



Newsletter

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Te Whakatipu i to Uira - Growing Your Glow

Term Four 2025

Week Two - 17 October

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

We are back to school for Term 4 and have certainly hit the ground running. Welcome to our KickStart to School classes Sequoia Houlihan. We look forward to Monday mornings with Sequoia and Granddad John joining us in Kowhai Class.

Unfortunately the Rangatahi in Action day was cancelled due to the challenges of recent weather warnings and road closures.

Congratulations to Miss Kinneir Groube for her teaching authority issued by the NZ Teachers Council. This has been approved for three years and we look forward to her continued support. Kinneir is so multiskilled and such an asset to our school and community we are grateful to have her onboard teaching in the classroom.

Dress to Impress

Thank you for the wonderful turn out for our Term 3 Community Assembly featuring the Dress to Impress wearable arts fashion parade.

Students displayed designs of originality, innovation and creativity with strong connections to the themes of upcycling with artistic flair. They did a fantastic job parading their creations with confidence and purpose. Seeing these creations displayed in the recent art exhibition confirmed the children's well planned designs using multiple sewing techniques. Well done everyone.

Thank you all for supper that provided opportunities for whakawhānaungatanga which everyone was grateful for.



Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice



Pet Day

We had another great annual Pet Day last Friday. Well done to all the children who created wonderful art, flower arrangements, fruit and vegetable models, baking and groomed pets. You all did a wonderful job. Thank you to all our judges this year. Judging the art sections was Siân Dimond.

Other judges were Reuben Dimond, Sue Dimond, Alannah Batger, and Jock Gollan. Jock has been involved in the Otorohanga Group Day for several years and joined us again this year to share his expertise with children and their pets with general all round care tips for their lambs.

Thank you Abseil Inn, Waitomo Glowworm Caves, The Huhu Cafe, Bosco Cafe, Miss Kinneir Groube, Irene Henry, Reuben Dimond, Waitomo Caves Guest Lodge, Tomo Bar and Eatery, and Mrs Tamae Dimond for donating cakes, Waitomo Village Chalets for a cash donation, and of course thank you to those who bought the cakes.

Special thanks also to whānau of Year 5 to 8 students who contributed to the cake auction, the funds from this directly subsidise Education Outside the Classroom.

This year a total of \$1,167 was raised from the cake auction - well done everyone.

The Challenge Zone, along with the fundraising group and the wonderful helping hands at the food stall together raised \$261.18, a grand total of \$1,428.18.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped run the food stall and the helpers at the end of the day who helped pack up the exhibition.

Pet Results: Preschoolers

Thomas Dimond, lamb Bo - green ribbon, parade participation

Jack Dimond, lamb Mango - green ribbon, parade participation

Other Pets:

Azarhn Khan, cat Mama - green ribbon

Nichole and Uru Taane-Edwards, cat Mufassa - green ribbon

Fay and Lizzy Wright, cat Ginger - green ribbon

Annalieze and Phyper Haysom, cat Kittymumoos - green ribbon

Knowledge and most obvious pet - blue rosette, Annalieze Haysom and Kittymumoos

Most beautiful cat - red rosette, Nichole Taane-Edwards and Mufassa





Strike Action

NZEI Te Riu Roa members are taking industrial action because the Government has failed to provide offers in negotiations that will ensure educators get the resources they need to support tamariki.

You may already be aware that this is scheduled for Thursday 23 October however Waitomo Caves School will remain open for instruction and all students are expected to attend school. There are staff onsite to ensure business as usual in line with policy and procedure.

School Athletics Day

This day is scheduled for Wednesday 5 November. While we work through planning our throwing, jumping and running activities, this day is most successful when we have volunteer adults help with organising the activities. Please contact the school if you are able to support the running of our activities with the help of staff. Jobs involve measuring distances and marking throws. We will have high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, and running.

Bank Account Number

Please check you are using the correct bank account number when paying invoices that are sent home from school. The majority of payments should be into the following account:

WCS 01 - 0391 - 0023153 - 00

Fundraising payments are the only payments to be paid into **WCS 01 - 0391 - 0023153 - 01**.

If you have set up an auto filled payment for WCS in your banking system please ensure that you are paying into the -00 account and not the -01 one. If you are unsure, check the account number at the bottom of the invoice provided to you or contact Miss Groube.

Please ensure your invoices and school payments are up to date and paid off. Thank you.

Preferred Names

At Waitomo Caves School we respect the preferred names of our ākonga. While legal names must remain on official Ministry records until formal documentation is received, we are happy to use preferred names in class, communications, and daily school life. If your whānau would like to update or share a preferred name, please contact the office.

Clothes

Please check your drawers for tights, shorts, underwear and uniforms with WCS written on them. We are missing some school sports tops and emergency bottoms for children to change

into if they have an accident or get wet and dirty in the playground.

If whānau have any spare old pants, and shorts they no longer need or use, may we please have them for changing children if they do not have their own spare clothing for accidents.

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Our Tamariki



What's Coming Up

27 October

30 October

5 November

7 November

12 November

Labour Day Holiday

BOT Hui

School Athletics

Duffy Theatre

COPs Athletics

Mrs Tamae Dimond, Tumuaki ☺