TE KAIHAU-Ā-KUPE
CASTLECLIFF SCHOOL

"Deeds Not Words"

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HE MIHI NŌ TE AMOKURA TAITUARĀ

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau,

A special welcome to Jeremy, who joined Waipunarangi this week. Nau mai, whakatau mai! Thank you for choosing our kura.

Our senior students have had an exceptionally busy week, working hard to complete their assessments. They've certainly earned a well-deserved break, and it's been lovely to see them cooling off and recharging in the pool.

Meanwhile, our junior team has been full of energy as they prepare for prizegiving. They've been singing and dancing to their hearts' content and are just as eager to take the plunge into the pool. With the weather improving, it's looking very promising!

Term 4 is always a full and action-packed time of year. With so much happening across the school, please expect a few tired bodies at the end of the day. Thank you all for your ongoing support as we power through these busy weeks together.

DATES AT A GLANCE

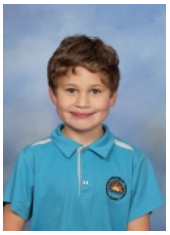
Date	Event
Wk 4, Sat 7 November	Election 2026 - Voting available at our kura in the school hall
Wk 5, Mon 9 November	Senior End of Year Testing Continues
Wk 5, Tue 10 November	Road Patrol Training

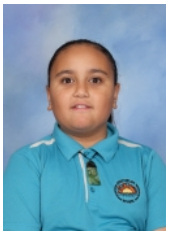
OUR TAMARIKI - CELEBRATING SUCCESS

MANA STUDENTS
Ka rawe, e ngā ākonga!


Alynnia


Alaska-Reign


Noah


Brooklyn


Renee


Nathaniel


Cash


Athena

2026 Term Dates
Term 3: Mon 20 Jul - Fri 25 Sep
Term 4: Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec

School Bank Account
Castlecliff School BOT
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Always use ākonga name as reference

MANA RIBBONS
Ka mau te wehi!

MANAAKITANGA
Waitī - Harmony
Waitā - Alexander, Mason H

AKO
Wai Toiora - Jaelah
Waitī - Ace
Waitā - Albie, Hine

NGĀKAUNUI
Waipuna - D'Angelo
Wai Māori - Hunter C
Wai Toiora - Suge
Wai Mārie - Maddison, Victoria
Waitā - Amelia, Oliver

AROHA
Waipunarangi - Amara
Wai Māori - Lincoln
Wai Marino - Giana
Waitī - Kaiya, Malia
Waitā - Mason H

OVERALL MANA
Wai Māori - Lincoln
Wai Toiora - Jaelah
Wai Marino - Giana
Wai Mārie - Maddison
Waitī - Malia
Waitā - Albie

STAR STUDENTS
Koia kei a koutou!

Waipuna - Irimoana
Waipunarangi - Jeremy
Wai Māori - Vaciseva
Wai Toiora - Jaelah
Wai Marino - Devang
Wai Mārie - Tyrone
Waitī - Zahria
Waitā - Tyler

READING EXPERT
Kei runga noa atu koe

Waipuna - D'angelo-Ciaus Henry-Marshall
D'angelo is working hard to segment and blend sounds, which is helping him read new words with growing confidence. Keep up the awesome effort, D'angelo!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS THIS WEEK?

Green Fingers in Wai Marino & Wai Mārie

Wai Marino and Wai Mārie have been super busy in the garden this week! The tamariki spent a lovely sunny day weeding, planting, mulching, and setting up protection for our strawberry patch—keeping those ripening treats safe from both the birds and sneaky sticky fingers! It is a fantastic hands-on way to learn about growing healthy kai.

A huge thank you to our team for maintaining and caring for our gardens.

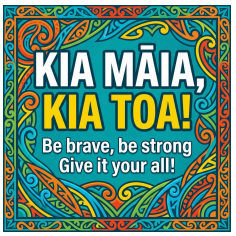







KUPU KĪWAHA

This week's kīwaha are phrases you can use to encourage your tamariki in the morning as they leave for school.



Kia māia, kia toa!
Be brave, be strong / Give it your all!
A quick morning booster before heading out the door: "Kia māia, kia toa! Have a great day of learning!"



Mā te huruhuru, ka rere te manu.
With feathers, a bird can fly.
Remind tamariki that every day at school gives them the "feathers" (skills, learning, and friends) they need to soar: *"Let's get to school today—mā te huruhuru, ka rere te manu!"*

NOTICES & REMINDERS

SCHOOL DOCS - IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ACCESSING SCHOOL POLICIES

SchoolDocs, the online platform that hosts our school's policies and procedures, has recently undergone a major upgrade.

Unfortunately, the new platform now requires parents and whānau to sign in using a Google account to access our policies. We recognise that this creates an unnecessary barrier for some whānau, and we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience.

We have raised this concern directly with SchoolDocs, who have advised that they are investigating alternative access options for whānau who do not have Google accounts.

How to access our school policies:

1. Visit our new SchoolDocs website: https://policies.schooldocs.co.nz/castlecliff
2. Select Continue with Google.
3. Sign in using your Google account.



If you would like to read any of our school policies but cannot access SchoolDocs, please contact the school office. We will happily email you a copy of the policy you need.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while these changes are being worked through. We remain committed to ensuring all whānau can access our school's policies and procedures.

TO AND FROM SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

We have recently had a number of safety concerns involving tamariki who are not travelling directly to school from home or returning directly home after school.

Our school's duty of care applies while tamariki are on school grounds. Once they leave the school grounds, responsibility for their safety rests with their parents and caregivers.

We ask all whānau to ensure their tamariki have clear expectations about travelling safely and directly to and from school, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed upon at home.

For younger tamariki, please speak with your child's kaiako if you have any concerns or need to discuss specific arrangements. Older tamariki are expected to understand and follow the instructions given by their parents and caregivers. Thank you for working with us to keep our tamariki safe.

BEFORE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our school's **Student Supervision Policy**, which outlines our responsibilities for keeping tamariki safe during the school day.

Our policy states that for student safety, we ask parents/caregivers to ensure their child arrives at school after 8.30am and has left the school grounds by 3.00pm. We ask all whānau to support these expectations by making appropriate arrangements for their tamariki before and after school.

We are reviewing our before-school arrangements and will communicate any changes to whānau once these have been finalised. As an interim safety measure, tamariki who arrive before 8.30am are currently required to wait quietly in the designated area outside Wai Herunga. The library is no longer available as a before-school waiting area. Thank you for helping us keep our tamariki safe.

SPORT & BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our tamariki are smashing it in touch, volleyball and teeball! We love seeing them compete so well and hearing their sports reports during morning notices. A huge thank you to our amazing coaches—we really appreciate the time and energy you give to supporting our kids.

NO VOLLEYBALL THIS FRIDAY

TEEBALL DRAW - Our Year 1 & 2 Teeball Team play at 9:00 AM on Diamond 6 vs Mosston Little Helpers. Good luck team!

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

YEAR SIX LEAVERS DINNER - FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2026

A reminder that RSVP's close today. Payments can be made online or at the school office.

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2026 PRIZEGIVING - FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2026

Prizegiving will be held at Central Baptist Church on Friday 11 December, beginning at 12.45 pm. Whānau must collect their tamariki from the church at the conclusion of prizegiving, expected at approximately 2.30 pm.

