

Waitoki School NEWSLETTER

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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

I can't believe that we have reached the end of Term 3 already! Welcome back to Deb White, who started in Rūma Ono on Monday. It is great to have you back on board.

After months of planning, preparation and fundraising, Waitoki School's first ever team of athletes competed at **AIMS games** in Tauranga. The competition was fierce with more than 13,000 competitors from almost 400 Intermediate schools taking part in over 70 different sporting events. There were more athletes competing at AIMS games than the Olympics so the event was huge. Our students had an amazing time and we saw a lot of personal growth in them. As a school, we have learnt a lot from this experience and we are already planning how we can make AIMS a bigger and better experience next year.

I am excited to see all our talented students perform our school production "**Go for Gold**" this week. Our two evening shows are on to-night **Wednesday 25th**, which is sold out, and **Thursday 26th September** which only has a few tickets left! These are available to purchase through Skool Loop. Well done to all our talented students and amazing teachers for all your hard work to make this show happen. Special thanks to Mim Rushworth and Serena Bateman for their work with the main cast, Melissa Neville for organising the yummy refreshments and Chantelle Taylor for all her help with the make-up. A great team effort by everyone involved.

The annual Kaipara kāhui ako Speech competition was due to be held at Waitoki School on Wednesday 25th September, however, due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to postpone the event. Congratulations to **Charlize Taylor** and **Jordan Hefer** who are our school winners and will be representing Waitoki School. They will be sharing their speeches at the cluster competition early in Term 4. We are looking forward to welcoming students from other local schools for this event once the new date has been finalised.

The whānau hui with David Curtis from Activ8 last week was well attended and we have had plenty of positive feedback from those families who joined us for the evening. David has now finished his time with us for this year, although we are hoping he will be able to come back and work with our tamariki in 2025. Our DP, Chelsea Brown, purposely attended most of David's sessions so that she can continue to develop the resilience and leadership skills from the Activ8 programme.

We bid 'Bon Voyage' to Sharon Hartley on Friday. We hope you enjoy your refreshment leave, have fun travelling and we look forward to welcoming you back to Waitoki School Term 2, 2025.

I hope you all enjoy the last few days of term and have wonderful school holidays with your children.

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

Message from the Board:

Kia ora koutou.

As per recent notices, the board resolved to fill a board vacancy by a process of selection.

The board is pleased to confirm Waitoki School parent Andy Schick as its newest board member.

Andy has a strong affinity for rural schooling, lots of experience working with and on boards for various organisations and will be an asset for the school and board's work on governance, policy and technology. Welcome Andy!

Also, the Ministry of Education has confirmed the Triennial School Board Elections will be held in early/mid-September 2025. Exact dates and details for nominations and voting will be confirmed by the board before Term 3 2025.

Thank you to Principal McCourt, staff, students and families for a successful Term 3. Keep safe and well. Noho ora mai. Enjoy the holidays!

Paul Heagerty.

Presiding Member on behalf of the Waitoki School Board.

Welcome:

Welcome to Leni who started in Ruma Whitu this week, and also to Malachai who started in Ruma Ono last week. We hope you've both had a lovely start to your time with us :-)



Student corner

A big congratulations to Aidan who won the Under 5's Kid Dash Champion for the Auckland Run Series last week-end. This was a six run series which was held at different locations around Auckland over the last five months. Kai pai Aidan!



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: Next Assembly is in Term 4. TBC

Go for Gold Production—Wed 25th September (6.30pm) & Thursday 26th September (6.30pm)

Kahui Ako Speech Comp at Waitoki School—Postponed. Date TBC

AG Day & Country Fair—Sat 19th October

BOT Meeting—Wed 23rd October

Teacher Only Day — Tuesday 29th October (school closed)

Fundraising & events

Ice block Fridays

Each Friday, starting this week Friday 27th September, we will be holding Ice block Friday. 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.

Introducing 4 to Fit!

Waitoki School's newest fundraising initiative run by two Waitoki School parents—Nutritionist Kali Grey and Personal Trainer Amy Vincent.

As busy parents, we know how hard it is to find the time and energy to prioritize health and fitness. We also know how good we feel when we do, and how important it is that we stay healthy and fit for our kids!

