



Waikaretu School

Continuously Thrive and Learn

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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora koutou,

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our recent Pet Day and Art Exhibition such resounding success. The school grounds were filled with proud students, fantastic animals, and incredible creativity! Seeing our students care for their pets and showcase their amazing artwork is a real highlight of our school year. A special thank you to all who made this possible:

Art Judges: Val Venimore, Diana Boyle, Roger Thomas, Teresa Borrell, Donna Paulsen, Debbie MacWilliam.

Floral Arrangements: Anne Woodward, Emily Welch, Celia Campbell

Pet Day Judges & Father's cakes auctioneer: Richie Paulsen, Kate Broadbent, Rob McNab

Garden to Table produce sales: Louise Starr, Erica Gilchrist & CeJay Hart.

We've hit Term 4 running. Our new theme is Light, Sound and Action, and we have some fun, performing arts activities planned, including an end of year play in our newly renovated community hall. Students will be exploring science and technology this term too, in particular they will be exploring how light and sound work.

We will also continue our focus on Hauora, which is the Māori concept of a holistic view of wellbeing. To support this, we're excited to welcome both St John and the Life Education Trust for special visits. These programmes will help our students understand how to keep their bodies and minds healthy, safe, and happy.

Ngaa manaakitanga,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal / Tumuaki

FUNDRAISER WAIKARETU SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT

18 OCTOBER

GLEN MURRAY COMMUNITY HALL

6.30PM DOORS OPEN 7PM START
SUPPER PROVIDED - BYO DRINKS

TEAMS OF 6 TO 8 - \$30 P/P

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT EMILY 021776486

RAFFLES AND AUCTIONS



Introducing our new GoBus driver Athol Berry. Athol lives locally and knows our roads well. We are pleased to welcome him to our school community. As per usual, any changes to your child's bus pick up in the afternoon, please contact the school office before 3pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday 18th October
Quiz Night Glen Murray

Monday 20th October
BOT meeting 5pm

Monday 27th October
Labour Day

Friday 12TH December
End of Term 4



Waikaretu School Fundraising Raffle

Tickets \$10 each.

Limited to 250 tickets

1st Place: Te Karaka Escape, Nights accommodation, 3 course meal and Breakfast (Value \$800)

Donated by Te Karaka

2nd Place: Honest Wolf Quilted mini tote bag (Value \$500)

Donated by Welch Shearing

3rd Place: Whole butchered lamb (Value \$200)
Donated by R & J Lourie butchered By B Store

Winner Drawn at the Waikaretu School
Trivia Night on the 18th October

To buy Tickets scan the QR
code



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AYDEN
WHO TURNS 7 ON THE
24TH OCTOBER



Community Notices

PARENTING IN AN ONLINE WORLD 101
UNDERSTANDING OUR KIDS ONLINE WORLD AND HOW TO KEEP THEM SAFE

AI, Social Media, Cyberbullying, Gaming, Online Predators, Online Porn, Smartphones, Filters, Boundaries

Come and hear filmmaker & Author Rob Cope in what promises to be a hilarious, straight-talking Parent to Parent talk



Book tickets here



TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025 | 6.30 PM - 8.30PM
TE KAUWHATA COLLEGE | 50-64, WAERENGA ROAD, TE KAUWHATA

School Board Notice

Please note that our next meeting has been postponed from Wednesday 15th October to Monday 20th October 5pm.

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.



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

Assembly & Awards Friday 19th September



The Term Attendance Awards went to Chip, Eli, Levi, Mac, Margo, Stirling and Libby. We are so proud of your efforts!



The WAI-Way prizes went to Eli, Libby, Mason and Aria. Congratulations and well done for making great choices for your learning!



Pet Day 2025 Results

Lambs

Junior Calling:

1. Margo - Spark
2. Mason - Pepper
3. Ayden - Billy

Senior Calling:

1. Eric - Chops
2. Libby - Skippy
3. Sienna - Teddy

Junior Leading:

1. Ayden - Billy
2. Mason - Pepper
3. Margo - Spark

Senior Leading:

1. Caeley - Bubbles
2. Mac - Spots
3. Eric - Chops

Junior Rearing:

1. Ayden - Billy
2. Mason - Pepper
3. Margo - Spark

Senior Rearing:

1. Caeley - Bubbles
2. Eli - Grande
3. Eric - Chops

Champion Lamb Junior:

Ayden - Billy

Reserve Champion Lamb:

Margo - Spark

Champion Lamb Senior:

Eric - Chops

Reserve Champion Lamb:

Eli - Grande

Overall Champion Lamb :

Eric - Chops

Calves

Leading:

1. Levi - Rusty
2. Eric - Lachie
3. Tom - Doug

Rearing:

1. Levi - Rusty
2. Mason - Frosty
3. Will - Rooney

Champion:

Levi - Rusty

Reserve Champion:

Eric - Lachie

Other Pets:

Goats:

1. Eric - Miles
2. Levi - Susan
3. Nelly - Brownie
4. Eli - Casper

Best Cared For:

Jasmine - Frog Green

Judge's Choice:

