

WAIRAU VALLEY SPECIAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WEEK 7, TERM 4, 2025

A MESSAGE
FROM OUR
PRINCIPAL

Natalie
Todd

I am delighted to report that this year's Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey was a resounding success. It was a privilege to witness the growing independence and resilience of our students, particularly those experiencing their first significant overnight stay away from home.



The group made the most of the excellent weather, surpassing expectations on their hikes and embracing challenges during kayaking and raft-building exercises with the Shakespeare team. From the discipline shown in keeping the lodge pristine to the camaraderie built over roasting marshmallows, the students' attitude and teamwork were exemplary throughout.





I am proud of the determination and enthusiasm displayed by every student. Ka pai to Izzy Toerien for her leadership and all our dedicated staff — especially those who volunteered for the overnight shifts — for making this unforgettable experience possible.



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

19 NOV, W

EOTC - GIS Hub - Kirsten School

20 NOV, TH

Navigating the Disability System
- 5-6:30, BASE School, click [here](#) to register

21 NOV, F

World Kindness Day

22 NOV, SAT

Graduation Ball

24 NOV, M

Waterwise - GIS 35, 36, & 37

26 NOV, W

GIS 35, 36 and 37 - Kristen Basketball

28 NOV, F

GIS Hub End of year Assembly (9am -10am)
EOTC GIS 35 Transition Cafe

Wairau Valley Special School

Navigating the Disability System

Join us to learn more about Disability and Financial Supports and how they work.

Host:

Ainsley Darvell from Flying Kites



Thursday
20 November 2025



Wairau Valley Special School-
Base



5 pm - 6:30 pm



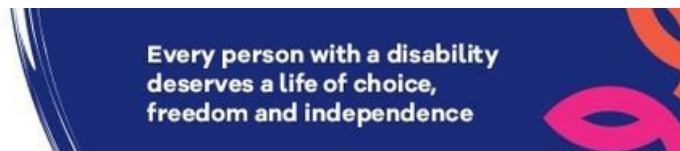
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