

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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PINK SHIRT DAY

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

Last Thursday our intermediate students organised **Pink Shirt Day** as part of their William Pike Leadership Challenge. The students and staff looked fabulous in pink and raised \$306 for The Mental Health Foundation. A big shout out to **Jax Homekill** for providing the sausages for the sausage sizzle. We really appreciate your support.

Our **open morning** last week went well and we received plenty of positive feedback from those who were able to attend. We were asked when we are going to hold another one so we have already set a date for Term 3, **Thursday 11th September**. This will be another opportunity to come along, look around all our classrooms, meet the teachers and see our local Waitoki School curriculum in action. This will be followed by morning tea in the hall and a chance to have an informal chat with classroom teachers.

On **Thursday 22nd May**, we will be holding our annual **Garden to Table Bake sale** to raise much needed funds for this fabulous programme. Please come along to support us, as there will be a range of yummy sweet and savory goods to buy on the deck just outside the staffroom, from **2.20pm**.

Teachers are currently in the process of gathering Reading, Writing and Maths assessment data in preparation for writing **mid-year reports** to show parents their children's progress and achievement for the first half of 2025. The written reports will be sent home with your child on the last day of this term, **Friday 27th June**, along with an explanation of the report and your child's attendance data for the first half of the year.

Teachers began teaching the refreshed Maths and English curriculum at the beginning of February 2025 and this will be the first time they are reporting to parents against the new curricula. The curriculum and assessment methods are different this year and as a result, you could see a change in progress or achievement compared to previous years. You may have read some information about this in the media as this is something that has been found nationally and not just at Waitoki School. There will be an opportunity to discuss the report and your child's learning goals with their class teacher at the **three way conferences** (student/parent/teacher) on **Tuesday 15th July**.

I hope you will be able to come and join us for our next **school assembly** at **8.45am** on **Monday 26th May**. Tea and coffee will be available, so please come along and celebrate our tamariki's successes.



It is with sadness that I must inform you that **Kirsty Hodd** has tendered her resignation with effect from Friday 30th May 2025. Kirsty is leaving us to work with the RTLb service (Resource Teacher for Learning and Behaviour) across the Kaipara District. Over the past 18 months Kirsty has made connections with staff, her students, and their families and she will be missed by us all. Sharon Hartley will remain in Rūma Ono as the main class teacher and Suzy Fury will continue to teach the children one day per week.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

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:

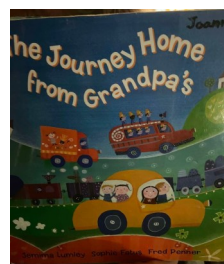
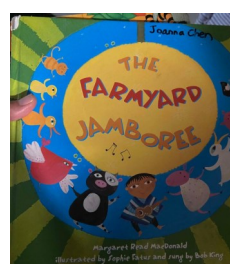
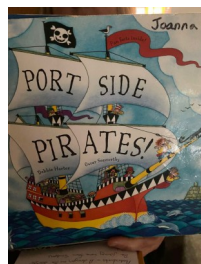
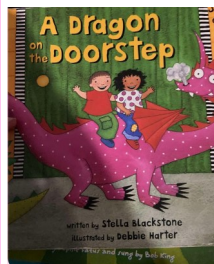
21 May:	Waitoki School Board Meeting 6.30pm
21 May:	Y4-8 Trip to Te Kia Ora Marae
22 May:	Garden to Table Bake Sale at 2.20pm
27-30 May:	Senior Camp at Lakewood Lodge, Huntly
2 June:	School Closed Kings Birthday
3 June:	School Now Open
13 June:	School Disco
19 June:	Matariki Celebration
20 June:	School Closed Matariki
18 July:	Trivia Night
23 July:	Cross Country
29 July:	Auckland (Kumeu) Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Kumeu Showgrounds)
25 August:	School Closed for Teacher Only Day

School Photos

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.

Donations for New Entrant Class

We would love some Paw Patrol toys for our little ones to play with, if anyone has any they would like to donate we would be extremely grateful. We are also after some specific books to help a new student settle in, if you have any of these books at home not being used please donate to the school. Thank you.



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).

Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome so many new families to our kura! Please give a warm Waitoki welcome if you see any of our new students and parents over the next few weeks. Our new students are: Teddy and Hayden.



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COME AND SUPPORT

Our Garden to Table

Thursday 22 May

Bake Sale

On the deck outside the
staffroom

Raising funds for our
school's Garden to Table
Programme

Straight after
school
2.20pm



Congratulations

We love to celebrate our tamariki's achievements! If your child has done something awesome outside of school, please let us know by emailing : admin@waitoki.school.nz



Congratulations to Lukas Emm

Congratulations to Lukas for a fantastic achievement at the RAM New Zealand TT Champs 2025 in the Waikato on May 3rd. Not only did he show great sportsmanship, but he persevered through his race, coming 8th in his class MX50. We're incredibly proud of his dedication and passion for motocross.

Well done, Lukas!



Important Information:

Pool key Reminder

As the School Pool has now closed please return your pool key with your bank account number by 31st May for a refund of the bond.

Disabled Parking Spaces

Please do not park in the disabled parking spaces in the carpark unless you have a permit. We have parents who need to use the spaces at pick up/drop off time. Thank you.

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.

Enrolment Information: We have already begun the process for 2026 enrolments. If you live out of zone (OOZ) and have a younger child due to start school in 2026 you will need to complete an OOO application form. Please pop into the office and see either Sarah or Sue to collect one. We do still have a few OOO spaces left for 2025 if you are wanting to enroll your child this year.

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.



Student safety using the school bus service:

Reminders for parents and caregivers:

- Caregivers are responsible for safely transporting their children to and from their school bus stop and as such are best placed to decide the safest way to do this.
- Stick to the speed limit: it's 20kph when passing a stopped school bus (on either side of the road).
- Drop your tamariki off on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Teach your tamariki to always get out of the car on the side closest to the curb.
- Always take your tamariki to and from the bus-stop.
- Teach your tamariki not to run across the road.
- Remind your tamariki on how to keep safe boarding and disembarking the bus:
- While waiting at the bus stop, keep well back from the road.
- Wait until the bus has completely stopped and the door opens before getting on.
- After getting off the bus, stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and you can see clearly before moving.



Waitoki School Board Elections

Staff Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Name: SHARON HARTLEY

Signed:

Sarah Fitzgerald

Returning Officer
14 May 2025

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Tree Adventures

Year 7/8

William Pike Leadership Challenge.

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Fundraising Team Update:

Coming Up Soon:

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Friday 13 June :

- Juniors & Preschoolers: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- Seniors: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- More information to follow

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Who Can Enter?

This competition is open to all residents of New Zealand. So, if you're a passionate storyteller, now's your chance!

Closing Date

13th July 2025

Prizes Up for Grabs

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- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$100

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Supporting the purchase of Structured Literacy Games

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Sip, Swap, Shop

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.

Please share with your friends and family too.

More details about this event will be announced in Term 2.
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- o Individuals, classes or enviro groups

How to enter:

- o Write a brief summary of your kaitiakitanga role in the community
- o Share Your Creative Showcase! Submit your photography, visual art, videos, music, writing, etc.

Email entry form to:
schoolbooking@tiritirimatangi.org.nz

Entries to be completed by students, and submitted with a supporting statement by supervising adult, by 10 October. Winners announced on 24 October

Prizes in 2 categories:

- o Year 4-6
- o Year 7-8

Tiritiri Matangi Voucher of \$120 where winners can choose items from the online shop, plus a one-year membership to the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi.

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