

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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**CAMP
2025**



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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

Last Tuesday, our Year 6, 7, and 8 students embarked on an exciting four-day, three-night camp at **Lakewood Lodge** in Huntly. The students had an incredible time, immersing themselves in a range of activities from kayaking on the lake, conquering the climbing wall, and challenging themselves in the bush as they developed survival skills. Every day and evening was packed with adventure and opportunities for working as a team and getting tamariki out of their comfort zone. It was a fantastic experience that enhanced relationships, developed valuable life skills, created unforgettable memories, and has left everyone buzzing. Well done to all our students for their enthusiasm and participation. Camps like these wouldn't be possible without the amazing adults who go with them. A special shout-out to our incredible staff, **Scott, Seann, Taylor, Ali, and Chelsea**, for their tireless energy, dedication, and for ensuring every student had a fantastic and safe experience throughout the four days. Your passion for making learning fun truly shone through. We are also very grateful to our wonderful parent volunteers, **Belinda, Richard, and Dominique**. Your support, enthusiasm, and willingness to 'muck in' whenever required was invaluable and really helped to create such a positive environment for all our students. **Thank you to you all!**

While our older students were away at Lakewood Lodge, our Year 4 and 5 students had different learning experiences of their own right here at Waitoki during **adventure week!** They had four days packed with excitement, challenge and fun. Our tamariki dived into STEM activities such as building bridges and they put their engineering skills to the test by making balloon powered cars. They created forts and then invited their junior buddies to join them for stories inside the fort. They unleashed their creativity with tapa cloth art and origami fish as part of Samoan language week, and enjoyed teaching the younger students how to play games such as rainbow tag. Throughout the week they developed crucial skills in leadership and teamwork. They demonstrated our GOAT values as well as the spirit of 'tukana tienā', by fostering communication and collaboration skills with younger learners. Special thanks to Shae for her help with the STEM challenges.

Many thanks for your support with the **Garden to Table Bake sale** on 22nd May. We raised over \$373 and the money will help us to buy ingredients such as flour, sugar and butter used in the G2T recipes along with produce from our school garden.

Waitoki school thrives on the incredible involvement of our parents, and nowhere is this more evident than with our hardworking fundraising team. They are a valuable part of our community, and as soon as one great event wraps up, they're already busy planning another one. The next event for students will be the **Glow Disco** on **Friday 13th June**, followed by an adults only **Trivia Quiz Night** on **Friday 18th July**. More details about each of these events will be coming soon. Please save these dates so you can support Waitoki and connect with others in our wonderful school community as your support makes a real difference.

Our next **school assembly** is at **8.45am** on **Monday 9th June**. Tea and coffee will be available, so please come and join us, make yourself a cuppa so we can celebrate our tamariki's successes together.

We will be celebrating **Matariki**, the Māori New Year, with our school community on **Thursday 19th June**. Please join us bright and early at **7:40am** in the hall for a cup of tea, coffee, or milo as we welcome the Matariki dawn. Our **Kapa Haka** group will perform at **8am** and school will officially start at the normal time of **8:30am**. During the morning students will be in their 'herd groups' for 30-minute rotation activities, where teachers have prepared some exciting Matariki-themed experiences. To truly embrace the spirit of shared kai (food), we will be preparing a delicious school-made soup. Please could all the children bring **one vegetable** to school on either **Monday 16th June or Tuesday 17th June** for the shared soup.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

MATARIKI

Waitoki School
Thursday June 19th 7.40am

Come and join us for a morning celebration around the bonfire. Hot drinks will be served for everyone so please bring a mug along.

Kapa Haka will perform at 8am

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:

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| 13 June: | School Disco |
| 19 June: | Matariki Celebration |
| 20 June: | School Closed Matariki |
| 27 June: | Term 2 ends |
| 14 July: | Term 3 Starts |
| 15 July: | Three Way Conferences: School Closes 12pm. |
| 18 July: | Trivia Night |
| 23 July: | Cross Country |
| 29 July: | Auckland (Kumeu) Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Kumeu Showgrounds) |
| 4 August: | Kaipara Cross Country |
| 25 August: | School Closed for Teacher Only Day |
| 5 September: | Sip, swap, shop at 7pm |
| 28 October: | School Closed for Teacher Only Day |

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Reminders:

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.

Pool key Reminder

As the School Pool has now closed please return all outstanding pool keys to the office. The deadline for refund of the bond has now passed as per the pool key hire agreement. If the keys are not returned by 27 June then a late return fee of \$50 will be invoiced to the key holder.

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

Closing date for payments and entries is 16 June, please see skool loop for entry information.



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).

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 OOZ application form. Please pop into the office and see either Sarah or Sue to collect one. We do still have a few OOZ 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.



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



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.

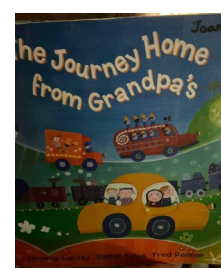
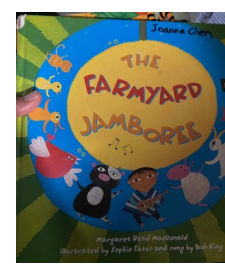
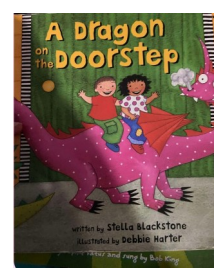
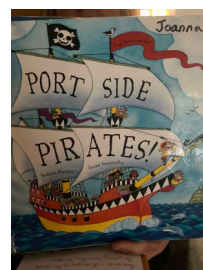
Student safety using the school bus service:

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.

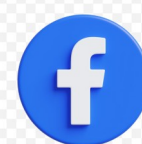
Donations for New Entrant Class

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.



Facebook page

Please head on to Facebook and give our school page a follow. We will be using the page more this year, posting celebrations, notifications and event alerts.
<https://www.facebook.com/waitokischoolevents>



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Coming Up Soon:

Fundraising Team Update:

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

JUNIORS: 5:00PM – 6:30PM

SENIORS: 7:00PM – 8:30PM

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CAFE

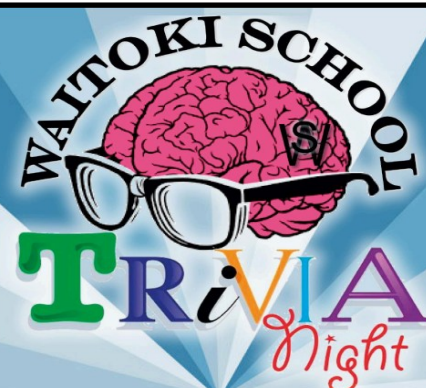
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SUPERVISION)



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.

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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.
<https://www.facebook.com/waitokischoolevents>



2025 Junior Conservation Award

Inspired by Tiritiri Matangi?

Who can participate:

- o Rangatahi in years 4-8
- 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.

Entries to be completed by students, and submitted with a supporting statement by supervising adult, by 15 October. Winners announced on 24 October.

Email entry form to:

schoolbooks@tiritirimatangi.org.nz

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.

Download entry form: www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz/school-science-awards

Show us how!

Requirements:

- o Show how you have been inspired by Tiritiri Matangi
- o Be involved in conservation projects
- o Demonstrate inspiration for action

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