

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

We are really looing forward to our **Matariki** celebrations on **Thursday 19th June**. We hope you will join us from **7:40am** for a warm cup of tea, coffee, or hot chocolate as we welcome the Matariki dawn together. Both our Junior and Senior **Kapa Haka groups** will be performing on the stage in the hall from **8:00am**. Throughout the morning, students will participate in Matariki-themed activities. At lunchtime, to embrace the spirit of shared kai, we will all be eating a school-made soup together. Many thanks for your vegetable contributions for the soup.



Our tamariki are getting ready to run! Preparations and training are well underway for our upcoming school **cross country** event on **Wednesday 23rd July**. Students of all ages have begun practicing their running skills, so please encourage them to keep active and prepare for the race. The fastest runners in Y5 - Y8 will have the opportunity to represent Waitoki at the Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster cross country event.

Staff and students from Kaipara College recently visited our Year 7 & 8 tamariki to discuss college life, and highlight their **WAKA school values** of Whanaungatanga, Aroha, Kaitiakitanga, Angituutanga - connection, love, guardianship, success. The session offered insights into their transition to secondary school. Parents are invited to a **Whānau Open Evening** at Kaipara College on **Thursday 17th July** at **6.30pm**.

As part of their technology curriculum, our Year 7 and 8 students attend ‘Tech’ at Kaipaira college on Friday mornings. They have been busy with this term's learning focus being **Food Technology**. Last week they perfected the art of making a delicious calzone pizza.

We are aware that parents of Y6 tamariki are currently considering options for Intermediate School next year. We invite you to join us for our **Year 7 & 8 Information Evening** on **Wednesday 6th August** from **6pm** in **Rūma Iwa**, the intermediate classroom. Discover the opportunities our intermediate programme offers here at Waitoki, including a rich curriculum, William Pike Challenge, STEM, Robotics, AIMS Games, leadership opportunities, EOTC, camp, and technology sessions at Kaipara College. During the intermediate years we aim to prepare your child to be agentic learners who have a confident, successful transition to college life.

Congratulations to our **Waitoki Diamonds**, our Year 5 & 6 netball team, who after the grading games have made it into **Grade A**! Well done team and keep up the fantastic work on the court. Thank you also to Miss Dunn for her fabulous work coaching the Waitoki Diamonds.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our **Glow Disco** on **Friday 13th June**. It was a fantastic night filled with coloured lights, fluro, music, dancing and laughter. We raised over \$1100, which will be used to help to enhance the play spaces at Waitoki. Special thanks to Melissa Smith and Kali Grey for all their hard work and organisation of the disco. We appreciate your mahi.

It is time to dust off your thinking caps and gather your friends for our adults only **Trivia Quiz Night** on **Friday 18th July**. It promises to be a night of challenging questions, laughter, and community spirit. Tickets are on sale now, so don't miss out! The money raised will go towards purchasing literacy resources and games to support our structured literacy teaching programmes.

Our **last school assembly for Term 2** will be held at **8:45am on Monday 23rd June**. Tea and coffee will be available, so please come along, make yourself a cuppa, and let's celebrate our tamariki's successes together. Looking ahead to Term 3, school assemblies will shift back to **Friday afternoons** at **1.15pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next week, on Friday 27th June, **mid-year reports** outlining academic progress and achievement will be sent home with your child. You might notice some changes in your child's mid-year report compared to previous reports. This is because we are now assessing against the **refreshed New Zealand Curriculum**. The new curriculum has introduced updated learning progressions and expectations, focusing on a deeper, more connected understanding. Your child's report now reflects their progress within these new phases of learning, which may appear different from previous reports that referred to the old curriculum levels.

We will be holding **Three-Way Conferences** on **Tuesday 15th July**, which will be an invaluable opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to discuss achievements, set goals, and collaboratively plan next steps. It will also be an opportunity to ask your child’s teacher any questions you might have about the mid-year report. Further details regarding booking these conferences via Skool Loop will be shared with you shortly.

Enjoy the last few days of Term 2 and I wish you all safe and happy holidays.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Important Information:

Term dates 2025:

Term 2—Mon 28th April 2025 to Fri 27th June 2025

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

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

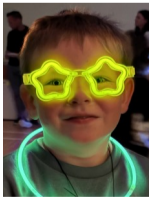
Upcoming events to add to your diary:

19 June:	Matariki Celebration
20 June:	School Closed Matariki
23 June:	School Assembly 8.45am.
27 June:	Term 2 ends
14 July:	Term 3 Starts
15 July:	Three Way Conferences: School Closes 12pm.
17 July:	Whānau Open Evening Kaipara College.
18 July:	Trivia Quiz Night
23 July:	Cross Country
29 July:	Auckland (Kumeu) Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Kumeu Showgrounds)
4 August:	Kaipara Cross Country
6 August:	Year 7 & 8 Information Evening - Rūma Iwa
25 August:	School Closed for Teacher Only Day



Thank You from the Fundraising Team

We just wanted to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our Glow Disco such a fun and successful night!