Join us for a 4-week health journey with online exercise classes, meal plans, recipes, and nutrition advice so you can feel great going into summer this year.

****Challenge Dates:****

- Starts: Monday 14th October
- Ends: Sunday 10th November

****Costs:****

- \$99 for full access (fitness & nutrition)
- \$39 for nutrition-only resources

This program is available not only to Waitoki parents but to anyone who wants to join us! Team up with family and friends—even from afar. Please pass on this email to anyone you feel may be interested.

Throughout the 4 weeks, you will have support and guidance from Amy and Kali via a private Facebook group, in addition to weekly challenges and prizes.

We are fundraising for more play equipment for our school, giving our tamariki more opportunities for active play during break time.

****Registrations Open:****

- Monday 23rd September
- Sign up at the school reception either by popping in to see Emma and Claire, or by emailing admin@waitoki.school.nz. Payment can be made by eftpos or by paying online - 12-3139-0003007-00.

For more information, please email the Office team at admin@waitoki.school.nz

In other news

Speeches

On Wednesday the 18th September, 27 students in Year 4—8 competed in the Waitoki Kapa Nui Speech Competition with a range of raps, flash talks, and speeches. The children all did phenomenally, despite some nerves in anticipation.

The results were:

Year 4 students

- 1st Place: Erin H
- 2nd Place: Nathan B
- 3rd Place: Sadie S and Finlay M

Year 5/6 students:

- 1st Place: Jordan H
- 2nd Place: Lucia S
- 3rd Place: Sadie B

Year 7/8 students:

- 1st Place: Charlize T
- 2nd Place: Sophie V
- 3rd Place: Piper S and Eden S

AG Day & Country Fair Updates

Not long now until AG Day and Country Fair! We hope the children have spent lots of time training their animals in preparation. The school holidays will also be a great time to do the non-animal related competitions and make up some Jolly Jars.

Have a read further down in the newsletter to see everything you need to know about AG Day, training your animals, Young Farmer, and our awesome Country Fair raffles!

Out of Zone applications

This is just a reminder that if you have a child who will be enrolling at Waitoki School next year and you are out of zone, you will need to put in an Out of Zone application by 15th October 2024. Forms are available at the School Office.

Community News



The poster features the Kaipara College crest on the left, which includes a shield with a sun, a tree, and a book, surrounded by the words 'KAIPARA' and 'COLLEGE'. To the right of the crest, the text 'ENROL YOUR STUDENT FOR' is written in white, followed by '2025' in large, bold, white numbers. Below this, there is a photograph of three students in school uniforms, two girls and one boy, looking down at a book or paper. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for 'Kāhui Ako o Kaipara Community of Learning' with a stylized sun and tree. At the bottom left, the words 'ENROL NOW' are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of this, the text 'COMPLETE THE 2025 ONLINE ENROLMENT' is written in white, followed by 'KAIPARA.SCHOOL.NZ' in a larger, bold, white font.



For many students participating at Ag Day is the highlight of the year and we couldn't agree more. We love seeing the baby chicks go off to their new homes and return as chickens. We love welcoming all the lambs to our day care each morning. And we love that our community always gets involved.

Whether your family has raised an animal or is displaying their creative skills with indoor exhibits, we thank you. Without your commitment and participation Ag Day may not exist.

AG DAY | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH | 2024

**IT'S JUST
AROUND THE
CORNER**

INDOOR EXHIBITORS YOUNG FARMER FINAL

REMINDER - All children at Waitoki School are expected to enter into **at least one** of the indoor exhibit competitions or rear an animal. Those who choose to rear an animal can also partake in the exhibits.

If you are new to our School, don't worry! Chat with your class teacher if you'd like to know more.

The Categories are:

Construction Project:

Fence Paling Art - 100 years of Waitoki

Growing Project:

Recycled Edible Garden

Baking Project:

100 years of Waitoki slice

Lego Project:

100 years of Waitoki Lego

All exhibits will be securely locked away in the hall and be displayed for your friends and family to admire during Ag Day.

All your indoor exhibit entries
MUST be at school
Thursday 17th October.

