

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

The last two weeks have certainly been busy at Waitoki School with plenty of things happening and student successes to celebrate. Well done to our students who represented us at the Helensville A & P show on Saturday 22nd February. Congratulations to all the ribbon winners as well as Rūma Toru whose cow came first and Rūma Rima, whose cow was placed second in the 'decorate a cow' competition. A special shout out must go to **Piper Stubbs**, who won the Junior Farmer competition, demonstrating both grit and skill to complete a series of farm challenges. Great job, we are very proud of all of our winners.

Last week we held our Waitoki School swimming sports. The event was well run, thank you Miss Brown, with the Juniors having plenty of fun during their 'have a go' events. There was a lot of grit shown by our seniors, who were competing against one another to represent Waitoki at the cluster swimming event. In the end 21 swimmers qualified and will be competing against all the other schools in our Kāhui ako on **Monday 11th March** at Kaipara College. Good luck to all those students who are representing us.

Thank you to Melissa Smith and her team who ran a very successful 'pop up' cafe at our swimming sports. They raised over \$220, which will go towards enhancing our play spaces.

Our oldest tamariki in the Y4 - Y8 classes had a fabulous time at Stardome on Tuesday 25th February and enjoyed learning more about our solar system. Highlights for the students included the interactive displays and looking up at the solar system on the ceiling. The Junior team are getting excited about their EOTC visit to Kelly Tarltons on **Wednesday 26th March**.

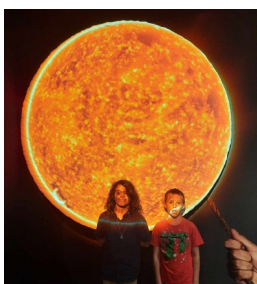


Thank you to all the whānau who took the time to come long to the family picnic on Friday 21st February as well as the three way conferences to set learning goals for the first half of 2025 on Tuesday 4th March. It was great to be able to deepen our connections with families as well as continue to work in partnership with you all.

Preparations are well underway for our Y6, Y7 & Y8 camp to Lakewood Lodge, Huntly at the end of May. The students will be away for four days and three nights and will be involved in a variety of activities including horse riding, an 11m climbing wall, low ropes course, a water slide, burma trail, and flying foxes to name just a few. All these activities are run by fully trained experts. Many thanks to **Clare Chapman**, owner of **Hello Darling** (<https://hellodarling.co.nz/>) for her generous donation. This has enabled us to reduce the cost of the camp for all the students who are going. Thank you Clare, we appreciate your support.

The Y7 & Y8 students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new VEX robotics kit. They will be using this kit to design, build and program a robot to compete against other schools in robotics competitions. Watch this space for more Robotics action!
Enjoy your weekend,

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt



Term dates 2025:

Term 1—Mon 3rd February 2025 to Fri 11th April 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:

7 March:	Whole school assembly: 1.15pm
10 March:	Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster swimming sports.
14 March:	First Tech session for Y7 & Y8 students at Kaipara College from 8.30am - 12.30pm.
13 March:	Fundraising Meeting in hall: 1.30pm
17 March:	North West Swimming sports.
19 March :	GRIP leadership conference—Herd Leaders.
19 March:	Board Meeting at 6.30pm
26 March:	Junior Y1-3 EOTC Trip to Kelly Tarltons
31 March:	Y5 & Y6 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
7 April:	Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
11 April:	End of Term 1.
2 May :	Colour Run 1pm onwards.
27-30 May:	Senior Camp at Lakewood Lodge, Huntly.
29 July:	Auckland (Kumeu) Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. (Kumeu Showgrounds) information to follow.
28 October:	School Closed for Teacher Only Day.



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CONGRATULATIONS

To Piper Stubbs on winning the Helensville Show Junior Farmer Competition Saturday 22 February. Piper competed against five other children each representing their schools in the Jr. Farmer Competition. We are proud of her amazing effort in challenging situations – cow milking, post hole digging, knot tying, identifying nuts and seeds, completing a wheelbarrow obstacle course, and doing maths computations to match up lambs to their ewes.

Also BIG well done to all the classes that entered their Waitoki School cows in the decorate a cow competition..

The winning cow "Betsie" was from our school.— congratulations to Rūma Toru. A great job.



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2025 Waitoki School Swimming Sports Results:

Well done to all our students who took part.
Good luck to all our students taking part in the
Kaipara Kāhui ako cluster swimming sports on
Monday.



