

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

TERM 4

15 OCTOBER 2025



**JUNIOR
FARMER
2025**

**AG DAY
OCTOBER
2025**



**SUPREME
CHAMPION
WINNER 2025**

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Tēnā koutou whānau,

Welcome back to the final term of 2025. It has certainly started with a bang with an awesome **Ag Day** and **Country Fair** last Saturday. The weather was kind to us and the day went really smoothly. Well done to all the competitors who showed 'Grit' when taking part. A special shout out to Raoul Sparke, our Junior Farmer, who will go on to represent Waitoki at the Helensville A & P show early next year. Well done also to Koen Neville and his lamb for being awarded a well deserved supreme champion. Congratulations to you both.

It was great to see so many members of the community actively involved with making it such a success as well as so many past families coming back to Waitoki to support this annual community event. We are still finalising the figure, but it looks like we will have made in the region of over **\$7,600 profit**, which will be put towards enhancing the play spaces at Waitoki School with some additional pieces of equipment.

We acknowledge that not all of our tamariki are in a position to be able to raise an animal as part of Ag Day so it was great to see so many home projects coming into school. I was really impressed with the standard of the students' bug houses and the home baking looked delicious.

A big thank you to all the members of our community who pitched in to help - we could not have done it without you. Special thanks must go to all the **Waitoki School staff**, enthusiastically led by **Becky Minton** and **Serena Bateman**, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes for many months to make this special day happen. You are all amazing and I feel very lucky to get to work with such a great team everyday.

All of our tamariki are currently in the process of preparing to compete in our school **athletics on Tuesday 28th October** at Sinclair Park. Our top athletes will go on to represent us at the Kaipara Schools cluster athletics event on **Monday 10th November**.

Good luck to the **Senior Kapa Haka group** who will be representing Waitoki School at Kaipara Kāhui ako Kapa Haka festival on **Saturday 18th October**. I am really looking forward to seeing our tamariki perform their waiata at Waimauku School. The Waitoki group is scheduled to be on stage at **11.15am** if you would like to go along and support them.

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our recent **strategic direction consultation survey**. Your feedback confirms that Waitoki School's greatest strengths are its tight-knit community, dedicated teachers, and strong school culture. You value the current enrichment opportunities, including robotics and our garden-to-table programme, along with the focus on student wellbeing. Looking ahead, the community's highest priorities include expanding future-focused learning such as STEM and digital literacy and increasing extracurricular activities. The core qualities you want for our learners are resilience, adaptability, and kindness, ensuring our tamariki are well-prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world. Your feedback will help to shape our next strategic and annual plan.

Have a fabulous week.

Ngā mihi nui

Jules McCourt

Important Information:

Term dates 2025:

Term 4—Mon 6th October 2025—Tues 16th December 2025

Term Dates 2026:

Term 1 2026 will once again begin with one to one family connection meetings on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026**, followed by all children learning in class on **Wednesday 4th February 2026**.

Term 4 2026 will end on **Tuesday 15th December 2026**.

Upcoming events to add to your diary:

- 17 October:** Whole School Assembly at 1.15pm.
- 18 October:** Kaipara Kapa Haka Festival 9am to 2.30pm
(Waitoki Performing at 11.15am)
- 22 October:** The Sailor Asthma Show: 1.15pm.
- 27 October:** Labour Day: School Closed
- 28 October:** Whole School Athletics: Sinclair Park.
- 29 October:** Saver Day for Athletics.
- 3 November:** New date for Teacher Only Day.
- 5 November:** New Board Meeting at 6.30pm.
- 10 November:** Kaipara Schools Cluster Athletics.
- 20 November:** North West Athletics.
- 9 December:** Piano Concert: 8.30am to 12.30pm.
- 11 December:** Helpers Morning Tea.
- 12 December:** Christmas in the Country 4.30pm to 7pm.
- 15 December:** Prizegiving: 8.45am.
- 15 December:** Year 8 Graduation: 6pm to 8pm.

Ag Day T-Shirt and Tea Towels



Hi everyone, we still have a few T-shirts \$25 and tea towels \$12.50 or 2 for \$20 for sale from the school office.

We also have some bracelets, key chains and magnets for \$3.



Enrolments for 2026

Have you recently moved into the **Waitoki School** zone and have a child due to start school in 2026? or have a sibling of a child already attending school turning 5 in 2026?

Please contact the school office to arrange a school tour with the principal, Jules McCourt and pick up an enrolment pack.

Please contact the school office for further information.

Phone 09 420 5244 or email: admin@waitoki.school.nz

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A huge Waitoki thank you to all our AG day Judges and Country Fair sponsors for your generous donations.



