



Waikaretu School

Continuously Thrive and Learn

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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora everyone,

This term our focus on Kaitiakitanga—guardianship and care—has been deeply embedded in our learning and activities. A real highlight was our successful tree planting day organised by the West Waikato Coastal Community Catchment Group at Nikau Caves & Café, where our tamariki worked together to care for the environment and contribute to the wellbeing of our local ecosystem. We're so proud of their mahi and commitment.

Our older students also had the powerful experience of attending Tenā, a moving film that explored resilience after grief, wellbeing, and how we can be kaitiaki not only for others but for ourselves too. Although the theme was a little 'heavy', it sparked valuable koorero around mindset, growth, and responsibility.

Looking ahead, we are seeking parent helpers for our upcoming cross-country event—your support makes a big difference, and we'd love to have you involved.

We're also excited to share that after many fundraising events and the massive support of those who donated funds, the school has purchased a van! This will be a fantastic asset for trips and events. We'll hold an official celebration once our bus shed renovations are complete and we can store it securely. We are so thankful to everyone who has supported us with this project over the last two years.

Speaking of upgrades, the community hall is nearly finished and is looking amazing—we can't wait to make the most of this revitalised space.

Finally, with Board of Trustees nominations closing this Wednesday, we look forward to the elections for our new board. A heartfelt thank you to those who've put their hands up for this important role—your support is truly appreciated and makes a world of difference to my role as a Principal and, most importantly, to our children. It does take a village!

Ngaa mihi nui,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal - Tumuaki



Cross Country Training

We are training every day for Cluster Cross Country in August. Could you please send a change of clothes for your child/children to school every day.



Happy Birthday to Nelly
who turns 7 on the 7th of
August



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 15th August
Waikaretu School
cluster Cross Country

Wednesday 20th August
BOT Meeting

Wednesday 10th September
Waikaretu School speeches

BOT Elections

Parent & Staff Election
Timetable

Nominations Close:
12 noon Wednesday
6th August

Election Day:
Wednesday 10 September

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.

Board of Trustees Elections

WE NEED YOU!

WAIKARETU SCHOOL BOARD



Make a Difference in Our Children's Future

YOUR VOICE CAN LEAD TO POSITIVE CHANGE IN EDUCATION

Help shape policies and create a nurturing environment for students. You don't have to be a parent at the school to become a Board Member. You can get nominated by a school parent.*

Online nominations can be made by following this [link](#), or via the QR code below.

Call us* if you want to know more about what it means to be a Board Member of a school.



NOMINATIONS
CLOSE
6TH AUGUST
12PM

**CALL US FOR MORE
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waikaretu Hall AGM & Updates

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

Donations have been made from
the 2025 Bike Ride from the
Waikaretu Community Fund.

Net Profit was \$8830.67.

The school and the Hall received
\$4165.00 each.

The Auckland and Waikato
Rescue Helicopter received
\$250.00 each.

Thank you to the Waikaretu
Community for the generous
donation to the school.

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 School Cross Country **Friday the 15th of August**

Race Schedule First race starts at approximately 10.30 a.m.

- Race 1 5-year-old Boys 250m
- Race 2 5-year old Girls 250m
- Race 3 12+ year old Boys 3000m
- Race 4 12+ year old Girls 3000m
- Race 5 6-7 year old Boys 600m
- Race 6 6-7 year old Girls 600m
- Race 7 8-9 year old Boys 1500m
- Race 8 8-9 year old Girls 1500m
- Race 9 10-11 year old Boys 2250m
- Race 10 10-11 year old Girls 2250m



Prize Giving
Home Time

Food Available on the Day

Sausages \$2.50 each Drinks \$2.50 Chocolate Bars \$3.00

Coffee and tea provided in the library, gold coin
donation

Thank You Hellers Sausages for donating the sausages
for our school fundraiser.

Everyone Welcome

Assembly & Awards Friday 25th July



Ayla, Libby and Hiko
received their WAY Way
bands



The WAI Wai prizes were drawn
and the winners
were Caeley and Riria



Hiko, Aria, Margo and Nelly
received the WAI Way assembly
certificates



Mathematics

We have been learning about angles in our Geometry learning during Mathematics this term and the aakonga wanted to share some of the things they have learnt so far.

I have learnt that there are lots of different angles, there are reflex and obtuse angles. We learnt about intersecting lines.

Libby Lovegrove

I know that a straight line is 180 degrees and a point is 360 degrees and we use a protractor to measure angles.

Stirling Leigh

I can draw a straight line and I know that there are big angles and little angles.

Nelly Keen-Jones

I have learnt that there are different types of angles such as a right angle that is 90 degrees and angles on a straight line always equal 180 degrees and angles at a point equal 360 degrees.

Caeley Roberts



Tina the Film Screening



We were gifted tickets to a special school screening of the movie Tina. The years 5 to 8 students went to the Tear Drop Centre in Manukau to watch this acclaimed New Zealand movie. The movie is about a woman, grieving her daughter's death in the Christchurch quakes, who becomes a substitute teacher at an elite school. Unexpectedly, she discovers students lacking guidance and care, prompting her to provide inspiration and support through her music and choir practice. Back at school, the students reflected on the theme resilience, wrote a review and had some popcorn!



Community Tree Planting Day



Thank you to Nikau Caves & Cafe for hosting the tree planting site. Thank you to the West Waikato Coastal Community Group for giving us this opportunity helping to create sustainable environments in the Waikaretu Valley.

Garden To Table



Pin Wheel Scones

- 2 cups plain flour
- 4 tspn baking powder
- 1 tspn salt
- 60gm butter cut in small pieces
- $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 cup milk

Savoury fillings-choose from

- cheese
- herbs
- salami
- onion
- greens
- tomato paste

Turn oven on to 200 deg. & line a baking tray with baking paper.

Method

- Sift flour & baking powder into a large bowl
- Add the butter
- Add the milk
- Stir quickly and don't over stir
- Tip dough onto floured board, knead & fold several times & sprinkle with flour if needed
- Roll out into square 30x30cm
- Spread with chosen fillings
- Roll up, cut log in 2cm slices
- Place on baking tray and bake for 10-15 minutes



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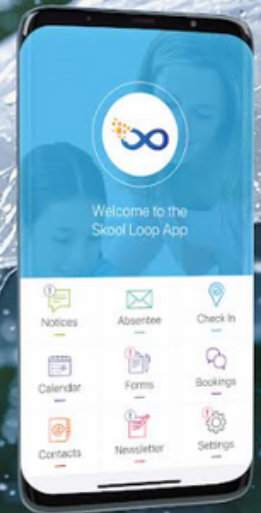
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Fun Indoor Bouldering Classes for Kids!

Bouldering is a fun, safe way to learn to rock climb. Local classes are now open for tamariki aged from 5 to 18 years old. No experience is needed and all equipment is provided. For more info or to book a class, contact Boulder

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