



Waihola District School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 2025

Working & learning together to be the best that we can be!

Mā Te Huruhuru Ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly

Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's been a busy and exciting couple of weeks here at Waihola School! Our Senior students represented us with great sportsmanship at both the Netball and Rippa Rugby tournaments — well done to all involved, and thank you to those who came along to support, we can't do it without you!

We're very pleased to welcome Carlette, our new Office Administrator, to the Waihola team. We also warmly welcome her two boys, Stewart and Lauchlan, who have recently joined the school — it's lovely to have them with us!



A recent highlight was a visit from John, our guest scientist, who led some fantastic hands-on science experiments about acids and bases with our tamariki. There was plenty of curiosity and excitement — a great way to spark deeper learning.

As always, our students are engaged in rich learning experiences across the school, and it's a joy to see them growing in confidence and capability each day.

I'm also really looking forward to our Matariki celebration later in the term — a special time to reflect, come together, and celebrate as a school community.

Matariki Evening

We're looking forward to celebrating Matariki together as a school community on **Wednesday 19th June**. 5.30pm - 7pm. Join us for some relaxed family activities, shared kai, and an important opportunity to contribute your thoughts during our school values consultation.



It's really important that we hear your voice about what you believe is important for our tamariki — the values we want to teach and uphold at Waihola School. These values help shape our culture, guide behaviour, and support learning, so your input is essential.

We can't wait to come together to celebrate Matariki and hear what matters most to you.

Teacher Only Days – Maths Professional Development

A reminder that Waihola District School will be closed for instruction on *Wednesday, 11th June* for a Teacher Only Day. Our staff will be joining with other schools for a full-day Maths professional development session with Rob Proffitt-White and The Learner First Maths team.



This session will focus on the recent changes to the Maths curriculum and support our ongoing efforts to refine our teaching practice and improve outcomes for our learners.

This follows a similar session held earlier in the term 1, and continues our commitment to high-quality, evidence-based Maths teaching.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Senior Sports

It's been a busy time for sport at WDS! Our Senior students recently took part in both the Netball Tournament and the Rippa Rugby Tournament in Balclutha. They gave it their all, showing great teamwork, perseverance, and a positive attitude throughout.

A huge thank you to the parents and whānau who came along to support – your encouragement means a lot! Ka pai to our tamariki for representing Waihola School with pride!



School Uniform Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that we do have a school uniform, and we appreciate everyone doing their best to wear it each day.

We understand that there may be times when tamariki need to wear non-uniform clothing — if that's the case, please try to keep to our school colours of navy blue, grey or black is acceptable.

We kindly ask that bright colours be avoided so we can maintain a consistent and tidy look across the school.



Dates for Term 2 2025 *(subject to change):*

Week six:

Monday 2nd June: Kings Birthday- School is closed for instruction

Week Seven:

Wednesday 11th June: Teacher only Day (TOD) Maths Professional development

Week Eight:

Tuesday 17th June, 5.30pm: Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 19th June, 5.30pm: Matariki Celebration/
School Community Values Consultation.

Matariki Public Holiday- School is closed for instruction

Week Nine:

Friday 27th June: Last day of Term 3

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