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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora everyone,

What a fantastic day we had last Friday! Our annual Cross Country event was a huge success, thanks to the glorious weather and the incredible positive participation of all students, including those of the visiting school. It was wonderful to see so many of you cheering from the sidelines. A special thank you to our amazing parent helpers—we simply couldn't have done it without you. Your support made all the difference! We also want to extend a massive thank you to Hellers Sausages and Bakers Delight for their very generous donations, which helped fuel our runners and volunteers. This year, we also welcomed students from Pukekawa School. The feedback was that it was a great event and the whole thing ran like a 'well oiled machine'. The results for our students can be found further in this newsletter. We are all so proud of them!

This week, on Wednesday at 9.30am, we welcome our new school van! We are so grateful for the community support that made this happen. This van is a game-changer for our small, isolated school, opening up new opportunities for our students to participate in events and activities they haven't been able to before.

Looking ahead, get ready for another round of our popular Oxford Pies fundraiser! We'll be sending order forms home soon. Please share this with friends, family, and neighbours, as all proceeds will go toward funding our school's 2026 Leadership Camp. It's a fantastic way to support our students and enjoy some delicious pies!

After the holidays, mark your calendars for Pet Day! It's an event we are all looking forward to. This is a day for our whole community to celebrate, and everyone is welcome. Pre-schoolers can even register their pets to participate. Keep an eye out for more details to come.

Lastly, as we are preparing for next year, from now on we welcome any pre-enrolments for 2026. Please ring or visit the office for an enrolment pack and you are most welcome to come and meet us to see what wonderful opportunities we can offer your child.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal - Tumuaki



Waikaretu School Bus Driver vacancy



Do you want to get paid to take your kids to school? Or do you know someone interested in a part time position with Go Bus?

We are looking for a part-time driver in your area, full training is provided.

Please contact Leonie Murphy on leonie.murphy@gobus.co.nz with a copy of your CV.

**Happy Birthday to Libby
who turns 10 on the
1st of September**



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 20th August
BOT Meeting 5.30pm

Tuesday 2nd September
Technology Year 7-8 Huntly

Wednesday 10th September
Waikaretu School speeches

Wednesday 17th September
Cluster speeches @
Waingaro School

Friday 19th September
School Term 3 ends

Monday 6th October
School Term 4 starts

Friday Pie Day

Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (pies, sausage rolls, toasted sandwich etc) for lunch in the pie warmer. Please let them know to give their wrapped (not clingfilm), named food to a teacher in the morning.



School Board Notice

The Waikaretu School Board reviews our school policies on a regular basis.

To view Waikaretu School Policies and how the review process works please go to SchoolDocs:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

1. Look for our school name
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WAIKARETU PLAYGROUP

Bring your Tamariki along for a play, have a chat and coffee and making lasting connections with the other mothers/caregivers and the school.

Please contact
Catherine Hore
021 113 7770

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Waikaretu War Memorial Hall
Incorporated Society AGM Tuesday
9th September 2025 7pm at the
Hall.**

Waikaretu School BOT Elections

Nominations for the Waikaretu School Board election has now closed and we received fewer nominations than were vacancies on the board.

The Waikaretu School board received a total of 4 nominations for 5 vacancies when nominations closed on the 6th of August, leaving 1 casual vacancy.

If you are interested in filling the casual vacancy, please contact the office on admin@waikaretu.school.nz or 09 2333014.

Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected to the Waikaretu School board and took office on the 13th of August:

Jeremy Leigh
Graham Lovegrove
Celia Campbell
Thomas Whitford

Assembly & Awards Friday 8th August



Margo, Jasmine and Jack received their WAY Way bands



The WAI Wai prizes were drawn and the winners were Aria and Jasmine



Eli, Lincoln, Eric and Jack received the WAI Way assembly certificates



Cross Country Results

Placing 12+ year old boys

Eric Welch 1st

Placing 12+ year old Girls

Hiko Matiaha 2nd

Placing 5 year old boys

Chip Lovegrove 2nd

Placing 6-7 year old boys

Mason Dawson 1st

Benjamin Starr 17th

Lincoln Woodley 29th

Teams

Waikaretu 3rd

Placing 6-7 year old Girls

Margo Whitford 1st

Ayla Pippen 6th

Nelly Keen-Jones 17th

Teams

Waikaretu 2nd

Placing 8-9 year old boys

Jack Marshall 1st

Flynn Gifkins 4th

Mac Whitford 10th

Teams

Waikaretu 2nd

Placing 8-9 year old Girls

Sienna Leigh 5th

Libby Lovegrove 10th

Aria Keen-Jones 22nd

Placing 10-11 year old boys

Stirling Leigh 1st

Eli Welch 4th

Will Marshall 8th

Archer Gifkins 14th

Levi Dawson 19th

Teams

Waikaretu 2nd

Placing 10-11 year old Girls

Caeley Roberts 2nd

Jasmine Grove 8th

Teams

Waikaretu 2nd

Cross Country



Thank you
Parents and
the community
for all the
support and
help before
and on the day.



Cross Country



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for donating bread.



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