



Waihola District School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 2025

Waihola District School: Empowering Responsible, Brave, Caring Learners.

Mā Te Huru hūru Ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly

Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,



We've had a wonderful start to the fourth term! Our theme for the term is Celebrations, and we began with a small celebration to get everyone in the mood. Over the coming weeks, we'll explore the many ways we celebrate within our own culture, as well as learning about celebrations from around the world. The students loved the games, the activities, and, of course, the delicious food!



Our senior students had an exciting and memorable experience at the Museum Sleepover, where they made fossils, learned about the stars, and even discovered who snores when they sleep! It was a great opportunity for learning, fun, and building connections with classmates.

Futsal is well underway, with our first game scheduled for next week.

School photos have also been taken this week — we look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces captured for 2025!

As we move into warmer weather, we remind all students to wear hats when outside. A wide-brim or bucket hat is perfect for keeping the sun off as we enjoy the outdoors, whether during play, learning activities, or sports.

We're looking forward to a term full of learning, fun, and celebrations!



School Closed – Thursday 23rd October

The school will be closed on Thursday, 23rd October, as teachers participate in a strike. As Union members, we are unable to keep the school open. Thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Museum Sleepover

We arrived full of excitement, ready to see what the night had in store for us! Our adventure began in the planetarium, exploring the stars and planets — our Universe truly is huge!



Next, we spent some time in Discovery World, where we shot rockets into the air, rode bikes alongside skeletons, and enjoyed the big slide (a little bumpy, but lots of fun!). We also had the chance to make fossils and took a night walk through the Southern People exhibition — those Moa skeletons look very different in the dark!

Despite the excitement, we all managed to get some sleep. In the morning, a tour around the butterfly house, and completed a scavenger hunt before leaving the museum for ten-pin bowling and a visit to Mosgiel Park to burn off some energy. The climbing

web there was a big hit!

A huge thank you to our parent helpers who joined us on camp — we couldn't have done it without you! Hopefully your children were returned home happy and tired from their adventures.



Swan plants for sale!

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser. Room 1 students would like to put money raised towards outside equipment to use on the new deck.

This Saturday, Whaea Petra will have plants available for sale at the Mosgiel market day so go and check it out!

Dates for Term 4 2025 <i>(subject to change):</i>
Week Three: Tuesday 21st Oct: BoT Meeting 5:30pm Wednesday 22nd Oct: Futsal Game Thursday 23rd Oct: School closed for instruction- Industrial strike for teachers. Friday 24th Oct: Sports Activator 1:15pm
Week Four: Monday 27th Oct: Labour day- school closed for instruction Thursday 30th Oct: South Taieri Athletics 8.30am
Week Five: Monday 3rd Nov: Life Education Bus- Harold

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