Girls/Kotiro	Boys/Tane
Year 3	Year 4
1st Lily Murphy-Hansen	1st Emi Ashley
2nd Scarlett Wallace	2nd Charlie Penny
3rd Megan Chong	
Year 4	Year 5
1st Brooke Upton	1st Nathan Bateman
2nd Poppy Taylor	2nd Finlay McDowell
	3rd Koen Neville
Year 5	Year 6
1st Erin Hefer	1st Braxton Botica
2nd Zoe Kopa	2nd Andrew Gilbert
3rd Phoebe Dent	
Year 6	Year 7
1st Jordan Hefer	1st Theo McDowell
2nd Isla Eagleson	2nd Raoul Sparke
3rd Paisley Fruean	3rd Oliver Penny
Year 7	Year 8
1st Seren Hedges	1st Riley Sylvester
	2nd Hunter Eagleson
Year 8	
1st Piper Stubbs	
2nd Indie Hawkins	

Congratulations Riley.

The Rodney District Sports Club has made one top football team
for each grade, starting from grade 10. These teams will have extra
weekly training sessions and represent RDS weekly during football
season and also tournaments and festivals!

Riley Branch has been selected for the grade 10 team RDS Bulls.
Great work Riley!



Congratulations Malachai.

Malachai has had a busy weekend - going up in his grading for Taekwondo and winning
the weekly nippers award for supporting a fellow SLS student which happens to be
fellow Waitoki student and friend Charlotte D. Well done Malachai !



Sports

Hockey and Netball registrations are now open, so head into Skool Loop forms and
sign up using the permission forms.

Please also sign up to the sports groups on Skool Loop under settings and subscribe to
groups, so if we have general information to send out it can just go to those that are
interested rather than the whole school.

Our sports teams rely largely on our wonderful whānau to get stuck in and help where
possible, be it managing a team, coaching a team, or supporting these parents that
volunteer to do so. If you are keen to get involved in the school community outside of
school hours, this is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and help your
kids to form bonds with other children outside the classroom.

Please feel free to get in touch via email with Sue in the office if
you have further questions or would like to get involved but are
a little unsure of the skills you may need:

sconnolly@waitoki.school.nz

Looking forward to another wonderful season.



Fundraising Team Update: Colour Run – Date Change!

Our Colour Run has a new date! Mark your calendars for Friday, 2nd
May. This fun-filled event is a great way to celebrate the end of the term while
raising funds for the school. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!

Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome our 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: Rōisin and Matthew.



Important Information:



Toys

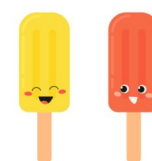
We have noticed the amount of toys coming to school has increased
and some students are starting to trade toys. We ask that toys stay at
home please as it does impact on learning time if we are looking for misplaced
items.

Reminder: Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices

Our approach to cellphones and other personal digital devices supports student
engagement and achievement. Personal digital devices include cell phones, and
other devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartwatches. Devices that are part
of a school-approved Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme have separate
conditions for use. To comply with government regulations, we ensure students
do not use personal devices during school hours, including break times.

Ice Block Fridays

Every Friday lunchtime, during Term 1, the Senior School
will be selling ice blocks to fundraise for much needed
resources in the Senior School. There will be two options:
\$1 ice blocks or \$2 ice blocks, with different flavours
available. Your child can either bring coins on the day, or
you can prepay for the term at the office. (\$10 or
\$20“packages”).



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.

EZ Lunch Term 1 Rewards Campaign :Here's how it works:

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and Pita Pitt Fridays. If you are keen to take the stress out of lunches, visit
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day! Every parent who orders an ezlunch goes into a weekly draw to win **\$100
Kindo Credit** for themselves **AND** \$100 for your school. Starts Monday 10
February 2025 and runs through to Friday 11 April 2025. Plus, all orders
automatically enter the **Grand Prize Draw** for a **\$1,000 JB Hi-Fi Voucher + \$500
for their school! Thank you to JB Hi-Fi !**

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



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Hi there,

Please join me

Thursday 13th March | 1:30pm

In the Hall - Kids are welcome

Welcome to 2025 everyone! We have a fun year of Events on the calendar to tell you about.

If you'd like to hear all about them, share any ideas or volunteer in any capacity, then put this quick informal catch-up in your diary.

Mel

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