



# WARRINGTON SCHOOL

## Te Kura o Ōkahau

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### December

Wed 17 - Last Day of School 2025,  
 School Finishes at 12.30pm

### Term Dates 2026

Term 1 - 3 February - 2 April  
 Term 2 - 20 April - 3 July  
 Term 3 - 20 July - 25 Sept  
 Term 4 - 12 Oct - 16 Dec

**First School Day 2026 - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 February**



Ka eke te ngaru – Ride the Wave

Whakaute - Respect, Takohaka - Responsibility, Aumakeataka -  
 Resilience

Ina kei te mohio koe ko wai koe, i anga mai koe i hea, kei te mohio  
 koe, kei te anga atu koe ki hea!

If you know who you are and where you are from, then you will  
 know where you are going.

## Message from the Principal

**Tēna koutou katoa kā mihi te whānau o te Ōkahau.**

Greetings to all families of Warrington.

Ngā mihi o te wā – Season's Greetings

Kia ora koutou,

As we wrap up the year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has made 2025 such a successful and vibrant year for Warrington School. It's been a fantastic year filled with learning, fun, and community spirit.

Kā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa – thank you all for your incredible contributions to our kura this year.



### Farewell to Our Year 8 Leaders

We are saying goodbye to our amazing Year 8 tamariki – Lily K, Kamahi, Evan, Lily T and Maia – as they head off to high school next year. Your leadership, positivity, and creativity have left a lasting impact on our kura. You've been inspiring role models, and we will miss you greatly.



We also bid farewell to Jonathan, Nicholas, Jed, Max, Parker, Eloise, Molly, George and William, as they embark on new learning adventures. We wish you all the best in the next chapter of your journey.

Thank you Sam, for all that you have done for our kura! We wish you all the best for the future endeavours. You will be missed!

### Acknowledging Our Community Heroes

Our kura thrives because of the incredible support we receive from our wider community. A heartfelt thank you to:

- Lyn and Lynne for your tireless work in the school gardens and the garden to table programme
- Wiremu, and Chris for all of their mahi in keeping the buildings and grounds well maintained and safe
- Lucy, for the huge task of applying for grants and securing the money for the pool replacement. This went well above and beyond what is expected of BOT members.
- Stef for her project management of the pool replacement. Again this is above and beyond the role of a BOT member.
- Chris (The Print Room), for supplying our school t-shirts, hoodies and the tea towels for fundraising at cost (or below).

Your mahi and dedication make such a difference to our tamariki, whānau, and staff.

To our wonderful parents and caregivers, thank you for helping with camps, sports, and cultural activities, for providing transport, and for simply being there to ensure our children have access to a wide range of enriching experiences.

### Celebrating Our Teachers and Staff

A huge mihi to all our teachers and support staff for your unwavering commitment to providing high-quality education. You've nurtured our students academically, culturally, and emotionally, all while living our school values. May you enjoy a well-earned break and return refreshed for another exciting year in 2026!

### Stationery for 2026

The school will be ordering stationery ready for the children on the first day of school. Invoices will be sent at the beginning of the year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, I wish you all a Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū Ia – a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a safe and restful holiday with your whānau, and we can't wait to see you all back in 2026 for another wonderful year at Warrington School!



# Prizegiving 2025



**Workman Empathy Award:**  
Niah Pine



**Warrington Star:**  
Kamahi Bretton



**Academic Excellence:**  
Lily Kuzma



**Environmental Excellence:**  
Evan Gardner



**Warrington Cultural Arts Excellence:**  
George Vercoe



**Sporting Excellence:**  
Eloise Hayes



**Te Kura o Ōkahau Māori Achievement Award:**  
Lily Tilyard



**Hockey Most Improved:**  
Eloise Hayes and Evan Gardner



**Hockey MVP:**  
Lily Tilyard



**Principals Awards:** (Left to Right) Jimi Wing, Navarah Ellison-Hughes, Staal Summers, Atlas Ford, Hamish Kuzma, Jonathan Duncan, Maia Bramhall, Eloise Hayes, Mac Taylor, George Simmons, Oskar Monckton, Grace Jenks-Gray

# Room One

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you are all feeling as excited about Christmas and the holidays as the tamariki in Room One! Well, they certainly deserve a break, we have packed so much into the last month or so of term and as I go back through the lesson plans and photographs I'm impressed (and amazed) that we have arrived at the last week still smiling and bringing that solar powered Warrington energy every day.

I would really like to follow up on the Hīnaki project that we completed this term where the students all successfully designed and created their own Hīnaki. Our fantastic friends from the ORC - Water Catchment advisors Jack Mathieson and Polly Brownlee led us in setting our nets and even came back the following morning to pull them up and see what amazing creatures live in our local fresh water.

