



TE WAOTU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27 February 2025

Our vision:

To build confident and resilient life-long learners.

Our mission (how we will achieve our vision):

Teachers will empower students to be active learners who work in partnership with the teacher.

Teachers will ensure students know what they are learning, when they have been successful and where they are going to next.

Self and peer assessment is a routine step in the learning process.

Success criteria are most effective when great examples of work are used to show what quality looks like.

Teachers will use the learning progressions in the curriculum in order to confidently work with a diverse range of students.

The school recognises the influence of the home and will endeavour to build and nurture learning focussed partnerships with parents and whanau.

Our values:

Kindness, respect, honesty, responsibility, courage.

Our houses:

Haszard, Simmonds, Barnett, Rongowhitiao

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 is going very fast! We are quickly heading into late summer, although the weather seems to be hotter than ever. I wish to personally welcome our returning students and families, plus our new students and families that have joined us this year.

There has been plenty happening in the first few weeks of the year. We have had a Teacher Only Day - where we unpacked the refreshed curriculum across the Putāruru Kāhui Ako for meaningful implementation.

Our ERO Evaluative Partner, Julie Earl, visited us for our internal school review. This is an important part of our school evaluation journey and reaffirms our commitment to high quality teaching and learning. We will share the report when it comes available.

As you already know, we have shifted to an online platform called Kindo, this means we are a cashless school.. Kindo enables us to complete stationery orders, camp payments, uniform purchases and sports team notices at the click of button. If you still need support, please come in and see us at the office.

Upcoming events included our Senior Swimming Sports last Friday, see below for photos. Our Junior Swimming Sports showcase where our younger swimmers get to showcase their swimming skills to the wider school community. Meet the Teacher BBQ - this is an opportunity for you to check in with your classroom teacher and see how your child has started the year. We are looking forward to seeing you all shortly to enjoy the still warm evening hours.

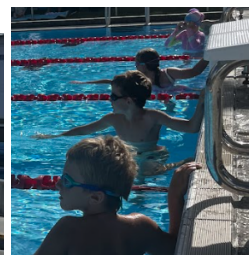
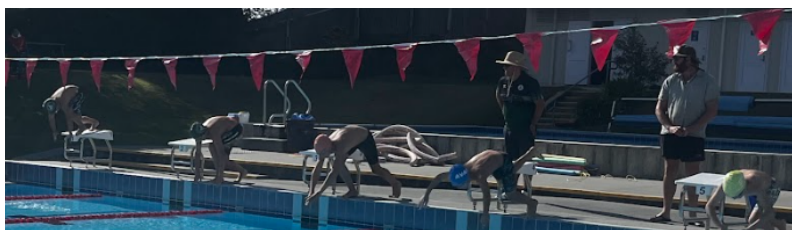
If you see me at the gate or around the school please stop in for a chat, my door is always open to discuss any thoughts you may have regarding your child.

Whakatauki - *Mauri tū mauri ora*
An active soul is a healthy soul

Ngā manaakitanga | Take care - Michael Thompson (Principal)

Senior School Swimming Sports & Junior Swimming Sports

Te Waotu School Senior Swimming Sports was a fun-filled, hotly contested swimming programme. What was noticed was the impressive swimming technique shown by all across a range of disciplines. I was very proud of our excellent behaviour and commitment to support our peers showcasing our proud Te Waotu spirit! Good luck to those that are representing us at Inter School Swimming Sports on Tuesday 18 March.



New Staff 2025

We wish to welcome Sarah Du Toit, Teacher of Room 4 and Andrea DeVorms, Teacher Aide, into our amazing school staff. No doubt, you have seen them around school and have made them feel welcome to our wonderful school community. Their transition has been seamless and we wish them well on their journey with us.

Sarah Du Toit - Year 4&5 Room 4 Andrea DeVorms - Teacher Aide



Out of Zone Enrolments - Term 2

ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT TE WAOTU SCHOOL - TERM 2 2025

Enrolment at Te Waotu School is governed by an enrolment scheme. This year there are four enrolment periods and the second enrolment period covers term 2. The Board has determined that there is likely to be a number of places available in various year levels throughout the school in term 2 2025.



The Board is prepared to receive expressions of interest for students seeking enrolment for term 2 2025. In addition to those which it already holds, so long as they reach the school by Monday 10 March, 12pm. Forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the school website.

If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Wednesday 12 March. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot in writing within three school days.

Please phone the School Principal - Michael Thompson (07 883 2815) if you have any queries regarding this.

Te Waotu School

Room 3 is now fully operational - thanks to Clothier Construction for their expertise and professionalism to complete this essential project during the summer school holiday break! I know our students and teachers are really enjoying this new learning environment.

We are currently looking at additional property projects around the school to make our school even more inviting and to further enhance our school campus for our student and community experience - more to come shortly!



Meet the Teacher BBQ -

Thanks to all the families that came along to our Meet the Teacher BBQ night. What a great way to enjoy a nice summer evening. It was nice to take the opportunity to share learning to date and spend a relaxing time as a school community! Looking forward to further social events throughout the year.



Coming up Events!

Term 1

3-5 March - Life Education delivers lessons on friendships, resilience, empathy and personal identity. Life Ed. empowers tamariki to make healthy choices in an inter-active fun-filled mobile classroom on-site.

6-7 March - Overnight On-Site School Camp for Year 4-5 students including Riverside Adventures activities on Friday.

Music-in-Schools - each Wednesday in the hall great to see so many students involved in music

18 March - Interschool Swimming Sports - Putaruru School Pool (Glenshea Park)

20 March - Torty the Tortoise Visit

26-28 March - Senior Camp Y6-Y8, Mi Camp, Whakamaru

11 April - End of Term One

Easter and ANZAC day - fall in the school holidays

Term 2 - Monday 28 April

Thank you for quickly onboarding with Kindo - this ensures we can have real time access for Stationery, Sport and Uniform requirements. We are exploring new options as we all become more familiar.

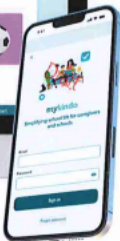


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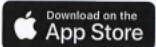
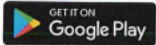
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Music lessons have started and the following link can be used to register interest:

<https://www.ignitearts.co.nz/registration/>



Year 1-2 are encouraged to try the *Ignite the Beatz* programme which has been designed specifically for them. Each term the student gets to try two new instruments. At the end of the programme, the students would have had a good feel for a variety of instruments, and this should give them an indication of which particular instrument they would like to continue with.

NOHO ORA MAI

Sandra, Sarah Topping, Kirsty, Inge, Anna Blair, Sarah Du Toit, Hildegard, Haylie, Andrea, Jessica Forkert, Anne Beale, Becs Vaughan, Debbie Gray, Haylie and Michael

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