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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora koutou everyone,

Our students will showcase their speeches next week on the 10th September, so please come and support their efforts as they present to a wider audience.

We're all looking forward to our annual Pet Day! The home project details will be sent home with students next week, so keep an eye out for that information. This is always a highlight of the year, celebrating our students' creativity and their beloved pets.

Also, get your thinking caps ready for our highly anticipated School Quiz Night on the 18th October. It's a fantastic evening for our community to come together and have some fun. More details on how to register your team will be shared soon.

Recently, members of our school and board community had the incredible opportunity to represent Waikaretu and attend the Koroneihana with Kaumatua Russell Riki. The Koroneihana is a week long, annual celebration of the Maaori Queen's coronation, a significant yearly cultural event that honours the Kīngitanga movement, its history, and its ongoing role in Aotearoa. It was a deeply moving and educational experience for everyone who attended. We will be sharing snippets of all the happenings with our students in this week to help them better understand the importance of this event and our connection to the wider community.

Our newly elected Board of Trustees have made a great start with their first meeting. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals volunteering their time and expertise to help guide our school. We are also pleased to announce that Jeremy Leigh will continue in his role as Presiding Member for the next three years. The Board's leadership and commitment are invaluable to our school's success.

As we navigate the winter season, we've seen an increase in winter illnesses. If your child is absent, please notify the school office each day. If your child is sick for five days or more, we encourage you to consult a doctor. Please also let us know if they are well enough to do some schoolwork at home, and we will do our best to help them keep up with their learning. For any health concerns, you can also call the free health line on 0800 611 116 for advice. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to seeing you at any of our upcoming events.

Ngaa Manaakitanga,
Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal / Tumuaki



IMPORTANT DATES

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 10th October
School Pet Day

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.



Happy Birthday to Lincoln
who turns 7 on the
12th of September





School Board Notice

Congratulations to Jeremy Leigh for being selected as our Presiding Member for the next term (3 years). Your leadership is valuable to the education of our students and the future of our school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Garden to Table

Has anyone got any spare punnet pots that they could please spare? We need more to complete the trays of seedlings for Garden Group.



Te Akau Community Complex

MAORI V PAKEHA 2025 GAMES

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

NETBALL 1PM

RUGBY KICK OFF 2.30PM

ALL WELCOME TO PLAY, PLEASE ARRIVE 1 HOUR BEFORE
YOUR GAME TO ARRANGE TEAMS

HANGI \$10- PURCHASE TICKETS AT EVENT
BAR OPEN, ADDITIONAL FOOD AVAILABLE
PRIZEGIVING/SPEECHES POST GAME



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 22nd August



Mason, Eli, Caeley and Aria received their WAI Way bands



The WAI Way prizes were drawn and the winners were Eli and Caeley



Mason, Levi, Caeley and Will received the WAI Way assembly certificates



Assembly & Awards Friday 29th August



Riria, Sienna, Ayla and Ben received the WAI Way assembly certificates



The WAI Way prizes were drawn and the winners were Stirling and Chip

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Preparing for Pet Day Sale of Seedlings

After a stormy night, we managed to have a reasonably settled gardening experience (until the end of the session).

The kids, Jo and Louise have a few seedlings on their way for Pet Day and today we filled pots with soil for the last haul of seedlings. We got some of Denise's lovely heirloom tomato varieties that Erica contacted her about, planted today for Pet Day sales.

After hauling soil and seed pots around, we then went in to enjoy some lovely warm toasted sammies with cafe bread, cheese and herbs. We also had a little treat; some fried halloumi cheese. Thanks Erica and her chefs!



School Holiday Activities



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Location: Horahora Paa, Rangiriri

Friday 19th September: 5pm (Dinner Provided)
to

Friday 26th September: 1pm (Lunch Provided)

Open to Children 12years + and Adults

Cost: \$20 per person + Full Committment

Account number: 38-9002-0433492-05

Account Name: I Marino

Ref: Full Name as per rego form

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/puZacCEhnJxmdr9p8>

Registration closes Friday 12th September



Ohinewai School Registration only, any questions please contact
Matua Ivan on 020 403 14107



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