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Tēnā koutou Whanau,

After months of planning, preparation and fundraising, I am excited to see our Y7 & Y8 **AIMS games** team head off to Tauranga this weekend to compete against 397 other Intermediate schools. It is the first time Waitoki School has entered this competition and we all wish you well. Play hard, play fair and have fun. We are looking forward to hearing all about it when you return.

It is less than three weeks until we get to see our students perform **“Go for Gold.”** The rehearsals are going well and the singing is sounding amazing. Production tickets are available to purchase through Skool Loop and at this stage we still have tickets available for all three shows. We have restricted tickets to four per family to ensure all parents have the time and opportunity to purchase tickets to see their child perform. We will be removing this limit on **Thursday 12th September** so if you have not yet bought tickets, please do so before that date otherwise you may miss out when tickets go on sale on a first come first served basis.

Our Y4 - Y8 students have been busy preparing for the annual Kai-para Speech competition. They have all written speeches which they will present to their peers over the next few days. We will select two students from Y5 - Y8 to represent Waitoki at the cluster speech competition. Once again, this is being held at Waitoki School on **Wednesday 25th September from 9am**. We are looking forward to welcoming tamariki from other local schools to our kura for this event.

David Curtis from Activ8 will be holding a whānau hui on **Monday 16th September at 6.30pm** in the school hall and all parents are most welcome to attend. Over the past two decades, the Activ8 programme has evolved to address the social learning needs faced by neurotypical children, their parents and teachers. The programme has been successfully run in over 20 Auckland schools, some of which have been working with David for well over 10 years. David works alongside the Ministry of Education, educational psychologists, parents and school staff to support social learning and the impacts of the modern world on children. This includes developing resilience and leadership skills. As David will be discussing some mature themes, this talk is not suitable for children's ears.

There are a few changes happening in Rūma Ono. Next Friday will be Suzy Fury's last day with us as she is off travelling the world with her husband for the next few months. We thank Suzy for all her efforts with our youngest tamariki. Deb White will be returning to Waitoki School to teach with Sharon for the last two weeks of this term. Deb knows our school really well and has taught our NE/Y1 class previously so this should be a seamless transition for our tamariki.

Sharon Hartley has been granted by the Board two terms of much

deserved refreshment leave for Term 4 2024 and Term 1 2025. Deb White will continue to teach Rūma Ono for Term 4 along with her husband Greg White, who has also worked at Waitoki as a relief teacher in the past. Sharon is a committed, passionate and dedicated teacher who loves Waitoki School and will be returning to us Term 2, 2025. In Sharon's absence, Kirsty Hodd will be Acting Associate Principal for those two terms and we are looking forward to her joining our leadership team.

I would like to thank all of you who have taken the time to share your views with us through our recent community consultation opportunities. The Board are taking your feedback into consideration and are working collaboratively to rewrite our Health Education statement. The play spaces survey closed today and I have enjoyed hearing your ideas and suggestions for improving outside opportunities for our learners. Our Whānau pulse survey closes next Friday, 13th September so there is still time to share your thoughts with us. Survey link: <https://forms.gle/A52yy38GhryML5gAA>

Have a fabulous weekend!

Ngā mihi nui
Jules McCourt

[Welcome:](#)

Welcome to Eva who started in Ruma Ono this week. We hope you've had a lovely start to your time with us Eva!



[Student corner](#)

Cross Country

Piper has competed in the Auckland 2024 Grand Prix Series that consisted of five cross country runs over the Winter season. Piper has placed 10th overall in the under 14 girls division. Kai pai Piper!

Indie and Piper also went to the Auckland Cross Country Event this week Tuesday, and did so well! Congratulations to you both for taking on the challenge and giving it your all. We are so proud of you.



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 Friday 13th September at 8.45am. Please note the change of time.

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

Whānau Hui Activ8 session with David Curtis—Mon 16th September (parents/caregivers only)

Yr 7 & 8 Immunisations—Mon 23rd September

Go for Gold 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

BOT Meeting—Wed 23rd October

Teacher Only Day — Tuesday 29th October

In other news

Mathex Competition

Last Wednesday, Mrs. Minton and 20 Year 4-7 students attended the Kaipara Inter-School Mathex competition at Kaipara College. We are so proud of our students for the dedication and grit they showed on the day! A big shout out goes to the parents who attended also and helped with transport.



Calendar Art 2024

As you would have read in the last newsletter, we are doing Kids Art Works again this year and will be selling calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads made from your child's artwork. Orders will open on Friday 13 the September and close on the 23rd September. You will have plenty of time for overseas postage for Christmas presents! An individual sheet will be sent home with each child including ordering dates and costs. We are raising funds for Special Education Resources.

Fundraising



Sports

Touch registrations are open!

If your child is interested in playing Touch rugby in Term 4, please head in to Skool Loop before Monday 16th September and fill in the form. More details about the season and what it entails can be found in Skool Loop.

AG Day & Country Fair Updates

Junior Farmer

On Wednesday 4th September we held the final heat of the Junior Farmer competition where 11 of our senior students presented their speeches to the judges. It was a tough decision for the judges to make, but in the end Bella Cox, Hunter Eagleson, Piper Stubbs, Sophie Norman, Hattie Watson, and Raoul Sparke made it to the final competition. Well done to everyone who entered in, you were all amazing!



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.

Out of Zone applications

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Enrolments for 2025

The Board invites applications from parents who wish to enroll their children at Waitoki School for next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the Waitoki School office.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out-of-zone places is Tuesday 15th October 2024. Application forms are available from the school website or by emailing admin@waitoki.school.nz

Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year.

The board has determined that 40 places are likely to be available for out-of-zone students in 2025. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required, it will be held on Friday 18th October.

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days of the ballot being held.

Community News

Hibiscus Coast Cricket Club is now open for registrations for girls and boys aged 5+ through to senior levels.

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