

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou Whānau,

Welcome back to everyone for the 2025 academic year. It was lovely to see you all this week and for students, teachers and families to reconnect after the summer holidays. We held a welcome assembly (whakatau) for our new staff members, Scott, Seann, Makayla, Sarah and Sue on Tuesday. It is wonderful to have them as part of our collaborative team and they already feel like a valued part of the Waitoki School family. We have also had 11 new students join Waitoki School this week.

Welcome, we are looking forward to getting to know you and your whānau.

For the first few weeks of term the teachers will all be focusing on making connections, building relationships, getting to know their students, collaborating, and understanding the individual learning needs of the tamariki in their class. This is really important as it sets the students up for academic success for the rest of the year and our connection meetings on Monday were an integral part of this process.

Following on from the connection meetings, we will be holding a **family picnic** on the turf on **Friday 21st February from 5pm - 7pm**. This will be an informal opportunity to chat to the teachers about how the first couple of weeks of term are going and to catch up with other families. We have organised 'Pasta e Basta' food truck, a sausage sizzle and an ice cream truck to be on site but please feel free to bring your own picnic if you wish too. I hope to see you all there.

Once teachers have had time to get to know their learners we will be holding **three way conferences** between student, teacher and parents on **Tuesday 4th March** to collaboratively set learning goals for the first half of 2025. On that day, **School will close at 12pm** and 15 minute interviews will be held between **12.30pm - 7.30pm**. We will provide further information about booking your interview times through SKOOL LOOP very shortly.

I would like to do a few "shout outs" to members of the community who have supported us over the past few weeks.

Thank you to Will Thomson from Elite Lifestyle Services 021 719 488, or hello@elsfencing.co.nz for putting up the rest of the Ag day fence posts around the pool area. They look fantastic. Thank you to Pete Reelick Landscaping (027 436 3591) for carrying out the essential garden maintenance work for free.

Thank you to the Neville family for the amazing job they did tidying up the gardens at the front of the school, they have made the school look so much more inviting.

Thank you also to Dion Mayes from Dizzy Heights Tree Services for donating some mulch. It will be useful once Pete and his team have completed their work. If you can, please support these local businesses who support us. Thank you all.

We really appreciate your mahi.

Enjoy your weekend and remember, our school grounds and pool will both be closed on **Saturday 8th** and **Sunday 9th February**.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

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:

Leo, Isabella, Ben, Max. Owen, Seren, Maia, Freyja, Oakley, Jaxon and Mila.



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:

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| 8 & 9 February: | School pool and the School grounds will be closed for Health and Safety reasons whilst essential garden maintenance work is carried out. |
| 19 February : | BOT meeting—6.30pm—8.30pm |
| 18 February: | Kea's Water Safety Pool closed from 5pm onwards. |
| 21 February: | First of Bi-weekly Whole School Assemblies: Fridays at 1.15pm—all welcome. |
| 21 February : | Family Picnic from 5pm to 7pm on the turf. Come and meet the teachers in an informal setting and connect with other families. |
| 25 February: | Kapa Nui Y4-8— EOTC visit to stardome. |

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Upcoming events to add to your diary continued:

- 4 March:** Three way goal setting conferences (student/ parents/ teachers) from 12.30pm - 7.30pm. School will close at 12pm on that day to allow the conferences to take place. You will be able to make our individual appointments through SKOOL LOOP from next week. More information to follow.
- 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.
- 17 March:** North West Swimming sports.
- 31 March:** Y5 & Y6 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)
- 7th April:** Y7& Y8 Summer Sports (Rautawhiri Park)

Reminders :

Skool Loop

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.

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.

Lost Property:

If you have any lost property we have a box located outside the sick bay door.



EZ lunch:

EZ lunch orders are up and running! We have sushi Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Pita Pitt Fridays. If you are keen to take the stress out of lunches, visit ezlunch.co.nz, and click on Order Lunch. Remember to order before 9am on the day!

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").

Car Park

Please do not allow your children to cross the road by themselves, please collect them from the school site. Please do not park under the notice board as this restricts the bus drivers view when he is pulling out of the school.

ARDS: The Auckland Regional Dental Service

(ARDS) is a Te Whatu Ora-operated service, which provides FREE dental care to children across greater Auckland. In order to prevent any eligible children missing out on receiving free dental care, ARDS is cross-checking their own records with school rolls. For our children's better oral health and wellbeing, our school roll will be shared with the service as required. To find out more information about ARDS, please visit ards.co.nz or call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583). If there are any concerns, please contact the school office.

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