To the amazing parents and teachers who baked, decorated, manned the doors, ran the café, and helped behind the scenes — we’re so grateful for your time and energy. To all the kids who came along and lit up the dance floor — you were awesome!

And to all the families who supported by buying tickets, getting involved, and showing up - thank you for being part of our incredible Waitoki community. We’re so lucky to have such a kind, generous group of families behind our school.



The Fundraising Team



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Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome new families to our kura! Please give a warm Waitoki welcome if you see any of our new students and parents. Our new students are: Nikora in Rūma Rima and Yebin in Rūma Ono.



Congratulations To Piper

Piper competed in the Billabong Grom series which is a national surf competition over a number of events. Piper placed 11th overall in the U14 girls division. Well Done Piper.



AG Day Information

Chick Orders and supplies

Orders for day old chicks must be into the school office by **Friday 27 June** (last day of term 2) order forms have been sent, are available in the school office and have also been sent out on Skool Loop. Chicks will arrive for collection early August, date to be confirmed. We will need a named shoebox on the morning of the delivery to safely transport your chick home. If you have chick crumble please have some ready with your collection box.



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. Animal registration is available on Skool Loop forms.



CHANGES ARE AHEAD

For many years Waitoki School has been part of the South Kaipara Schools Group Day organisation, however we are at risk of that changing so need your help please.

This area wide competition follows on from our own Ag Day Competition later in the year and is something we feel is still hugely important for our children and School going forward.

BUT, to continue being part of this we do need a parent (or grandparent) to be a liaison for us.

This isn't an onerous task at all nor is it one that requires any experience, so if you'd like to support our School we'd love to hear from you.

What to expect....

Currently there are a small team of parents who meet roughly 5-7 times a year (after the kids are in bed) to prepare for the November competition.

And once to setup for Group Day if able. That's it. Easy peasy!

We cannot stress enough that we do need someone to fill this spot. Without your support, Waitoki can't register any children for Group Day this year as per the rules.

If you can assist or know someone we can shoulder tap please contact the office asap. Thank You.

Reminders:

Cross Country: Y4-8

We're at that time of the year again where we start Cross Country training! Training will take place starting from mid June (weather permitting). Children will be leaving the school grounds and running along the footpath to the end of Forestry Road and we hope along the Springford track (access via the gate near the bridge). Please note that training will be supervised by their teachers.



The Cross Country event will be held on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 with a save date of Friday 25th July 2025. Please can you sign the permission slip on Skool Loop by Wednesday 28th May 2025, confirming that you are happy with your child participating in Cross Country training and the actual event and that you understand that they will be running outside of the school grounds (supervised).

Winter Sickness

It's that time again when illness and bugs are about. This is just a reminder that if your child is unwell please keep them at home. Also to let the school office know via skool loop, **daily** if your child is off for multiple days, along with the symptoms so we can keep tabs on anything going around.

Skool Loop App

Please make sure that you download the Skool Loop app on your phone if you haven't already, and subscribe to any relevant groups.

To download the free app, find it in to your Play store or App store and search for Waitoki School. To subscribe to groups, go in to Settings > Subscribe to Groups > Select your child's teacher, and any other groups you are interested in receiving notifications for e.g. sport.



School Bus service:

Students that live in the Waitoki School zone are entitled to bus transport to and from school if a bus service is available. Bus travel can be arranged at the school office. **Pupils must get on and off at their usual stop. The school must be contacted if there is any variance from the above.**

Wait for your child on the same side of the road that the bus stops.

The school is not responsible for the safety of your child while they are travelling from their house to the bus stop, waiting for a bus to pick them up, or after they have got off the bus on the way home. Someone must see your child both on and off the bus; if not one is there to collect your child, the bus will return the student back to school.

School Photos—Reminder

School photos have now been taken and an envelope was given to the eldest child of each family with ordering instructions. All orders are via website / online gallery or by QR code. Copies of the codes are available in the school office.

Yummy Stickers

Don't forget to collect your yummy stickers which earn us points to purchase sports equipment at the end of the year. The office have collection pages for the stickers.



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Coming Up Soon:

Fundraising Team Update:



Friday July 18th at 7pm

Supporting the purchase of Structured Literacy Games

Tickets are on sale from 9th June

Get a team of between 6-8 adults together, give yourselves an outrageous team name and secure your table by contacting the office. Individual ticket sales are also welcome.

There will be half time games and answer buying so don't forget your gold coins.

BYO Drinks and Food. Dressing up is encouraged but not essential.

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Friday 5th September | 7pm | Waitoki School

Look in the date Ladies!

The seasons are changing and so is your wardrobe so we have the perfect event for you coming up.

If you're having a clean out over the next couple of months please keep any gently worn and washed ladies clothing as we will be taking donations from July.

Ladies accessories like belts and scarves are also appreciated.

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Matariki

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