all the Dads enjoyed the lovely messages from their children and had fun painting their figurines.

Our inquiry learning this term has been all about entrepreneurship. The students have poured their creativity and skills into designing and making incredible products to sell at the Country Fair. From handmade candles and soaps to keychains, slime, 3D printed toys, tea towels and chopping boards, the quality of their work has been impressive. This technology focus has been a fantastic way for our tamariki to learn about financial literacy, design, creation and marketing. I am looking forward to seeing their hard work for sale at the Country Fair on Saturday 11th October from 10.30am.

This week will be a busy one for our students and staff. On Wednesday 17th September two of our tamariki, Bonnie and Hayley will be representing Waitoki School in the Kaipara Kāhui ako Speech competition, which we are once again hosting. It's wonderful to see the growth in confidence and the hard work both girls have put into crafting and presenting their speeches. We wish Bonnie and Hayley the very best of luck, we are very proud of you!

This week is also "Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori," a chance for our entire school community to celebrate and champion the Māori language. It's an important part of our commitment to cultural capability, and we are encouraging everyone to "give it a go" and incorporate more te reo into their daily lives. Our school has been buzzing with special activities and learning experiences to mark this significant week. Everyone is particularly excited about the game show, "Whare Whare" on Friday 19th September. Many thanks to Seann for all his organisation and mahi to make this a fun week for our tamariki.

Voting for our parent-elected Board representatives closed last week and the new Board members will be announced on Wednesday 17th September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our current Board members, Melissa Smith, Andy Schick, Michael Upton and Sharon Hartley for all their efforts carrying out this important governance role for our school.

During the September school holidays, we have several maintenance projects scheduled to happen. These include a full exterior wash of walls, windows, and doors, as well as a post-wash spider spray. They will also finish cleaning the roofs and gutters, treating them for moss and mold, and washing our concrete paths and decks. Additionally, we are due to have the aluminum window joinery replaced in some of the classrooms as well as some electrical work completed. All of these projects will be overseen by Steve and Wayne from Yellowstone, our new property project managers. If you are using the school grounds during the school holidays, for your own safety please keep away from the coned off areas.

I hope you all have a safe and restful school holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all back, recharged and ready for a busy Term 4 on Monday 6th October.

Ngā mihi nui

Jules McCourt



### Important Information:

#### Term dates 2025:

Term 3—Mon 14th July 2025—Fri 19th September 2025

Term 4—Mon 6th October 2025—Tues 16th December 2025

#### Term Dates 2026:

The Board has set the term dates for 2026.

**Term 1 2026** will once again begin with one to one family connection meetings on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026**, followed by all children learning in class on **Wednesday 4th February 2026**.

**Term 4 2026** will end on **Tuesday 15th December 2026**.

#### Upcoming events to add to your diary:

**17 September:** Kaipara Kāhui ako inter School speech competition

**17 September:** Board Meeting 6.30pm.

**17 September:** New Board announced.

**19 September:** End of Term 3.

**20 September:** Car park in use - Car Club Run

**6 October :** Term 4 starts.

**11 October:** AG Day and Country Fair

**28 October:** Date Changed: School Now Open.

**3 November:** New date for Teacher Only Day.

#### Ag Day T-Shirt Order Form



Hi everyone, we have selected our winning design from our Ag Day drawing competition and this is the design that will be printed onto the 2025 Ag Day t-shirts (the t-shirt will be black).

Congratulations to Braxton from Rūma Waru!



This is a pre order form as we must have a minimum of 50 sales in order for the company to create these t-shirts. They will be \$25 and we will send out a payment method when we hit the minimum pre order to those who fill in this form. Final Day to Pre order is September 21st.

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#### Waitoki AG Day T-shirts 2025



Support our School with our fundraising AG Day t-shirts.  
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Orders close 21<sup>st</sup> September.



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### Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome new families and students to our kura! Please give a warm Waitoki welcome if you see any of our new students and parents.

Our new student : Finn Dykman in Rūma Ono



### AG Day Information:

#### Radish Seeds

Radish seeds are still available for collection from the office.

#### Lamb/Calf/Goat

Please remember that your new animal must be born between the 1st of July and 15th September if you are planning to start your training during the school holidays. Please pop in and pick up an information pack from the office which will give you all the information you require on rearing and training your animal.

If you decide to rear an animal for Ag day this year, you must register all animals as soon as you get them or use the form sent out on skool loop. Please also complete the lamb day care registration on skool loop if you wish to use this service.



### Country Fair:

#### Jolly Jars

This year our Jolly Jar stall will be back in action at the Country Fair. These awesome jars are often super popular and there is so much variety to choose from. What is a Jolly Jar?

Jolly Jars are a jar filled with something small, fun or interesting. Kids love making them and choosing what to put inside and you can decorate the jars to make them more eye-catching if you choose. These don't have to cost a lot of money and there are endless ideas to make up the jars but suggestions include - Hair clips, McDonald's toys, LEGO, miniatures, sweets, chocolate, water balloons, marbles, crayons or pencils, loom bracelets, kids craft bits and bobs, matchbox cars, accessories, stickers, play jewellery.

The Jolly Jars are then for sale on the day of our Country Fair. So grab a jar and fill it with whatever your heart desires and bring it back to school ready for sale on Country Fair day. We have some jars available at the office if you need one. This is a great holiday activity for the kids to do!

#### JOLLY JARS



A huge Waitoki thankyou for all our generous AG day and Country Fair sponsors and donations.

Also thank you to Dianne at Bunnings Silverdale for donating a new ladder for Dave our caretaker, and for The Mens Shed for donating a new compost bin for the Garden to Table programme.



### Congratulations to Hudson Grey and Brianna McAlister.

At the Silverdale Rugby club prizegiving for the J7 Green team, Hudson was awarded "Most improved player" and Brianna was awarded "Most Outstanding player".

Well Done ! We are very proud of you.



## Father's Day Warhammer painting



Last Monday we had a wonderful afternoon celebrating all Dads at our special Father's Day assembly, followed by a popular Warhammer figurine painting session. Thanks to everyone who joined us!



### Enrolments for 2026

The Waitoki School Board invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Waitoki School for 2026.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the Waitoki School office.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is 3pm on Wednesday 8th October 2025. Application forms are available from the school website or by emailing [admin@waitoki.school.nz](mailto:admin@waitoki.school.nz)

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The board has determined that 50 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in 2026. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required, it will be held on Wednesday 15th October 2025.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.



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COMING UP SOON

COMMUNITY NEWS

**WAITOKI SCHOOL**

**2025 AG DAY &**

**COUNTRY FAIR**

**10:30AM - 2PM**

**SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER**

**AG DAY BEGINS AT 9AM**  
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Details: 10 weekly sessions

Cost: \$25

Starts: Tuesday 7th October 2025

Ends: Tuesday 9th December 2025

Where: Kaukapakapa Pony Club Grounds

Hendley Rd, Kaukapakapa

Time: 5:30-7pm

Coach: Lou Lou Deehan-Owen

\*Please note children must be accompanied by an adult during the sessions.

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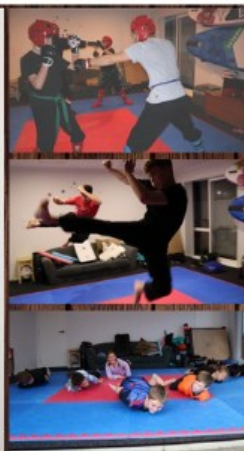
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