# Newsletter

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**Te Whakatipu i to Uira - Growing Your Glow**

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whānau and Friends of the School

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Waitomo Caves School

What an exciting week we have had, and what super athletes we have in our kura! A huge thank you to all the whānau who were able to come along and support our tamariki on Wednesday for our Athletics Day. What a fantastic success! The day ran smoothly, the atmosphere was wonderful, and all our ākonga gave it their very best. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, participation and sportsmanship.

We also have a small contingent of tamariki who have qualified for COPS Athletics, which will be held next Wednesday at Ōtorohanga South School. Congratulations to those athletes! Further information will be sent directly to the whānau involved.

**Headlice – Whānau Action Required**

We need to address the ongoing issue of headlice within our kura. We are experiencing a continual cycle of reinfestation, which is becoming increasingly frustrating for whānau who are regularly checking, treating and doing their best to keep on top of the problem.

We need every whānau to take responsibility for regularly checking and treating their tamariki. This is not something that can be resolved if only some families are taking action. Treatment needs to be thorough and repeated as necessary to break the cycle.

We appreciate that treating headlice can be an expensive, time-consuming and tedious process, particularly when they keep returning. Please know that support is available. We are able to access assistance from our Public Health Nurse for whānau who may need some additional help, extra product or guidance with treatment. Please feel free to reach out to us if this would be helpful. We want to support our whānau and get on top of this ongoing issue together.

For more information visit https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice



## NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Congratulations Mrs Jordan!!!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Magda Jordan as the new Principal of Waitomo Caves School, effective immediately. Magda is currently our Relieving Principal and Kaiako of Kōwhai class, and we are pleased that she will continue her journey with our kura in this permanent leadership role.



Magda brings more than 30 years of experience in education, with a wealth of teaching and leadership experience across a range of educational settings, including smaller rural schools. She has previously undertaken Acting and Relieving Principal responsibilities at Waitomo Caves School, providing her with valuable insight into the school's operations, people and community.

Magda holds a Bachelor of Teaching and a Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching, endorsed in Learning and Behaviour. She has a strong commitment to inclusive, strengths-based education and believes in recognising the individual strengths of every tamaiti, creating opportunities for all learners to experience success, develop confidence and reach their potential.

An important part of Magda's leadership philosophy is the value she places on relationships, connection and belonging. She is passionate about strengthening the place of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori within everyday school life and is committed to continuing her own learning while supporting others to grow in their understanding and use. She recognises the importance of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and building genuine partnerships with whānau, iwi and the wider community.

Magda is excited about the opportunity to lead Waitomo Caves School into its next chapter. She is committed to building on the strengths and foundations already established, and working collaboratively with staff, tamariki, whānau and the wider community to strengthen our shared vision and values.

Please join us in congratulating Magda and welcoming her into this role. We look forward to the journey ahead and the opportunities it will bring for our kura and its community.

- Aquarius Macpherson, Katie Dimond, Christine McLennan and Alannah Batger

## IN OUR COMMUNITY







## OUR TAMARIKI

Athletics 🏅🏃













Thank you Xavier Paul, Shervonne Grierson and Taipuhi King for sharing Duffy's adventure with us today !





## WHAT'S COMING UP

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| 7 November | Elections Voting @ School |
| 11 November | COPS Athletics |
| 19 & 20 November | Life Education |
| 25 November | Board of Trustees Hui |
| 26 November | Reach Awards |
| 27 November | Teacher Only Day |
| 10 December | Prize Giving |

*Mrs Magda Jordan*
Tumuaki