Raef and Hamish pulled their Hīnaki from downstream of the culvert and found an ātaahua Kōkopu:



We ran a stream health assessment at two points of the creek, supported by our amazing Enviroschools facilitator Megan Greer. We found our stream to have good water clarity, a nice cool temperature and to have lots of sensitive macro invertebrates - ask your tamariki what these results mean for the creatures that live in the creek. Is it a healthy wee creek? What could we do to improve it for the animals - in particular, those who need to move up and downstream as part of their lifecycle.



I also wanted to say a huge ka pai, tino pai tō mahi room one for the energy you brought to our end of year show show show.... The introductions to each section of the show absolutely floored me with the fluency of the students te reo Māori, and the support shown to each other for receiving awards was heart warming.

And of course, the 'Trimp who stole Christmas' ...not only was the play hilarious, it was collaborative, student driven and gave us an interesting insight into the limitations of AI supported writing - as many of our students move on to high school or larger city schools next year, what a great time to have a discussion about AI and its benefits and limitations..

Thank you so much for the past two terms Room One, we wish you a truly relaxing break and all the best on your new adventures!





# Evan



I'll miss: Biking, camps, surfing, friends

Next year: Scotland or Logan Park

Remembered for: Wheelies, weird catchphrases

In 20 years time: Hockey coach, therapist, professional wheelier

Catchphrase: I love singlets, Wow!!!

Nickname: Mole rat



# Kamahi



I'll miss: Camps, surfing, friends

Next year: Logan Park

Remembered for: Biting people, squeaky laugh

In 20 years time: Tatoo artist, piercer, working at a zoo, Barbie.

Catchphrase: 6 🧐 7

Nickname: Kamahehe, Kumahee



# Lily

I'll miss: Camps, surfing, friends

Next year: Logan Park

Remembered for: Telling us off for everything, wacking us with her hat, ninja's

In 20 years time: Lego designer, librarian

Catchphrase: Lamwidge, What?!?

Nickname: Lily Guzma

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# Lily



I'll miss: Surfing, camping, friends

Next year: Logan Park

Remembered for: Speaking Japanese (Lily's version)

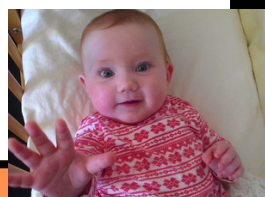
In 20 years time: Professional hand model

Catchphrase: Shingles

Nickname: Lilsie Poo, Yee yee, Lily Tilyhard



# Maia



I'll miss: Teachers, surfing, camps, friends

Next year: Logan Park

Remembered for: Screaming loudly and randomly dancing

In 20 years time: The new Taylor Swift, working at a shoe store

Catchphrase: It's not that deep.

Nickname: 🎵 Maia he, Maia ha, Maia haha 🎵

# Room Two!

As we come to the end of the year and head into the Christmas holidays, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Room 2 whānau. Joining Room 2 midway through the year, I was welcomed so warmly by both the students and their families. I am incredibly grateful for the support and kindness—it truly made stepping into the room such a joyful experience.

What a year of adventures we have shared together! From beach days, orchestra visits, ski trips, and the road race, to hands-on measurement fun with baking and even exploring the planets. We've welcomed new classmates in the form of our monarch caterpillars, celebrated Wiki o te Reo Māori, discovered our cricket experts, and enjoyed so many moments of laughter, learning, games, and curiosity along the way.

It has been an absolute privilege getting to know each of your children. I feel so much pride reflecting on how they have grown—academically, socially, and in confidence. Room 2 has been a place full of energy, creativity, and heart, and I have truly had the best time being part of it.

While I will miss this special group very much, I know they will have an amazing year ahead in Room 1, filled with new opportunities, friendships, and fun.

Thank you again for such a memorable year. I wish you all a joyful, restful Christmas and a safe, happy holiday break.

With warmest thanks,  
Whaea Erin



## DIG THIS!

It's hard to believe that 10 years have passed by so quickly with our gardening/cooking projects. From a small corner it has grown like topsy with many garden beds and the glasshouse to tend to. Lyne and I have worked alongside all classes and they have learned how to sow seeds, take cuttings, plant bulbs, seedlings etc. They are all competent in the kitchen and know how to use peelers, graters, knives, wash and dry dishes and vacuum up the mess!!.

The tomatoes are growing well in the glasshouse and the seniors are in charge of daily watering. Radishes are growing in the big box gardens, carrots are through and the corgettes are thriving under Mr Burrow's window. In 6 weeks they were ready to eat and make into school fritters. In April we took part in the Dunedin Horticultural Society show and 11 children entered their succulent/cacti bowls which were much admired. Once again we were the only school to enter a box of fruit and veges and brought home the \$\$ and trophy for the 4th time.