AG Day & Country Fair Round up

Ag Day Results:

Wow, we are so impressed with every student who participated in AG Day. Whether they participated with rearing animals, Junior Farmer, building a mini habitat, growing a radish, doing a photography project, baking up a storm, or supporting with the running of the events, we are so proud with each and every one of them.

A special congratulations to all of our winners on the day.

The results are:

Animals:

Lamb Supreme Champ - Koen Neville

Junior Chicken Diary winner— Harrison Fulks

Senior Chicken Diary winner— Alex Blakey

Junior Farmer:

1st Place—Raoul Sparke

Runner up— Isla Eagleson

Home projects:

Junior Mini Habitat winner—Bella Nutsford

Senior Mini Habitat winner— Arlo Ashley

Junior Radish growing winner— Charlotte Driscoll

Senior Radish growing winner—Phoebe Dent

Junior Baking winner— Isla Nutsford

Senior Baking winner – Nikora Herbert

Junior Photography winner—Charlotte Driscoll

Senior Photography winner— Levi Scott



A big thank you to all our judges.



Welcome:

We are so excited to welcome new families and students to our kura! Please give a warm Waitoki welcome if you see any of our new students and parents.

Our new students : Miller Craig and Matthew Breton Rūma Ono.



Congratulations to Piper Stubbs

Piper came first in the Auckland Intermediate Surf Champs for Y7&8 girls. Waitoki School also got a mention as Piper won all her heats so Waitoki School came 2nd equal in points.



Ice block Day Freezy Thursdays

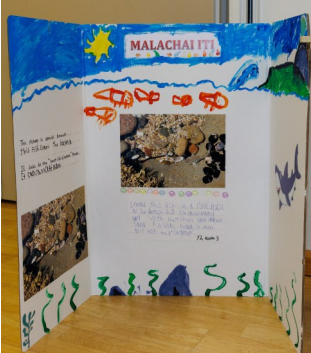
Just a reminder that each Thursday we will be holding Ice block day.

Children can purchase either \$2 or \$1 ice blocks. Save yourself time and pre-purchase ice blocks at the office! You can either pay by eftpos or direct credit. Otherwise, children can bring cash on the day.



No hat, no play

Please ensure that your child brings a clearly labelled hat each day to school so that they can play outside.



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COMING UP SOON

COMMUNITY NEWS

South Kaipara Schools Group Day

Friday 4th November 2022

Helenville A&P Showgrounds
Judging starts from 9:30am



KAUKAPAKAPA PONY CLUB PRESENTS
INTRODUCTION TO EQUINE SKILLS
Got a Horse-mad child but don't have a pony?
Introduction to Equine Skills Programme is for anyone who is new to Pony Club or preparing to buy a pony and wants to learn about horses and horse care management.

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- Saddling, covers and checking gear
- Spotting health problems early
- Feeding your horse
- Daily care for where horses live
- What it means to own a horse
- Pony Club pathways
- Earn Achievement Badges

Details: 10 weekly sessions
Cost: \$225
Starts: Tuesday 7th October 2022
Ends: Tuesday 8th December 2022
Where: Kaukapakapa Pony Club Grounds, Henley Rd, Kaukapakapa 5-30-10pm
Time: 5-30-10pm
Coach: Lou Lou Deehan-Owen

*Please note children must be accompanied by an adult during the sessions.
*For children aged 7+ years.
*Course does not involve riding lessons.

If you have any questions, please get in touch kaukapakapaponyclub@gmail.com

STOLEN!
Sadie, Juvenile Border Collie

Last seen in Kumeū, Auckland on 15/09/2022
\$6200 REWARD
Sadie is a much-loved family pet who responds to her name. She has an AirTag attached to her collar. Sadie is friendly and affectionate, and she is not a threat to children or other animals.

If you have any information, please contact Matt: 021 065 9436

THE VILLAGE MARKET
HELENSVILLE SHOWGROUNDS

The Village Market
Helenville Showgrounds
Sunday 19th October

South Kaipara FC – Registrations Now Open!
Our local football club is welcoming new players for the upcoming season.

Rautawhiri Park
Ages 5-8 Wednesdays (years 1-4)
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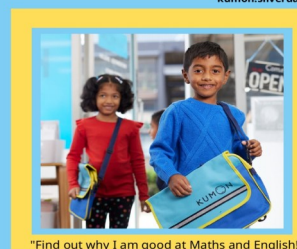
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Teens & Adults (Monday) 5:00

Teens & Adults (Thursday) 6:00

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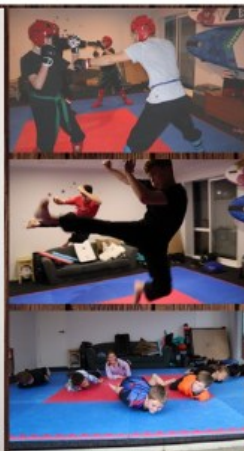
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