Nelly - Goat Brownie
Hiko - Foal Chilli

Productive Pet:

Lincoln - Chicken

Fancy Dress Junior:

1. Chip - Sunshine
2. Ayden - Billy
3. Margo - Spark

Fancy Dress Senior:

1. Libby - Skippy
2. Eric - Chops
3. Mac - Spots

Fancy Dress Pre-schooler:

Anastasia - Elsa



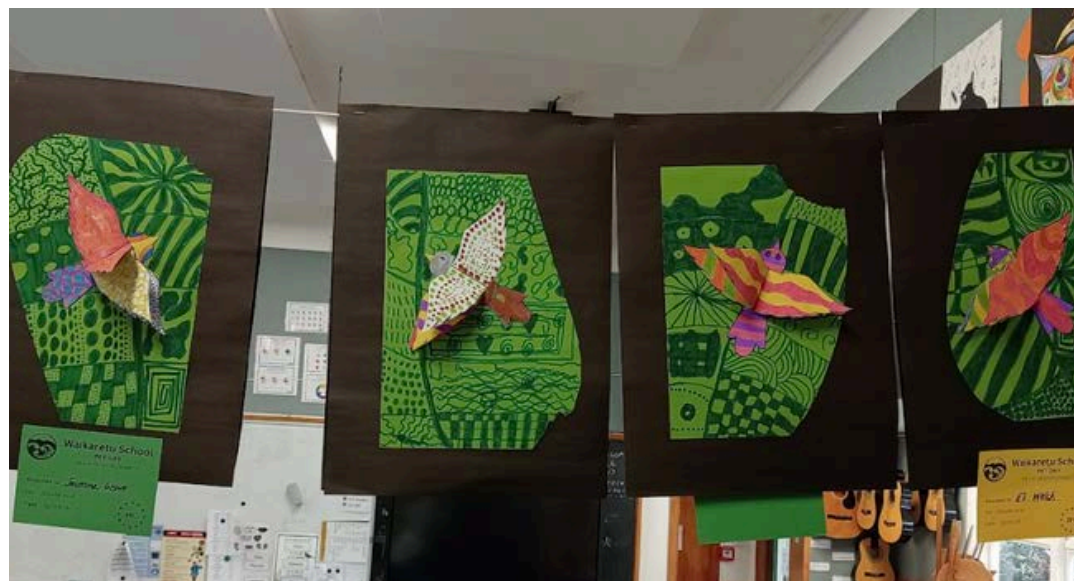
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Te Miro Mountain

Bike Clubs

Thursday Night Summer Race

Series is proudly sponsored by

Riverside Adventures Waikato!

Racing runs from the 30th of October to the 11th of December 2025 & the 22nd of January to the 12th of March 2026.

20th Nov, 29th Jan, 26th Feb will be **ENDURO RACES**. (Courses will be advised week of the enduro, your best 2 races will determine the enduro winner).

Rego opens at 5:45PM, closes at 6:20PM.

Racing starts at 6:30PM.

3 XC tracks to choose from. Tracks for all skills, ages & fitness levels. Race last for 60 mins. Your best 10 races will determine this years summer series winners!

Free for Te Miro club members. \$10 non members.

Please pre-register for your first race by 4:00PM using the link provided or on our website under events.

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=408938>

Any questions please email temiromtbevents@gmail.com or contact 027 236 3778 A/H

Waikaretu School

Thanks to the below businesses for sponsoring our school app:

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Friday 17th October
Te Akau Complex
6pm start

Tickets include dinner:

★ Adult \$25
★ Children \$15
★ Family \$85
★ (2 adults + 2-4 children)



ART CLASSES

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for your continuing support of
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AND TSUNAMI HĪKOI

SAVE YOUR TEDDY DAY Information for students and whānau



Hato Hone
St John

Our school has registered to take part in national Save Your Teddy Day, coinciding with World Restart a Heart Day, where students will learn how to save a life by practicing CPR on their teddy or soft toy.

Your child's class will be participating in this fun and exciting Hato Hone St John session. This is a practical activity where they will learn and practice how to respond when a person needs care in a cardiac arrest. This means they will learn how to give CPR to their teddy or cushion.

Children will join a practical demonstration via a video which will require them to use a teddy, soft toy or cushion to practice on. Any soft toy or cushion, ideally something at least 20cm in length, would work perfectly.

Children will need to bring their teddy / soft toy or cushion to school on Save Your Teddy Day.

If your child doesn't have access to a suitable toy or cushion we may be able to support picking a pre-loved one up from a local Hato Hone St John retail store (if we have one in your location).

Please chat to the classroom teacher who has details about how you may be able to get one provided.

To help Hato Hone St John to continue to provide free CPR and AED awareness sessions we are also asking for any child participating in Save Your Teddy Day to bring a gold coin to school or you can direct donate here <https://saveyourteddy.stjohn.org.nz/donate> (children can still participate without providing a donation).

To learn more about our free community CPR and AED programme check out:
<https://www.stjohn.org.nz/what-we-do/community-programmes/3-steps-for-life/>



Save your
Teddy

In Loving Memory of Ben Taylor



2010 - 2025
Rest in Peace