

Wairau Valley Special School

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 3, TERM 4, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Natalie Todd

Our Splashdown Countdown: Exciting Progress on WVSS Hydrotherapy Pool!

As Wairau Valley Special School celebrates its golden jubilee, I am thrilled that construction is well underway on our new specialist facilities. Our vision is to maximise our students' potential and enrich their lives through these additions. This exciting development benefits not only our students and staff but also our parents and wider community.



Hydrotherapy Pool Highlights

Our key feature is the heated hydrotherapy pool (15x12m), which is scheduled to open in February 2026. This pool will be a gamechanger for many of our students, and our physiotherapists are especially excited about the opportunities for those who are wheelchair users or face mobility challenges.



We believe this facility will be second to none in New Zealand. Accessibility features include:

- Ramp and hoist facilities.
- A smart accessible bathroom with a changing bed for wheelchair users.
- Full wheelchair accessibility from the new carpark to the pool.

These new facilities will benefit students at our base school and those attending our satellite classes across the North Shore.



Progress and Partners

KBD Construction's safety-conscious team is "progressing well on site". Nala Studio Architects brought the beautiful design together, and our project managers, Steve Waters and Wayne Walker of Yellowstone Management, have been "phenomenal". We thank our funding partners: the school's board provided the large majority of the funding, North Shore Rotary generously donated to the pool, and the Ministry of Education funded the changing room and toilet facilities.



2023 - 2025

WVSS Kaupapa

TŪHURA AKO TUTUKI
EXPLORE LEARN SUCCEED

VALUES : Acceptance Respect Understanding ARU : To follow

VISION : Engaged, empowered and challenged learners.

GOALS

A culturally safe and inclusive environment.

A curriculum that supports our learners to explore, learn, and succeed.

Committed staff with skills, knowledge, & understanding to work across our kura.

What's on at WVSS

21 OCT, T

Ahutoetoe - Fire Truck Visit

22 OCT, W

Target Road - Fire Truck Visit

23 OCT, TH

SCHOOL CLOSED - STRIKE DAY

24 OCT, F

Base Spooky Spring Disco

29 OCT, W

Teacher Appreciation Day



Wairau Valley Special School

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED**

THURSDAY

23 OCTOBER 2025



**NZEI UNION MEMBERS HAVE VOTED
TO STRIKE**



Nau mai haere mai

Please join us in celebrating this year's
Te Hoenga Waka Kapa Haka Festival
in the Northern Region

When: 9am-4pm, Saturday, 8 November 2025

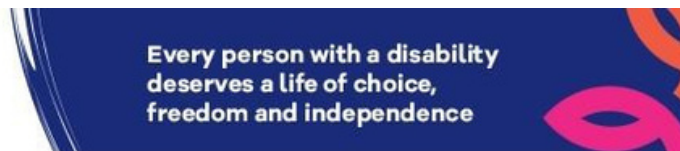
Where: Orewa Arts & Events Center,
80 Riverside Road, Orewa, Auckland 0931

Cost: This is a free event

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