

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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Year 3 - 8
Tough Guy & Gal
Challenge

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Waitoki School

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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

It has been a busy week with school cross country, Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, Lamb daycare opening, the arrival of chicks, along with preparations for our school production, Going for Gold. We were really proud of our tamariki for demonstrating our school value of GRIT during school cross country. And thank you to all the parent helpers who helped on the day. Congratulations to all of the runners who have been selected to represent Waitoki at the Kaipara cluster event on **Monday 12th August** at Muriwai. Good luck, do your best and run fast!

We are fortunate to be working with David Curtis from Activ8 during Term 3. David is running sessions with our students every Monday to develop leadership skills and resilience. Parents are invited to come along to these sessions and we have received positive feedback from those who have been able to attend. Your child's class teacher will email you prior to their particular session inviting you along. Once David has worked with each class, he will run a leadership programme with selected students who have been identified by staff as benefiting from this opportunity. We are also in the process of organising a whānau hui with David.

Production rehearsals are in full swing with the actors practicing with Mrs. Bateman, and Mrs. Rushworth has been working with our singers. The production performances will be held over three days between **Tuesday 24th - Thursday 26th September**. There will be one matinee performance on **Tuesday 24th at 12.30pm** and two evening performances at **6.30pm on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th September**. Melissa Neville will be organising refreshments for each of the three performances. Tickets will be \$15 each for adults and \$10 for children, and we will be selling them from week 6. More details to follow.

The coming weeks are going to be busy. Next week is Maths Week and Becky Minton, our passionate Maths lead teacher, has been busy planning a number of additional exciting activities to spark students' interest in maths. Our Y7 & Y8 students are busy preparing to go away to MERC for a 3 day camp from Monday 19th August and our AIMS games team are training hard in preparation for the competition starting on Saturday 6th September.

Intermediate is fast approaching for our Y6 students. Next week, on **Tuesday 13th August**, our current Y6's will be having a transition visit to the intermediate area of Waitoki School. This will be an opportunity for them to learn more about our programme for Y7 & Y8 students and find out how it differs from being at primary school e.g. Tech at Kaipara College, French, William Pike Challenge, Y7 & Y8 camp, AIMS games, and leadership opportunities. They will have the chance to explore the teaching space, hear from current Waitoki intermediate students and ask the teachers (Katrina and Shannon) any

questions they might have about next year. This is a valuable part of the transition process to intermediate.

The car park at Waitoki School can certainly be an interesting place to be at drop off and pick up times. I appreciate that the lines going both ways can be confusing and we are in the process of trying to call in a few favours to get this fixed for free - thanks Paul Roest and Melissa Neville for your work behind the scenes with this. Please could you all help us by not parking (leaving your car unattended) in either the bus bay or the 2 minute drop off only zone at any time and if you park in the middle section of the car park, please park with your nose facing the field not school. Thank you for your support with this, we are trying to keep all our tamariki safe.

Every two years the Board consults with the school community about our health education programme and we welcome receiving your feedback. The information obtained through this consultation process will be used by the Board to review its current '**health education delivery statement**,' which is a summary of the health education programme within the Waitoki School local curriculum. If you would like to have your say, please could you complete the survey by Friday 16th August. Survey link: <https://forms.gle/zk58XYk8B8kwwjhU8>

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Welcome:

Welcome to Alfie who started in Ruma Ono this week. We hope you've had a lovely week!



In other news

2025 Term dates

We can confirm the term dates for next year—please add these to your calendar:

Term 1: Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April 2025

Term 2: Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June 2025

Term 3: Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September 2025

Term 4: Monday 6th October - Monday 16th December 2025

Garden to Table Bake Sale

Please come along and support our amazing Garden to Table programme next week by buying some delicious baked goods. All proceeds will be used to fund our ongoing ingredient costs and more containers to store our pantry goods, in a programme that teaches children to 'grow, harvest, prepare and share' homegrown food. Please join us on the deck outside the staffroom on Thursday 15th August at 2.20pm, a range of sweet and savoury goods will be on offer as well as a raffle.

Sports Update

Tough Guy & Gal Challenge

On Wednesday 7th August over 50 of our students from years 3-8 participated in the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, held at Kumeu Showgrounds. The kids showed GRIT to the extreme throwing themselves over, under and through obstacles. They were covered in mud by the end but with big smiles over their faces! Well done Waitoki kids!

Cross Country Results

Well done to each and every student that participated in the Cross Country this week—you all did amazing and showed great GRIT!

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

Term dates 2024:

Term 3 – Mon 22 July 2024 to Fri 27 September 2024

Term 4 – Mon 14 October 2024 to Thurs 19 December 2024

Bi-weekly Assemblies: Fridays at 1.15pm (next Assembly is 16th August)

Kaipara Cross Country - Mon 12th August at Muriwai

Year 7 & 8 Camp Hui —Tues 13th August @ 2.30pm—3pm

Maths Week—Mon 12th— Fri 16th August

Garden to Table Bake Sale —Thurs 15th August @ 2.30pm

Fundraising meeting—Thursday 15th August @ 2.30pm

Year 7 & 8 Camp at Merc—Mon 19th Aug—Wed 21st August

Mathex at Kaipara College — Wed 28th August

Rippa Festival # 2 — Thurs 29th August

Kahui Ako Kapa Haka Wananga —Thurs 29th August

Year 7 & 8 AIMS Games—Fri 6th September—Fri 13th September

BOT Meeting—Wed 11th September (TBC)

Production—Tues 24th September (12.30pm), Wed 25th September (6.30pm) & Thursday 26th September (6.30pm)

Kahui Ako Speech Comp at Waitoki School—Wed 25th September

AG Day & Country Fair—Sat 19th October

AG Day & Country Fair Updates

Registering your child’s animals:

If your child is rearing an animal for AG Day (lamb, goat, calf or chicken), please ensure that you have registered them on Skool Loop in the Forms section by filling in the AG Day Animal Registration Form.

If your child’s Goat or Lamb is going to be attending Daycare, you will also need to ensure they are registered in Skool Loop by filling in the Lamb & Goat Daycare 2024 Form.

Student Corner

Congratulations to Charlize and her horse Ringo Starr for coming in 2nd place in the NISS Show Hunter Cup for the Hack 80cm on the weekend. We are so proud of you and all the hard work you’ve put in!



Fundraising

Hi there,

Please join me

Thursday 15th August | 2:30pm

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Mel Smith

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Champions Unite! Paris 2024 kicks off this week, join us for a celebration of sports, culture and unity. 	International Day of Friendship Celebrating International Day of Friendship with a week of teamwork with Power Teams. 	Enchanted Escapades A week filled with mystery and magic. Join us for an enchanted adventure! 	Hola! It's a Mexican Fiesta Experience the vibrant culture of Mexico through food, art and sports. 	Panda Madness Celebrating the endangered Panda with sculptures, Panda training and Kung Fu Panda ninja 

26-30 August	2-6 September	9-13 September	16-20 September	23-27 September
Journey Around the World It's 'Global Kids' bonanza. Explore the world through food, games and craft activities in the Adventure Programme 	Bugs Life Craft your own origami bugs, play Queen Bee Games and learn about the life cycle of Monarch Butterflies. 	Roald Dahl Week Celebrating the wonderful works of Roald Dahl from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG. 	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Celebrate Māori Language Week through games, art and waiata with us! 	Prehistoric Times Join us for a week of prehistoric adventures as we journey back to when dinosaurs roamed the earth. 

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