We have cooked and shared make your own marmite and lettuce sandwiches, school fruit crumble, Spaghetti using garden veges and tomatoes, fritters and recently made bliss balls without butter or added sugar. We have just purchased a brand new electric frypan which will be turning out fritters on Monday night.

A big thankyou to Grace's mum, Amanda, for the kind donation of cutlery and aprons as well as her handyperson skills with the drill.

The year 8's have painted their leaving stones and placed them in the flower garden.

A big thank you to the families who have offered to keep our gardens healthy over the holidays by watering.

Please help yourselves to the lettuces, corgettes and other veges which may go to waste over the break.

We hope you enjoy the beauty of the flower garden which is lovingly tended by Lyne C. A big job and we thank you Lyne. Unfortunately the garden below the concrete wall got out of hand and we have had to cover it with plastic, (thanks Erin), in the meantime.

Next year we will plant berry bushes for the children to enjoy. **We are on the lookout for a large amount of mulch to cover the plastic. Any offers much appreciated.**

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Lyn and Lyne







# ROOM 3 NEWS



## Room 3 End-of-Year Message

What a fantastic year it has been with our truly wonderful class of 20 superstar tamariki. We have enjoyed a rich year of learning together, with standout highlights including our visits to Moana Pool, Activity Week, Junior Athletics, Matariki celebrations, Night Market and so much more.

As we reach the end of the year, we prepare to farewell our amazing Year 2 children as they move through to the middle class as confident Year 3 learners. I will miss them all—it has been so fulfilling watching them grow into happy, enthusiastic little learners.

Looking ahead, next year Room 3 will be a mixed Year 0–2 class, and I'm very much looking forward to more adventures, learning, and fun with our new group of tamariki.

Warrington is such a beautiful place to teach, and I feel incredibly lucky to be part of such a special teaching team, surrounded by awesome tamariki each and every day.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and joy-filled holiday break!

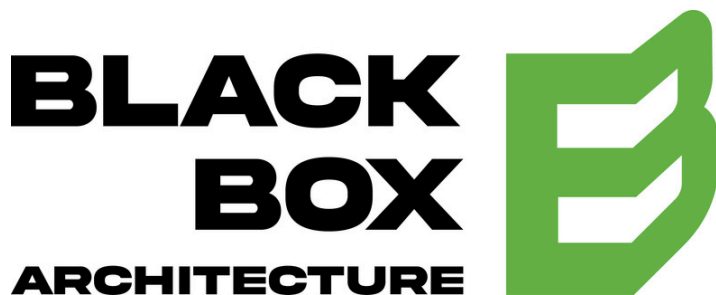
**“Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū la.**



**Whaea Wendy and Ruma Toru tamariki.**



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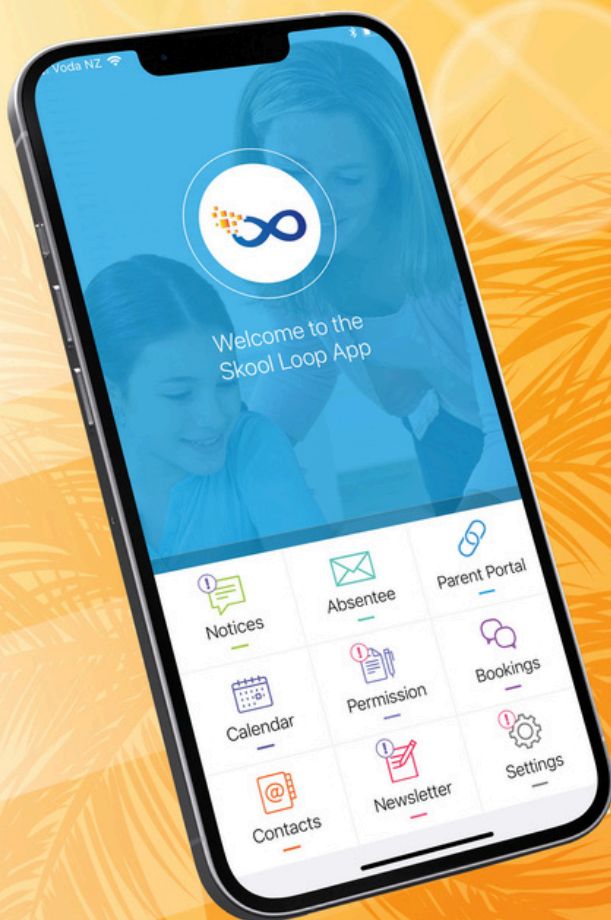
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# girls **SMASH**

**5 week train and play cricket programme**

**Girls 7 – 13 years old**

**Begins Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 4 – 5pm**

**5 weeks competition held at Logan Park**

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