Kicking off Ag Day at 8:30am sharp will be the final of our Young Farmer Competition. Bella C, Hattie W, Hunter E, Piper S, Raoul S and Sophie N will fight it out (not literally of course) as they complete a 6 station rotation under timed pressure. One will be crowned our 2024 Winner and go on to compete at the Helensville Show in February 2025.

Cheer, hoot and hollar to encourage our participants but
DON'T give them answers or guidance.
They will receive a score of ZERO if you do.

LAMBS, GOATS AND CALVES

You and your animal need to be at School **before 8:30am**. Children will need to tether their animals to the school house fence before heading to the office for their registration number. Judging will begin at 9am and conclude before midday.

Dont forget to keep up with training your animals over the school holidays.

OUR JUDGES

We are so lucky to have a number of judges visiting school on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th to assist us in judging both the animals and indoor exhibits.

They are all here in a voluntary capacity so we do ask that our community be respectful of their process and the decisions they make. They have a very tough job ahead of them.

CHICKENS

Dean and Deonne Olliff will be judging your diaries and chickens during Ag Day. Please ensure your chicken is caged, has the necessary food and water required and is at school **before 8:30am**.

All your chicken diaries
MUST be at school
Thursday 17th October.

The school field will not be available for parking this year so please plan ahead.

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3rd Prize: Snow Planet - Family 4hr Combo Pass incl. Rental Equipment - Valued at \$334

4th Prize: Taylored Beauty NZ - 2hr Makeup Lesson - Valued at \$300

5th Prize: The Whitening Co. - In-store Teeth Whitening Voucher - Valued at \$229

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9th Prize: Ozito 18v Cordless Blower & Grass Trimmer Kit (Bunnings Silverdale)

10th Prize: Megazone Silverdale - 30min Fly a Jet Simulator - Valued at \$129

11th Prize: Sauna Collective - 5x Double Pass 40min Vouchers - Valued at \$125

12th Prize: Sauna Collective - 5x Double Pass 40min Vouchers - Valued at \$125

13th Prize: Nicole Leah Hair - Cut, Blowave & Treatment - Valued at \$114

14th Prize: Relax & Restore - 1hr Massage Voucher - Valued at \$100

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16th Prize: Morris & Co. Hair Red Beach - \$100 Voucher

17th Prize: Kate Allen Aesthetics - \$100 Voucher Toward Facial or Laser Treatment

18th Prize: Kate Allen Aesthetics - \$100 Voucher Toward Facial or Laser Treatment

19th Prize: Anihana - Body Care Gift Pack

20th Prize: Owala Kids Freesip Stainless Steel Drink Bottle

21st Prize: Joe's Garage Silverdale - \$40 Voucher

22nd Prize: Joe's Garage Silverdale - \$25 Voucher

23rd Prize: Joe's Garage Silverdale - \$25 Voucher

24th Prize: Joe's Garage Silverdale - \$25 Voucher



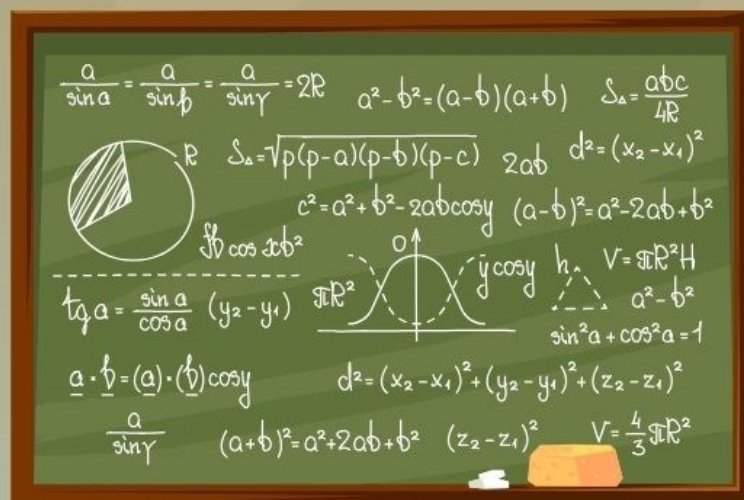
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